

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**~A HEALING SERVICE~**

10 a.m.

February 18, 2024

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

PRELUDE

*Meditation from "Thais"*  
by Jules Massenet

INTROIT

*God So Loved the World*  
By John Stainer/arr. Benjamin Harlan

CUMC Adult Choir  
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

*This Little Light of Mine*

UMH #585

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bring your lives, full of sorrow and joy.

**All: Bring yourselves, full of hope and despair.**

One: Come in your brokenness, ready for fullness of life.

**All: Stay in your weakness, ready to receive strength and the power of God.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Source of hope, bring us into the presence of hope. Inspire us with the strength of faith. Shower us with the waters of mercy and grace, that our hope may be renewed as we learn to trust your promise and love. Amen.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

"Children's Message"

Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you know the worries and the doubts that fill our lives. Strengthen our faith and inspire our trust. Shower us with your mercy and grace, that we may embrace the fullness of life and love, through the power of your Holy Spirit and the mercy of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God is good.

**All: All the time.**

One: And all the time,

**All: God is good.**

One: Trust this truth and receive God's gifts of mercy and love.

**All: Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 9:8-17  
THE NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Peter 3:18-22  
THE GOSPEL READING Mark 1:9-15

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"The Journey of the Desert"

Rev. Sue H. Yun

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**As symbols of love and signs of hope, let us bring our gifts and offerings to God.**

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Psalm 51 (Create in Me a Clean Heart) from "David"*  
by Gabriel Willson & Shane Litchfield  
Performed by Tyler Stankiewicz, Vocal Soloist

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Trustworthy and trusting God, thank you for entrusting us with this good earth. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us. Help us live up to your trust, even as we learn to place our trust in you. Bless the gifts that we share, that they may honor the generosity you have shown us. In trust and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A MOMENT OF HEALING BLESSINGS

Scripture reading for healing is from Jeremiah 17:14& 30:17a

**All: Heal me, Lord, and I'll be healed. Save me and I'll be saved, for you are my heart's desire.**

One: I will restore your health, and I will heal your wounds, declares the Lord.

BLESSING OF THE OIL

Let us pray: O God, the giver of health and salvation, we give thanks to you for the gift of oil. As apostles anointed many who were sick and healed them, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on this gift, that those who in faith and repentance receive this anointing may be made whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO HEALING

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

UNISON PRAYER

**Eternal God, to whom all may come through your Son, lay your healing hand upon all those who are sick. Make your loving presence known to those who are lonely. Give your strengthening power to those who are weak. May those who lack be filled, those who mourn be comforted, those who worry be calmed and those who seek forgiveness find it in Jesus Christ; through whom we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Precious Name* UMH #536

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Go to be signs of hope for all the world to see:

**All: rainbows in the clouds,**

One: waters in the desert,

**All: love in a world of hate.**

One: Go to be signs of hope for all the world to know.

POSTLUDE *I Come to Thee*  
by Franklin Ritter

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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