

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## A HEALING SERVICE ~ AMISTAD REFLECTON

10 a.m.

August 25, 2024

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

PRELUDE	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i> by William Bradbury/arr. Gene Clarke	Jeong-Hwa Park Welcome Back Jeong-Hwa!
INTROIT	<i>Lord Listen to Your Children Playing</i> by Ken Medema	CUMC 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 *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* TFWS #2088

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Disciples of Christ, why have you gathered today?

**All: To worship God, who lives among us.**

One: God lives among us all the time, so why have you gathered today?

**All: To remind one another that God lives among us as we worship.**

One: When you scatter from this place, what will you take with you?

**All: Hearts open to recognize God living among us.**

One: Then, come! Let us worship together!

**All: We come to worship with rejoicing the Triune God who lives, loves, and moves among us as we gather and as we are sent from this place! Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy One of mystery and power, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below, keeping covenant and steadfast love with all who walk before you with pure and upright hearts. Fill our lives with your glory. Give us the strength and the power to withstand the forces of evil at work in our lives and in our world. Amen.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message" Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Heaven and Earth, you created the one human family and endowed each person with great dignity. But there are so many inequities brought about by racial injustice. Without knowing it, too often, we are a part of the problem. Help us to see when we sin against our neighbors and you by the implicit bias we hold, by our failure to speak when we should; when we choose to do nothing when we should act. Convict us of our sin and aid us in overcoming the sin of racism from our hearts, our communities, our social and civil institutions. Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our land from racial injustice. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: Our good and gracious God loves and delights in all people. The spark of life within each person on earth is the spark of God's divine life. You are forgiven by God's gift of grace in Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

SCRIPTURE READING FROM THE GOSPEL

THE OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 3:1-10

THE GOSPEL Luke 4:16-21

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Reflections From The New Haven Jail" Rev. Penny Van Riper Gadzini

JOYS & CONCERNS

A MOMENT OF HEALING BLESSINGS

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INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As God has welcomed us, so God invites us to welcome others with generous gifts and heartfelt love. May we share our offerings and gifts in this spirit of generosity and love.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*It's Always Been You*  
By Phil Wickham, Ran Jackson & Ricky Jackson

Tyler Stankiewicz  
Vocal Soloist

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Bread of heaven, thank you for nourishing us with your mercy and your grace.  
Thank you for blessing us to be your disciples— disciples who share freely with  
your world. May our gifts and offerings become food and blessings for your world.  
Amen.**

HYMN

*Jesus Calls Us*

UMH #398

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

**All: God of Justice; God of love; God of wholeness; Heal our souls;  
Heal our spirits; Heal our world; Heal our bodies;**

One: Go into the world knowing you are touched by the God who heals. May your life  
shine with the holiness of God. Let your heart be transformed by the peace of Christ.  
Let your ways be filled with the joy of the spirit.

**All: Amen**

POSTLUDE

*Theme from Sonata No. 6*  
by W.A. Mozart

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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