

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Your promise is written on our hearts, dear God, and your strength is in the work of our hands. We offer you all that we have and all that we are, that your love may be made known throughout your world. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of peace and justice, you have taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Today we raise Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia, and all parts of the world where people are suffering from war. Provide protection and comfort to the innocent who have been impacted. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. Stop the wars o, God. Amen.

*HYMN *Nearer, My God, to Thee* UMH #528

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

God's steadfast love never ceases. May we never fail to share this love with others. Go in the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Spirit, now and always. **Amen.**

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

POSTLUDE *God Will Take Care of You*
by Charity Boyles

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS



...For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths...

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**October 19, 2025
Laity Sunday**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
LAITY SUNDAY

10 a.m. October 19, 2025

PRELUDE *Autumn*
by Cecile Chaminade

INTROIT *Near to the Heart of God* CUMC Adult Choir
by Cleland McAfee

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: May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you
All: And also with you

*HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* UMH #420

CALL TO WORSHIP
One: Oh, how I love your will, dear Lord. I meditate on your wisdom all day long.
All: Your teaching makes me wiser each day. Your instruction helps me become my truest self.
One: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.
All: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light that shines on my path.

OPENING PRAYER
Come, Holy Spirit, and renew us in this hour of celebration. We rejoice that you make us your partners in pursuit of a just and peaceful world. With Jesus, we ask the question, “Will there be faith on earth?” Will we settle for mere beliefs, or will we yield to the deep longing for your will to be done, here and now? Teach us to hope, work, and cry out for your justice and peace to be made real. Walk with us, Jesus, until we joyfully reach that day when all God’s children belong to your eternal family. Amen.

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

VIDEO PRESENTATION

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
You call us, Lord of Life, to a faith that stays in motion. You urge us to grow in wisdom and to be reconciled with all. Yet, we fail to understand that faith is not something fixed. It is not a goal to be achieved, a place where we arrive and then rest on our laurels. Call us anew, dear Christ, to seek you in neighbors who need us. Help us pursue peace with more persistence than those who pursue violence. Grant us an unyielding faith— a faith that transforms our own hearts and the world around us. This we pray in your name, which is Love. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
“I will be your God, and you will be my people,” says the Lord. God accepts us and calls us to accept all God’s children. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
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SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14–4:5
Luke 18:1-8

One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “Persistent Faith” Anthony Gittens

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
We sing our praises to the Lord, for God is good and worthy! We give our whole selves — our talents and material possessions — to the Church with the expectation that they be used to further God’s dream for our world. Please commit yourself and give as you’re able.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *The Perfect Wisdom of Our God* CUMC Adult Choir
by Getty / arr. Larry Shackley