

**SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE**  
**July 17, 2022, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE *To God Be the Glory* arr. Joel Raney

HYMN OF PRAISE *Revive Us Again*

**We praise Thee, O God,  
For the Son of Thy love,  
For Jesus who died  
And is now gone above.**

*Refrain*  
**Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen!  
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.**

WELCOME Pastor Ann Spears

\*HYMN OF WELCOME *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* #569

**We've a story to tell to the nations,  
That shall turn their hearts to the right,  
A story of truth and mercy,  
A story of peace and light,  
A story of peace and light.**

*Refrain*  
**For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
And the dawning to noonday bright;  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
The kingdom of love and light.**

**We've a song to be sung to the nations,  
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
A song that shall conquer evil  
And shatter the spear and sword,  
And shatter the spear and sword.**

*Repeat Refrain*

**We've a message to give to the nations,  
That the Lord who reigneth above  
Hath sent us His Son to save us,  
And show us that God is love,  
And show us that God is love.**

*Repeat Refrain*

**We've a Savior to show to the nations,  
Who the path of sorrow hath trod,  
That all of the world's great peoples  
Might come to the truth of God,  
Might come to the truth of God.**

*Repeat Refrain*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING Pastor Ann Spears

MINISTRY IN MUSIC *Lord, Give Me Just a Little More Time* Derrick Fox  
Sanctuary Choir

*Give me just a little more time, Lord, give me just a little more time.  
So many precious souls are lost in sin and many, many left behind.  
I've got a lot of things that I, I need to do before I leave this earthly clime.  
I'm ready when You call me, Lord, but give me just a little more time.  
I'm busy every day as I travel on my way to the city far beyond the sky;  
And there is not a doubt that time is running out and harvest-time is drawing nigh.  
Lord, I need a little time to gather in the grain before I leave this world behind.  
Don't you know that I'm ready when you call me, Lord,  
But give me just a little more time.  
I need a little time to labor for my Lord before the final judgment day.  
I need a little time to preach the holy work to the sinner-man along life's way.  
Every moment that I have to tarry here below I will try to make my lamp to shine.  
Don't you know that I'm ready when you call me, Lord,  
But give me just a little more time.  
Give me just a little more time, Lord, give me just a little more time.  
So many precious souls are lost in sin and many, many left behind.  
I've got a lot of things that I, I need to do before I leave this earthly clime.  
Don't you know that I'm ready when you call me, Lord,  
But give me just a little more time.*

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR A NEW PASTOR

**Lay Leader:** Dear friends, today we welcome Pastor Lance Richards, who has been appointed to serve as our Senior Pastor. We believe that he is well qualified and has been prayerfully appointed by our bishop, Scott Jones.

Pastor Lance, you have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the Word of God; as a minister of the Sacraments; and as a sustainer of the love, order, service, and discipleship of the people of God.

**Pastor Lance:** I affirm this commitment with great joy in the presence of this congregation.

**Lay Leader:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness, will you support and uphold Pastor Lance in these ministries?

**People:** We affirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. How beautiful are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, and who announces salvation.

**Lay Leader:** Almighty God, you call us to boldly serve you in the world and spread the message of salvation through your Son. Bless your servant, Pastor Lance, as he enters into leadership among us. Fill him with the power of your Holy Spirit. Let him find with us an open door for your Word. We also pray for your church on earth.

**People:** Equip us all with a spirit of willingness and courage, that we may be witnesses with our mouths and our actions. May we participate with your strength and joy, alleviating the anxiety and suffering of the world, and spreading the hope of Christ. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, our Savior, and our Redeemer. Amen.

**Lay Leader:**

Accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word. Amen.

Take this water, and baptize new Christians in this place. Amen.

Take this bread and cup, and keep us in communion with Christ and his Church. Amen.

Receive this Book of Discipline, and help us keep the covenant<sup>[[SEP]]</sup> that strengthens our connections as United Methodists. Amen.

Use this hymnal and book of worship to guide us in our prayer and praise. Amen.

Receive this globe, and lead us in our mission to this community and all the world. Amen.

Pastor Lance, receive this stole signifying your appointment, and equip us for our ministries in the world. Amen.

**Pastor Lance:** This yoke has been laid upon me, and I willingly take it upon myself. Let us join together in prayer.

**People:** Lord God, bless the ministries of your Church. We thank you for the variety of gifts you have given us. Draw us together in one Spirit, that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body. May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness, as your Word guides us into action. May we, who have died and risen with Christ in baptism, gather at his table, go into the world, and serve others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Lay Leader:** Let us unite voices together in this blessing over our new Pastor.

**People:** The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

**Pastor Lance:** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

*Because He Lives*

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*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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Courtney Hutchins and Mandy Jones

\*THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE

Romans 1:7b-17

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Pastor Lance Richards

*First Things First*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Ann Spears

**Leader:** Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**People:** 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.

**Leader:** Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Pastor Lance:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor Lance:** Lift up your hearts!

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

**Pastor Lance:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

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

**Pastor Lance:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

**Pastor Lance:** On the night before He went to the cross, our Lord took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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

**Pastor Lance:** Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**People:** Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC      ***Softly and Tenderly***      arranged by Joel Raney

Sanctuary Choir

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me,  
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.*

*Come home, come home; ye who are weary come home;*

*Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?*

*Why should we linger and heed not His mercies, mercies for you and for me?*

*Come home, come home; ye who are weary come home;*

*O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me.*

*Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.*

*Come home, come home; ye who are weary come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER, Matthew 6:9-13

arr. 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**

\*HYMN OF BLESSING

***Assurance Medley***

#369 & 364

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!**

**O what a foretaste of glory divine!**

**Heir of salvation, purchase of God,**

**Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

***Refrain***

**This is my story, this is my song,**

**Praising my Savior all the day long;**

**This is my story, this is my song,**

**Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;**

**He came to love, heal, and forgive;**

**He lived and died to buy my pardon,**

**An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives**

***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.**

**How sweet to hold a new-born baby,**

**And feel the pride and joy he gives;**

**But better still the calm assurance,**

**This child can face uncertain days because He lives.**

***Refrain***

**This is my story, this is my song,**

**Praising my Savior all the day long;**

**This is my story, this is my song,**

**Praising my Savior all the day long.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor Lance Richards

SUNG RESPONSE

***Everybody Ought to Know***

***Refrain***

**Everybody ought to know, everybody ought to know,  
Everybody ought to know who Jesus is.**

***Repeat Refrain***

**He's the Lily of the Valley; He's the bright and morning star.  
He's the fairest of ten thousand. Everybody ought to know.**

***Repeat Refrain***

POSTLUDE

***Amazing Grace***

arr. Christopher Pardini

*\* Please stand, as you are able.*

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