

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

10 a.m. *Human Relations Day* January 14, 2024

** indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.*

PRELUDE *Song for the New Year*
by Rob Roy Perry

INTROIT *He is Exalted* CUMC Adult Choir
By Naida Heam Previously Recorded

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: The peace of the Lord be with you

All: And also with you

One: Let us share God's love and peace with one another.

*HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH #577

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

All: The One who fashioned us in our mother's womb calls us this day.

One: Lead us, O God, and we will follow.

All: The One acquainted with all our ways leads us into life.

One: Bless us, Spirit of wisdom and truth, and guide us home.

All: The One who hems us in, from behind and before, is a lamp to our feet.

One: Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

OPENING PRAYER

Before you formed us in our mother's womb, you knew us completely. Before a word is on our lips, you perceive it. You hem us in, before and behind. You call us as your own and lay your hand upon us. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is so high we cannot attain it. Even when we fail, Holy One, call us anew, that we might hear your voice and respond with expectation and joy: "Here I am." Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message" Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

THE GOSPEL READING John 1:43-51

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE "When Martin Was Called" Collis Gittens

LITANY FOR HUMAN RELATIONS DAY & PRAYER OF CONFESSION Insert

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison)

Can anything good come out of a Nazareth? Come and see. Can this church be the body of Christ? Come and see. Can our gifts make a difference in the world? Come and see. Let us give generously this morning, that the whole world may come and see the blessings of God.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Our Awesome God* CUMC Adult Choir
by Rich Mullins & Stan Pethel

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of vision and courage, you call us to be your hands and feet in the world. In a world full of need, use our gifts and our offerings, our time and our talents, to bless those in need of your blessings. Through these gifts, may others come to see your grace and hear your call in their lives. 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

Jesus Calls Us

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*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

Beloved disciples, go from this place ready to listen for God's voice and to follow the Spirit's lead as we answer the call to build God's beloved community of justice, peace, and flourishing for all in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our world. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Christ, The Cornerstone
by Benton Price

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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