

the rest, O God, is in thy hand.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed, UMH 881 Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI Glory Be to the Father UMH 70
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN (LIVE) Courtney Hutchins

*HYMN OF PREPARATION What Gift Can We Bring UMH 87
**What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?**

**Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.**

**Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise always, forever;
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.**

**This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!**

*SCRIPTURE Ephesians 3:14-21 Rev. Lance Richards
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Filled Rev. Lance Richards

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Steven Newcomb

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN) Rev. Steven Newcomb
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.

COMMISSIONING OF CUBA MISSIONARIES Rev. Lance Richards

INVITATION TO THE ALTAR Rev. Lance Richards

*HYMN OF BLESSING Lord, Speak to Me UMH 463
**Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou has sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.**

**O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea.**

**O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.**

**O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.**

**O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.**

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh
& Rev. Steven Newcome

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

God, Who Stretched
the Spangled Heavens (v. 4)

UMH 150

**As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.**

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in D minor

by J. S. Bach

*Please stand as you are able.

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