

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

~A HEALING SERVICE~

10 a.m.

January 21, 2024

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

PRELUDE

Trust, O Christ, in You Alone
by Johann Pachelbel

INTROIT

Change My Heart, O God
by Eddie Espinosa

CUMC Adult Choir

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

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

TFWS #2088

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gathered in worship with silence and sound,

All: we wait upon God's grace.

One: Gathered in worship with focused heart and mind,

All: we anticipate the time we face.

OPENING PRAYER

God of unifying grace, we come distracted by the world. Our minds wander, and are filled with thoughts other than you. Our hearts are confused, and we are uncertain where we belong. Call us to follow you once more. Redeem the night and bless the day that greets us this morning. May your relentless ways never fail as we strive to live as your beloved people. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

"Children's Message"

Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, you have called us from the seashore to service in this world. You have pulled us from our comfort to embrace the inconvenience of servanthood. You have put before us an opportunity that we never truly wanted. Like Jonah, who resented going where you sent him, we are restless and resistant. We'd rather sleep in a boat and go about a casual kind of life. We'd rather live our days as we always have and let the tides carry us where they will. May the storms of our days shake us to new awareness and renewed paths of faithful living. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Before you turned to God, God was on watch for you. Before you remembered your sin, God extended redeeming grace. Hear these words: You are forgiven.

Thanks be that God stands watch over our very lives. Thanks be to God for the grace that meets us where we are. Hear these words: You are forgiven.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

THE OLD TESTAMENT Jonah 3:1-5, 10

THE NEW TESTAMENT 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

THE GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Not Knowing"

Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

This is our time of offering, where we respond with gratitude to all that God has given us. Let us take a moment to consider what gifts we will bring and what commitments to action we will make this week.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Am Not Afraid
by Pamela Martin & Lloyd Larson

CUMC Adult Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Restorer of divided hearts, bless our gifts this morning. Make our offering a path to holy living and action. May our very lives reflect the truth of our faith and our commitment to your world. With generous hearts, we pray. Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS

A MOMENT OF HEALING BLESSINGS

From Mark 1:40-42 - A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. "If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean," he said. Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" Instantly the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed.

INVITATION TO HEALING

One: Jesus said: Ask, and it will be given; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.

All: For everyone who asks receives, and those who seek find, and to each who knocks, it will be opened.

One: Friends in Christ, God knows our needs before we ask and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace. God ministers to us not as one who is absent but as one who is present. Let us open our lives to God's healing presence among us, working through us, even though we might not understand it. Let us resound with the leper's faith:

All: If you are willing, you can heal me.

One: Christ responds: "I am willing. Be healed!"

**Come forward for healing blessings. Those who remain seated are invited to pray for those on our prayer list.*

UNISON PRAYER

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*HYMN *Trust and Obey*

UMH #467

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: The kingdom of God is near.

All: We are called to action.

One: The kingdom of God unfolds throughout our lives.

All: We will take the word of grace into the world.

One: Go, redeemed and blessed, for you are never alone.

All: We will spread the good news! Amen.

POSTLUDE *Recessional*
by Gerald Peterson

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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