

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Holy God, we bring this offering of our money, prayer, and labor to advance your work of mercy. We willingly and joyfully celebrate your generosity, by sharing our abundance with the church, our community, and the world. Bless these gifts, as they go forth to do good in your world without judgment or prejudice. Amen.**

\*HYMN                                      *Jesu, Jesu*                                      UMH #432

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

May the peace of Christ follow you from this place. Remember the grace of Joseph, the mercy of God, and the love of Christ. Go beyond the Golden Rule and forgive first, love first, and give first. Measure out a good amount of grace, for you and others, and prepare a recipe for a merciful life.

POSTLUDE                                      *The March of Faith*  
by Paul Taylor

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**



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**February 23, 2025**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**~BAPTISMAL COVENANT~**

10 a.m.

February 23, 2025

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

PRELUDE *The Peace Within*  
by Edward Broughton

INTROIT *He Is Exalted* CUMC Adult Choir  
by Twila Paris 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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH #140

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In these uncertain times, we come together, searching for peace.

**All: We will be still before the Lord and wait patiently.**

One: We will open our hearts and minds, that the Lord may show us mercy.

**All: When we trust the Lord, we can do good things and live with one another in peace and security.**

One: The Lord is our refuge in times of trouble. In God, we find forgiveness, mercy, and love.

**All: We will be still before the Lord and wait patiently.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy One, we come together to pause, pray, and praise. Be with us in this place, that we may touch your mercy. You provide for us; help us claim the power of your love for our lives. Help us to measure out grace, shaking it together with forgiveness and give them to others as you would have us do. Amen.**

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT SERVICE

Insert

*We celebrate the baptism of Travis Joseph Daly, son of Joseph & Samantha Daly and baby brother to Jackson. Travis's Sponsors are Jacob Daly & Anna Bickersteth. May God bless them all.*

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

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF YEARNING

**Lord God, we come to you as imperfect creatures. Like Joseph's brothers, we're afraid of the past and are wary of the future. Yet, we yearn to feel your warm embrace. We long to touch your love and forgiveness, despite our shortcomings. Ease our journey toward mercy, as we grow in faith and love. Help us bless those who curse us and to pray for those who mistreat us. This is your direction for our lives and we will follow as we are able. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's love and mercy are freely available to all. When we trust and delight in God's mercy, we are better able to show this mercy to those around us. Because God can do this, you can do it. We can do it together!

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
Luke 6:27-38

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Radical Grace" Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We see God's work in acts of honesty and justice. We touch God's covenant in moments of mercy and compassion. Let us be God's instruments in the world, as we collect today's offering.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *A Bright Flame Before Me* CUMC Adult Choir  
by Mark Burrows