

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

When someone truly knows us, it changes how we live. God has searched us and known us, and in response we give—not out of duty, but out of love. As God has poured out blessings on us, let us now return a portion to God, that the world may know the same love we have received.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* CUMC Adult Choir
by Ken Medema

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Tender and knowing God, you have searched us and known us—every thought, every fear, every hope that stirs within. You wove us together with care, claiming us before we could speak your name. Receive these gifts, offered not from perfection but from hearts seeking you. Use them to shape a world more reflective of your love and shape us, too, into a people more open, more generous, more faithful. May our giving become a response to your knowing and our generosity a reflection of your grace. In the name of the one who knows us still. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*HYMN *How Great Thou Art* UMH #77

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

May you go from this place carrying the blessing and assurance that the Triune God, Creator of the universe, knows your name. **Amen.**

FAREWELL *Go Now in Peace (2x)* UMH #665

POSTLUDE *Theme from Sonata No. 6*
by W. A. Mozart

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED **NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**



I praise you. for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

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Blessing of the Backpacks

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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERIES ~ I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

10 a.m. September 7, 2025

PRELUDE *A Quiet Blessing*
by Vivian Vevenger

INTROIT *Welcome* CUMC Adult Choir
by Mark Miller

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As neighbors and friends, let's share our love in the Spirit with signs of peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you

All: And also with you

*HYMN *Jesus Loves Me* UMH #191

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Wherever you go, from the top of the highest mountain or into the deep abysses of the earth, God knows you.

All: Wherever we go, God knows our name.

One: Whatever you do, from the time you wake up until you lay your head down again, God knows you.

All: Whatever we do, God knows our name.

One: However you live, from your inner thoughts to your public acts and everything in between, God knows you.

All: However we live, God knows our name.

One: We gather to worship God, who loves us, knows us, and calls us by name.

All: We gather to worship God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made by God who knows our name!

OPENING PRAYER

All-knowing God, we gather together with praise and thanksgiving for who You are, and for all that You have done for us. You know us better than we know ourselves— all

our thoughts and actions— and yet You love us. No matter where we go or what we do, Your love encircles us—ahead and behind— gently leading and guiding and blessing. We praise You for Your love and Your faithful presence in our lives. May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together— examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess, challenge us with Your Word, and guide us on to paths that lead to life. For we are Your people, called by Your name. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES “Children’s Message” Virginia Lorenzi

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERARIES

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us.

All: We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness.

One: For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death.

All: He rose again and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run, where God cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: We are forgiven. We are loved. We are reconciled to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Luke 14:25-33

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “God Knows My Name” Rev. Sue H. Yun