

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

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.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

Leader: Hear the good news... ..in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

Leader and People: *Glory to God. Amen.*

*RESPONSE OF ASSURANCE Because He Lives (Refrain)

UMH 364

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.

TIME FOR CHILDREN (Live)

Courtney Hutchins

*HYMN OF PREPARATION On the Day of Resurrection

UMH 309

(TUNE: UMH614: For the Bread Which You Have Broken)

**On the day of resurrection to Emmaus we return;
while confused, amazed and frightened, Jesus comes to us, unknown.**

**Then this stranger asks a question, "What is this which troubles you?"
Meets us in our pain and suffering; Jesus walks with us, unknown.**

**In our trouble, words come from him; burning fire within our hearts
tells to us the scripture's meaning. Jesus speaks to us, unknown.**

**Then we near our destination. Then we ask the stranger in,
and he yields unto our urging; Jesus stays with us, unknown.**

**Day of sorrow is forgotten when the guest becomes the host.
Taking bread and blessing, breaking, Jesus is himself made known.**

**Opened eyes, renewed convictions, journey back to scenes of pain;
telling all that Christ is risen. Jesus is through us made known.**

*SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

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

MESSAGE

Look for Jesus Along the Way

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Charles Millikan

*HYMN OF INVITATION

Day of Arising

W&S 3086

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own.

When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

**When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.**

**"Lo, I am with you," Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.**

Christ our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.

Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh and Rev. Dr. Charles Millikan

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

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

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

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

Leader ...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Leader:...as we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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

Leader: ...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Leader and People: **Amen.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

Vision Prayer

by Molly Ijames

Sanctuary Choir

Into this heart of darkness God made His light to shine,
and now the glorious knowledge of Jesus Christ is mine.

His light has cleared my vision of all its blinding lies,
and spread His truth and beauty before my wondering eyes.

Illumined in rich color and beautiful to see, the dying of my Savior has given life to me.

and brighter still in radiance, His resurrection hour

has left the dark tomb empty, and freed me from its power.

O let me guard this treasure, this knowledge in my heart,

this brightly burning candle that bids my doubts depart.

and as I shine this gospel in every darkened place,

O Savior, keep before me the vision of Your face.

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SONG

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.

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

*BENEDICTION

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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

He Lives (Refrain)

UMH 310

Refrain: **He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!**

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

POSTLUDE

Tocatta in Seven

by John Rutter

*Please stand as you are able.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Ellen and Gary Hickman to commemorate the formal dedication of the "new" church building at Main and Clay. The church was opened for worship on December 18, 1910, but could not be dedicated until all debts were satisfied. The pastor, Dr. Hubert D. Knickerbocker announced the remaining construction debt of \$75,000.00 was satisfied, and the "new" church building was dedicated 106 years ago on this date, April 7, 1918.

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