

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 4th SUNDAY IN LENT

10 a.m.

March 10, 2024

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

PRELUDE

I Surrender All

arr. by Lani Smith

INTROIT

O How He Loves You and Me

By Kurt Kaiser

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

We Are the Church

UMH #558

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The goodness of God beckons,

All: calling us to goodness and grace.

One: The grace of God redeems,

All: saving us and making us whole.

One: The love of God welcomes,

All: inviting us to worship and praise.

OPENING PRAYER

God of goodness and grace, gather us in your arms of love. Gather us as people of your goodness and grace. Gather us in worship and prayer, that we may be strengthened with faith and courage. Gather us as those who are eager to live and to share your goodness and grace. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

"Children's Message"

Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF YEARNING

Gracious God, lift up our hearts this day, for we long to see your salvation.

Lift us up from the pits of sin and sorrow, that we may walk in the light of your love and grace. Create us anew as reflections of your light and as offerings of your grace. For we yearn to bless everyone we meet, even ourselves, in your name. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In Christ Jesus, we are created to do good things. By God's grace, we are able to be good people. In God's goodness, we are created good. In Christ's grace, we are saved by love, that we may love and be loved.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

THE OLD TESTAMENT Numbers 21:4-9

THE NEW TESTAMENT Ephesians 2:1-10

THE GOSPEL John 3:14-21

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"What Are You Looking At?"

Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As we have been saved by grace for the goodness of all, may we share our gifts of grace for the goodness of God's world.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Song of Surrender

by David Lantz III

CUMC Adult Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Merciful God, you have richly blessed our lives with love and bounty beyond measure. Bless these gifts we return to you now, that they may bestow the same richness of your love and grace in the world. Amen.

JOYS & 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, Keep Me Near the Cross* UMH # 301

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

Go forth in the light of God's grace. Go forth with the love of Christ's mercy. Go forth with the goodness of the Spirit's generosity.

POSTLUDE *What Wonderful Love Is This*
arr. by Michael Burkhardt

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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