

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 The Church of Christ, in Every Age UMH 589
(Sung to the tune of UMH 415: Take Up Thy Cross)
**The church of Christ, in every age beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage, and keep on rising from the dead.**

**Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.**

**Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.**

**For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.**

**We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord,
to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.**

*SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31-40 Rev. Amanda Davis
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Transforming Communities Rev. Amanda Davis

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN); UMH 895 Rev. Amanda Davis
**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. Amanda Davis

*HYMN OF BLESSING Lord, You Give the Great Commission UMH 584
**Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.**

Refrain: With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

**Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community. *(sing refrain)***

**Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty. *(sing refrain)***

**Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society. *(sing refrain)***

**Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity. *(sing refrain)***

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Amanda Davis

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Lord, Whose Love
Through Humble Service (v. 4)

UMH 581

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.**

POSTLUDE

Emperor's Fanfare

by Antonio Soler

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Charles and Esther Estes
on their wedding anniversary by their daughter, Ruthie.

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