

# Sunday Worship

## First Sunday after Christmas Sunday, December 27, 2020 A Service of Covenant Renewal

PRELUDE

Chong Zheng

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

This Covenant I advise you to make, not only in heart, but in word; not only in word, but in writing; and that you would with all possible reverence spread the writing before the Lord, as if you would present it to him as your act and deed; and when you have done this, set your hand to it; keep it as a memorial of the solemn transactions that have passed between God and you, that you may have recourse to it in doubts and temptations.

O Most Holy God, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves to you as prodigals at your doorstep. We have fallen short because of our sins, and are prone to the wickedness and evil in the world. But you have promised mercy to us in Christ, and you call us to turn to you with all of our hearts. Therefore, by the call of your gospel, we come now, without reluctance, to submit ourselves to your mercy.

HYMN

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

UMH 413

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

“Where Children Belong”

TFWS 2233

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Wounded World Cries out for Healing”

TFWS 2177

PRAYERS OF CELEBRATION AND CONCERN

Pastor Tiffany

Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Lords Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP AND GENEROSITY

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Diana Carpenter

Hebrew Bible

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Epistle

1 Peter 1:13-25 and Colossians 3:1-14

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

MESSAGE

The New Covenant

Pastor Tiffany

THE WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray the covenant prayer in the Wesleyan tradition.

**I am no longer my own, but thine.**

**Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with who thou wilt.**

**Put me to doing, put me to suffering.**

**Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,  
exulted for thee or brought low for thee.**

**Let me be full, let me be empty.**

**Let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

**I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.**

**And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.**

**And the covenant which I have made on earth,**

**let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

TFWS 2129

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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