

TITHES and OFFERINGS

+DOXOLOGY – UMH #95

+ HYMN UMH #613 – O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread (vs 1 + 4)

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II – UMH #13

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR THE NEW YEAR

+ HYMN UMH #117 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs 1 + 6)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*A special Church Conference has been called so that we can vote on moving forward with the Simplified Accountability Structure (SAS). According to the Book of Discipline, only members of TUMC are allowed to vote. The voting must be done in person and it will be by paper ballot.

The Conference will be held on January 22nd, during our Sunday Service.

More information to follow.

*The “Day’s for Girls” team meet to work on feminine hygiene kits on the last Tuesday of each month from 10 am to 3 pm. Bring a sack lunch. See Cora or a member of the DFG team on where to gather. **January 31st** is our next meeting.

***Sanctuary cleanup and reset volunteers are needed for this week. Please see Jeff if you can help. Wed, Thu, Fri work the best.**

WORSHIP TEAM – This Week

LITURGIST – Doris Robertson

GREETER – Bob Wisely

ACOLYTE – James Clark

CHILDREN’S WORD – Terrilynn Hibben

USHERS – Rick Robertson, Nick Teeples

COFFEE HOUR – No Coffee Hour

WORSHIP TEAM – Next Week

LITURGIST – Evelyn Delaney

GREETER – Cindy Lee

ACOLYTE – James Clark

CHILDREN’S WORD – Linda Wend

USHERS – Rick Robertson, Nick Teeples

COFFEE HOUR – Dea Beehler

COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

GREETING

+HYMN UMH #606 – Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

Charles Wesley wrote this hymn specifically for this service.

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, Searcher of all our hearts,
you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own.**

**As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace,
and to enter anew into covenant with you,
reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us.**

**Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being,
and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus**

Christ,

**who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

(DAVID TRIPP, ENGLAND, 20TH CENT.)

INTERCESSARY AND PASTORAL PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Jeremiah 31:31 –34, John 15:1–8

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Christian life is redeemed from sin and consecrated to God. Through baptism, we have entered this life and have been admitted into the new covenant of which Jesus Christ is the Mediator. He sealed it with his own blood, that it might last for ever. On the one side, God promises to give us new life in Christ, the Source and Perfecter of our faith. On the other side, we are pledged to live no more for ourselves but only for Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us.

From time to time we renew our covenant with God, especially when we reaffirm the Baptismal Covenant and gather at the Lord's table. Today, however, we meet, as the generations before us have met, to renew the covenant that binds us to God. Let us make this covenant of God our own.

WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE

INVITATION

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants.
Give yourselves to him, that you may belong to him.
Christ has many services to be done.
Some are more easy and honorable,
 others are more difficult and disgraceful.
Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests,
 others are contrary to both.
In some we may please Christ and please ourselves.
But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ
 except by denying ourselves.
It is necessary, therefore,
 that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ.
Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

Let me be your servant, under your command.

I will no longer be my own.

I will give up myself to your will in all things.

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

Lord, make me what you will.

I put myself fully into your hands:

**put me to doing, put me to suffering,
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

I freely and with a willing heart

give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

Christ will be the Savior of none but his servants.
He is the source of all salvation to those who obey.
Christ will have no servants except by consent;
Christ will not accept anything except full consent

to all that he requires.

Christ will be all in all, or he will be nothing.

Confirm this by a holy covenant.

To make this covenant a reality in your life, listen to these admonitions:

First, set apart some time, more than once,

 to be spent alone before the Lord;

in seeking earnestly God's special assistance

 and gracious acceptance of you;

in carefully thinking through all the conditions of the covenant;

in searching your hearts

 whether you have already freely given your life to Christ.

Consider what your sins are.

Consider the laws of Christ, how holy, strict, and spiritual they are,

 and whether you, after having carefully considered them,

 are willing to choose them all.

Be sure you are clear in these matters, see that you do not lie to God.

Second, be serious and in a spirit of holy awe and reverence.

Third, claim God's covenant,

rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength,

 so you can keep your promise.

Trust not your own strength and power.

Fourth, resolve to be faithful.

You have given to the Lord your hearts,

 you have opened your mouths to the Lord,

 and you have dedicated yourself to God.

With God's power, never go back.

And last, be then prepared to renew your covenant with the Lord.

Fall down on your knees, lift your hands toward heaven,

 open your hearts to the Lord, as we pray:

COVENANT PRAYER – see insert

