

praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Lance Richards

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lance Richards

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always loved you with our whole hearts. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Lance Richards

Leader: Hear the good news... ..in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

Leader and People: *Glory to God. Amen.*

*RESPONSE OF ASSURANCE Because He Lives (Refrain)

UMH 364

Refrain: **Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;**

because he lives, all fear is gone, because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

TIME FOR CHILDREN (LIVE)

Courtney Hutchins

*HYMN OF PREPARATION All Who Love and Serve Your City

UMH 433

**All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:**

**In your day of loss and sorrow, in your day of helpless strife,
honor, peace, and love retreating, seek the Lord, who is your life.**

**In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus, "Work ye yet while it is day."**

**For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near to all who spurn him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.**

Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair?

Come today, our Judge, our Glory, be its name, "The Lord is there!"

*SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Rev. Lance Richards

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

I Believe in Jesus...from Thence

Rev. Lance Richards

He Shall Come to Judge the Quick and the Dead

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

*HYMN OF INVITATION

My Lord, What a Morning

UMH 719

Refrain: **My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.**

**You'll hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (sing refrain)**

**You'll hear the sinner moan, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (sing refrain)**

**You'll hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (sing refrain)**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Amanda Davis, Rev. Lance Richards,
Rev. Steven Newcomb, and Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Leader ...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Leader and People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader:...as we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Leader and People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: ...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Leader and People: **Amen.**

COMMUNION MUSIC All Because of the Wonderful Cross *by Mary McDonald*
In memory of Carolyn Severs and in honor of Glen Severs
Sanctuary Choir

When I survey the wondrous cross where the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
On Calvary, he died on a tree. For me, he paid the cost.
My song will be eternally all because of the wonderful cross.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?
On Calvary, he died on a tree. For me, he paid the cost.
My song will be eternally all because of the wonderful cross.
My song will be eternally all because of the wonderful cross, the wonderful cross!

*THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SONG *Albert Hay Malotte*

**Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH *Rev. Amanda Davis,
Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh, and Rev. Steven Newcomb*

*BENEDICTION *Rev. Lance Richards*

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE We Believe in One True God (v. 2) *UMH 85*
**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son,
who descended from his throne and for us salvation won;
by whose cross and death are we rescued from sin's misery.**

POSTLUDE *Festival Voluntary by Flor Peeters*

*Please stand as you are able.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory
of Morris Tardiff; by his wife, Carol Tardiff.

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