

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“WORSHIP WITH REJOICING”

10 a.m.

July 14, 2024

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

PRELUDE

A Quiet Blessing

by Vivian Vevenger

INTROIT

Mighty to Save

by Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

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

We Gather Together

UMH #131

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we witness our work bear good fruit and rejoice in all God has done among us...

All: we gather for worship.

One: When misunderstanding and misinformation threaten to divide instead of unite us...

All: we gather for worship.

One: When we dance together in the joy of knowing we belong to God and one another...

All: we gather for worship.

One: When we stumble and bumble our way forward as God’s grace guides us into greater love and deeper communion...

All: we gather for worship. Thanks be to God. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

God of secret purposes and extravagant blessings, we come to praise you. We come because we want to, we sing our songs because we are glad to, we pray for your grace because we need to, and we ask for the love of Christ in our hearts because without it we are a dead loss. Please lift every shutter within our mind, and open every door within our soul, that you, the Lord of glory, the God of countless hosts, may come in. Through Christ Jesus, the joy of loving hearts. Amen!

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our hearts are hard, O God – Soften them with your love. Our hands are clenched, O God – Open them with your grace. Our feet are planted too firmly, O God – Invite us to dance with you. Our lives are not our own, we know – Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Know that you are cherished by the good pleasure of God’s love. You are chosen by God and given the inheritance of Christ. Live in truth and peace, and be strong in the power of the Holy Spirit.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

NEW TESTAMENT: Ephesians 1:3-14

THE GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Gathering for Worship”

Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

God asks us, “Whom shall I send?” And through our gifts, we say to God, “Here I am, send me!” There is a purpose for everything you have been given and for everything that you give. Respond from the fullness of your heart and your love for the world God created, and trust that God will use it for good.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art
by Stuart K. Hine

Annette Hesleitner
Vocal Soloist

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, in this sacred moment of offering, we recognize your sovereignty and mercy. As we present our gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives, amid the complexities and uncertainties of our journeys. Guide us to dance with abandon, even amid our doubts and struggles, trusting in your steadfast love and grace. Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS

*HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

Family of God, week in and week out, we gather for worship to support, to encourage, to learn, to confess, and to praise. These and more are the rhythms of our life with God and one another. Go now from this place blessed by grace to *keep dancing*. Keep dancing with the Triune God. Keep dancing with your neighbors. Keep dancing with all creation. Keep dancing in the love of God and for the love of God that your lives may be blessings to all you meet. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Choral Song
by Samuel S. Wesley/arr. by Dorothy Wells

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

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