

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, thank you for the gift of your love, the gift of your Word, and the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Thank you for the gifts we return to you, this day and every day. Help us share as generously with others as you have shared with us, that your love might be known throughout all the world. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A MOMENT OF HEALING BLESSINGS

See Insert

*HYMN

Thy Word Is a Lamp

UMH #601

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

May the words of our Heavenly Father equip you for every good work. His words are blessings and gifts. Let's share those gifts with the world. **Amen.**

FAREWELL

Go Now in Peace (2x)

UMH #665

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible
arr. by Gerald Peterson

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS



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2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
A HEALING SERVICE ~ HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY

10 a.m.

January 19, 2025

PRELUDE *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*
arr. by William J. Kirkpatrick

INTROIT *Mighty to Save* CUMC Adult Choir
by Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan 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: May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you

All: And also with you

*HYMN *"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"* TFWS #2031

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us gather in the presence of the Almighty

All: with open hearts and minds.

One: Come, let us be ready to receive the living Word of God

All: which will nourish our souls and guide our steps.

One: Come, let us worship the One who speaks truth and life to us.

All: Let us come together seeking the wisdom and guidance found in God's holy word.

OPENING PRAYER (John 1:14)

Gracious God, we gather today remembering that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth". Open our hearts to receive your love and truth, and guide us to live as reflections of your glory in this world. Amen.

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

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY

"Drinking the Cup of Justice"

One: Lord, we raise your cup of justice to our lips this day knowing that, for we who have not loved as you love, the sweetness is from you, the bitterness is from our own hard hearts.

All: How many times have we valued only those who look and sound like ourselves? How often have we laughed at jokes that demean others? How often have we smiled outwardly and judged inwardly?

Lord, we are afraid of your Cup of Justice. We do not trust difference and when we are truly honest, we know we do not trust you as we should.

Forgive us, we pray. Help us have the courage to drink deeply of this cup. Help us raise it by the strength of your love for us and for all your people. Amen.

All God's people drink

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Ephesians 1:7-8)

For by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven.

How great is the grace of God, which he gave to us in such large measure.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 119:105-112
Matthew 4:1-4
Hebrews 4:12-16
2 Timothy 3:16-17

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Sola Scriptura"* Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As we offer our material gifts in this time of offering, let's also reflect and rejoice in the time, talents, and spiritual gifts with which we are blessed. Let us share abundantly from every aspect of our lives.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Ask of Me* Kim & Tim Gill
by Douglas Nolan Vocal Duet

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95