## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT ~A HEALING SERVICE~

10 a.m. March 17, 2024

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

PRELUDE Song of Fate

by Johannes Brahms

INTROIT Freely Given CUMC Adult Choir

By Susan Boersma/arr. David Lantz III 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 It's Me, It's Me, O Lord UMH #352

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

One: Are you feeling tired and worn out?

All: Call on the name of the Lord.

One: Are mistakes from the past weighing you down?

All: Come to the fount of living water.
One: Are you the person you wish to be?

All: Seek God's help and it shall be granted.

One: Are you looking for a better path?

All: Ask Christ to show you the way.

One: Come! Let us worship.

**OPENING PRAYER** 

Our souls are troubled, Holy One, until they find their rest in you. When we live in fear of our mortality, help us face the future unafraid. Write the truth of Christ's words on our hearts: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can

only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit." In our living and in our dying, draw us together with all your people. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

"Children's Message"

Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF YEARNING

Engraver of the human heart, we long for your law of love to burst forth with every beat of our hearts. Work within us this day, that the majesty of your love may shine through us in everything we say and do. Put a new and right spirit within us, O Lord, that we may leave our failings behind and embrace the glory of our salvation, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The One who engraves our hearts is faithful, remembering our sins no more. You are loved and accepted, for it is written within by our gracious God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 5:5-10
THE GOSPEL READING John 12:20-33

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Sir, We Wish to See Jesus"

Rev. Sue H. Yun

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The One who writes the law of love on our hearts, the One who saves us from the worst parts of ourselves, is here to bless us once more. In giving, we receive; in loving, we find love. Let us show our care for those in need as we offer our tithes and offerings to God.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** 

Marvelous Mystery

by Joy Sanford

Performed by Deborah Holland, Vocal Soloist

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

With hearts washed clean and with spirits made new, we celebrate the joy of your salvation, O God. May the tithes and offerings we share this day reflect the law of love you have written on our hearts. May these gifts bear the fruit of your Spirit, and may they bless those who need it most. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** 

A MOMENT OF HEALING BLESSINGS

See Insert

\*HYMN Where He Leads Me UMH #338

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

The Power of God strengthen you, the Love of God dwell in you and give you peace.

POSTLUDE

The Dwelling Place of the Most High

by David Paxton

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED** 

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS** 

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