



**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 (VIDEO)                      Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION                      Amazing Grace                      UMH 378  
**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**  
**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**  
**Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**  
**The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.**  
**Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.**  
**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.**

\*SCRIPTURE                      UMH764: Psalm 34 (Response 2)                      Rev. Lance Richards

Musical Response 2: **O magnify the Lord with me; with me exalt God's name.**

I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth. **My soul makes its boast in the Lord let the afflicted hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together!

**I sought the Lord, who answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to God and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**The poor cried out, and the Lord heard, and saved them out of all their troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear God, and delivers them.

**O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy are those who take refuge in God!**

Musical Response 2: **O magnify the Lord with me; with me exalt God's name.**

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear God have no want!

**The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

Come, O children, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**Which of you desires life and covets many days to enjoy good?**

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

**Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.**

Musical Response 2: **O magnify the Lord with me; with me exalt God's name.**

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous; the ears of the Lord hear their cry.

**The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers them.

**The Lord keeps all their bones; not one of them is broken.**

Evil shall slay the wicked; and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

**The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned.**

Musical Response 2: **O magnify the Lord with me; with me exalt God's name.**

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

MESSAGE Taste and See That the Lord is Good Rev. Lance Richards

\*CALL TO PRAYER America the Beautiful (vs. 1 & 2) UMH 696

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.**

\*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 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling UMH 384

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

\*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH Rev. Lance Richards

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Lance Richards

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Now Thank We All Our God (verse 2) UMH 102

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.**

POSTLUDE Paean: A Song of Triumph *by Oliphant Chuckerbutty*

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