

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.**

*HYMN OF PREPARATION O Jesus, I have Promised UMH 396
**O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.**
**O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.**
**O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.**
**O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.**

*SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 Rev. Lance Richards
The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

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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 Go, Make of All Disciples UMH 571
**"Go, make of all disciples." We hear the call, O Lord,
that comes from thee, our Father, in thy eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer,
and let our daily living reveal thee everywhere.**
**"Go, make of all disciples," baptizing in the name
of the Father, Son and Spirit, from age to age the same.
We call each new disciple to follow thee, O Lord,
Redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.**
**"Go, make of all disciples." We at thy feet would stay
until each life's vocation accents thy holy way.
We cultivate the nature God plants in every heart,
revealing in our witness the master teacher's art.**
**"Go, make of all disciples." We welcome thy command.
"Lo, I am with you always." We take thy guiding hand.**

**The task looms large before us; we follow without fear;
in heaven and earth thy power shall bring God's kingdom here.**

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

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*BENEDICTION

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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (refrain)

UMH 140

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.**

POSTLUDE

Gigue Fugue

by J. S. Bach

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in memory of our dear sister
Helen Schauer-Hallas by Darleen, Leroy and Charles Schauer.

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