

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bless our gifts today, may they be a reflection of the abundance You have poured into our lives. Use them to prevent harm, protect the vulnerable, and uplift the weary. Bless these offerings, Lord, that they may be used to further Your kingdom, bringing peace, hope, and protection to all who are in need.

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, Lebanon, 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 *God Will Take Care of You* UMH #130

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: As we leave this place, let us keep in mind the protection and care that God provides. We are charged to extend this care and protection to others, lifting them up, standing by their side, and being their shade in times of need. May we commit ourselves to keep others from harm, just as the Lord keeps watch over us.

All: We will go forth in faith and love, committed to serving and protecting others, trusting in the Lord who keeps us safe.

FAREWELL *Go Now in Peace (2x)* UMH #665

POSTLUDE *Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs*
arr. by Michael Burkhardt

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

1 "A Safe Sanctuaries Celebration" order of worship is taken from the book *Safe Sanctuaries: Reducing the Risk of Abuse in the Church for Children and Youth* (pages 157–58), by Joy T. Melton. Copyright © 2008 Discipleship Resources, Nashville, Tennessee

“Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is too such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”



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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 a.m.

October 13, 2024

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

PRELUDE

Autumn

by Cecile Chaminade

INTROIT

His Name is Wonderful

by Audrey Mieir

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

You Are Mine

TFWS #2218

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: O God, by your presence here today,

All: We welcome the children!

One: O God, by our promise in Holy Baptism,

All: We welcome the children!

One: O God, by our participation in the ministries of this congregation,

All: We welcome the children!

One: O God, by our commitment to keeping this place holy and safe in every way,

All: We welcome the children!

One: O God, in this time of worship, fill our hearts with joy as

All: We welcome the children!

One: O God, give us wisdom, strength, and courage enough to show the world that

All: We welcome the children! AMEN!

OPENING PRAYER

Protector God, we come to you as your children, as your sheep needing to be led beside green pastures and protected in the wilderness. Shield each one of us from harm. Inspire us and send us as your disciples to keep your children safe so that they may be nurtured and grow in faith at CUMC. Amen

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

"Children's Message"

Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF YEARNING

Gracious and most merciful God, you have brought us together in witness to your love of all children and youth. Open our hearts and minds in this moment and prepare us to receive your message. Show us your will and guide us in preserving our church as a safe and holy place where our children and youth may grow in faith and in their knowledge of your presence in their lives! Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's promises are sure. The promises of forgiveness, grace, and love are true. In Christ's love and grace, we are forgiven and made new.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 121

Isaiah 41:10

Luke 18:15-17

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Safe"

Virginia Lorenzi

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Secure inside your love, let us share our love offerings with Christ's church and God's world.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

House of Miracles

by Brandon Lake & Jacob Sooter

Tyler Stankiewicz

Vocal Soloist

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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