

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Date: October 25, 2020 - 10:00 Service

Theme: When I Am In Distress, I Seek the Lord.

WL— Micheal Pope HL—Bill DeGarmo Piano—Jijy Jun Special: Stewardship

Prelude: “Psalm 40 (God’s Voice)” Jiyi Jun

Call to Worship: Micheal Pope

Introit: “Lord, Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace”

Responsive Reading: Micheal & Sandy

Leader: Come worship, today, all you who seek the Lord: the sinners, the saints; the broken, the whole;

People: We all come seeking the One who offers grace and hope.

Leader: The doubters, the devout; the wonderers, the wanderers

People: We all seek to follow the One who works for justice and hope for all of God’s people.

Leader: The hesitant, the heroic; the grandparents, the little children

People: We all listen for the songs of joy all creation sings to the One who gives life and peace.

Leader: So, God of the ages, today in our distress, we seek You.

People: Be gracious to us today our Lord, for we are in need of Your mercy. We are often quick to doubt and slow to pray. We are tempted to let go of faith when we need to hang on. We are discouraged by wrong when we need to be encouraged by your Spirit. O God, we are thankful for the strength You give us to seek You and trust in You all the days of our lives. Amen.

Hymn: “God of the Ages” UMH pg. 698

Mission & Ministries Moment: Micheal

A Stewardship Moment: Carolyn Robason

Children’s Story: Micheal

Anthem: “Seek Ye First”

Passing the Peace: Peace Be with You (ASL) Sandy

Scripture: Psalm 77:1-20--Micheal

Hymn: “I Sought the Lord” UMH pg. 341

Message: “When I Am In Distress, I Seek the Lord”

If you want to donate to CUMC—Sandy

Prayers of the People –Micheal

The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer—Pastor Lee

Hymn: “Out of the Depths” TFWS pg. 2136

Benediction—Pastor Lee

Postlude: “Jacob’s Blessings” Jiyi Jun

TODAY'S HYMNS

God of the Ages

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase;
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

I Sought the Lord

1. I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me.
It was not I that found, O Savior true;
no, I was found of thee.

2. Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold;
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea.
'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold,
as thou, dear Lord, on me.

3. I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole
of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee!
For thou wert long beforehand with my soul;
always thou lovedst me.

Out of the Depths

1 Out of the depths, O God, we call to you.
Wounds of the past remain, affecting all we do.
Facing our lives, we need your love so much.
Here in this community, heal us by your touch.

2 Out of the depths of fear, O God, we speak.
Breaking the silences, the searing truth we seek.
Safe among friends, our grief and rage we share.
Here in this community, hold us in your care.

3 God of the loving heart, we praise your name.
Dance through our lives and loves; anoint with Spirit flame.
Your light illumines each familiar face.
Here in this community, meet us with your grace.

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Psalm 77:1-20 New International Version

- ¹ I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me.
² When I was in distress, I sought the Lord;
at night I stretched out untiring hands, and I would not be comforted.
³ I remembered you, God, and I groaned; I meditated, and my spirit grew faint.
⁴ You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak.
⁵ I thought about the former days, the years of long ago;
⁶ I remembered my songs in the night. My heart meditated and my spirit asked:
⁷ “Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show his favor again?
⁸ Has his unfailing love vanished forever? Has his promise failed for all time?
⁹ Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his compassion?”
¹⁰ Then I thought, “To this I will appeal:
the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand.
¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.
¹² I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.”
¹³ Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God?
¹⁴ You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.
¹⁵ With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.
¹⁶ The waters saw you, God the waters saw you and writhed;
the very depths were convulsed.
¹⁷ The clouds poured down water, the heavens resounded with thunder;
your arrows flashed back and forth.
¹⁸ Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind, your lightning lit up the world;
the earth trembled and quaked.
¹⁹ Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters,
though your footprints were not seen.
²⁰ You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.