

**COLUMBUS COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH**

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16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

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| Anthony Alexander B. Mus | Music Facilitator |
| Shawn Pearce-Chambers    | Lay Leader        |
| Mary Bellinger           | Song Leader       |

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\*Indicates those who are able to please stand

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF SALVATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Praise the God of life.

**Let us praise God together.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love;

**as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins.**

So let us rejoice in God's gracious presence.

**Let us praise the God of mercy together. Amen.**

**CHORAL INTROIT** Spirit, Spirit Of Gentleness VU#375

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free, Spirit,  
Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea

PRAYER OF APPROACH (UNISON)

God of might and mercy, the heavens and the earth are full of your glory.

Your love transforms our lives. You enter our confusion and give insight.

You bear our grief and bring healing. You see our fatigue and renew strength.

You sense our fear and spark courage. You know death and raise up new life.

So, we come before you in worship, handing over to you all that weighs us

down. Renew us in this time of worship, we pray, so that we may serve you

with joy in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*HYMN** Praise To The Lord, The Almighty VU#220

STORIES FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Merciful God, our lives do not always reflect your transforming power.

You are gracious, but we cling to judgment. You are kind, but we can be cruel.

You are forgiving, but we nurse grudges and old wounds. Forgive us, O God.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, and make us new through Christ, your Son and  
our Saviour.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**ANTHEM**

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING (UNISON)

God of wisdom, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your Word. Where it  
challenges us, lead us by your Spirit to respond in faithfulness for the sake of  
Christ, who gives us both courage and compassion. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 3:1-12 (NRSV)

SCRIPTURE Revelation 3:14-21 (NRSV)

MESSAGE "A Long Obedience with a Burning Heart"

**\*HYMN** Fight The Good Fight VU#674

**WE RESPOND IN LOVE**

OFFERING

**\*DOXOLOGY** Take My Life And Let It Be VU#506

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect  
and use every power as thou shalt choose.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**\*HYMN** The Church's One Foundation VU#331

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

**\*CHORAL BLESSING** Go Now In Peace (Besig)

**POSTLUDE**