

*DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed UMH 881
**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.**

TTIME FOR CHILDREN (VIDEO) Courtney Hutchins

*HYMN OF PREPARATION O Spirit of the Living God UMH 539
**O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.**
**Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.
Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.**
**So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
till perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!**

*SCRIPTURE Acts 15:1-35 Rev. Lance Richards
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Entering into the Messiness Rev. Lance Richards
of Mission and Ministry

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Lance Richards

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN) Rev. Lance Richards
**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.**

INVITATION TO THE ALTAR Rev. Lance Richards

*HYMN OF BLESSING Here I Am, Lord UMH 593
**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (*sing refrain*)**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (*sing refrain*)**

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION

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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE There's Something About That Name UMH 171

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name!**

POSTLUDE

Toccata on the hymn tune EBENEZER

Benjamin Culli

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory
of Tom Speed on his birthday, by his wife, Carol.

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