ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

10 a.m. February 11, 2024

PRELUDE Sweet Hour of Prayer

by William Bradbury

INTROIT Arise, Shine CUMC Adult Choir

By Gary Allen Smith

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 Here I Am to Worship Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As we live and as God lives,

All: God will not leave us.

One: When fire devours and storms blow us astray,

All: God will not leave us.

One: When truth is veiled and confusion reigns,

All: God will not leave us.

One: When the world changes around us,

All: God will not leave us.

One: When we long to speak but find no words,

All: God will not leave us.

One: When all around us is silent,

All: God will not leave us.

One: When faithfulness feels beyond us,

All: God will not leave us.

One: As we live and as God lives,

All: we worship the One who will not leave us.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, when the world is full of confusion and your message is hard to perceive, still, we can see you. Still, your presence shines—a light to illuminate the shadows. When we cannot find a way to speak your story, let your being shine in us and through us, that we may reflect your glory, and your grace. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

"Children's Message"

Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, you never stop shining. Yet, sometimes we forget to keep looking. It is not always easy to remember to keep our eyes on you—to watch until you are out of sight, to remember that you are never really out of sight. We long for you, O God, especially when we have wandered away and yearn to come home. Entrust us with a double portion of your Spirit—when we need it most, when we don't even know we need it, when we have no words to ask. Bless us, we pray, and bring us home. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

When we have turned away and have lost our way—still, God is with us; still, God will not leave us. When we have stopped looking for God—God is still looking for us, shining as brightly as we need, so we can find and be found again and again.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Kings 2:1-12

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

THE GOSPEL READING Mark 9:2-9

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Mountaintop Grace"

Rev. Sue H. Yun

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

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

As God has given us such a great share of blessings, let us share our gifts with God's people.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Beautiful in His Time

CUMC Adult Choir

by Dan Forrest

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *DOXOLOGY

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, you have given us a double share of your Spirit, and even more than we could ask for or ever repay. You have blessed us with your love and filled our lives with your grace. Take now this offering of our hearts and our lives, that they may be instruments of your love and your mercy, your justice and your grace. 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 Shine, Jesus, Shine **TFWS #2173**

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

People of God, God has shined life into you. You have seen it. Now go and let your lives shine. Amen.

POSTLUDE God, The Almighty by Gary Davidson

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