

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns! [Refrain]

*Scripture *Matthew 28:16-20* Stephanie Zeller

Message *I'll Go* Reverend Doug Norris

*Hymn *Go, Make of All Disciples* UMH 571

1. "Go make of all disciples:"
We hear the call, O Lord,
That comes from you, our Father,
In your eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning
Through earnest, fervent prayer,
And let our daily living
Reveal you ev'rywhere.

2. "Go make of all disciples."
Baptising in the name
Of Father, Son, and Spirit
From age to age the same.
We call each new disciple
To follow you, O Lord,
Redeeming soul and body
By water and the Word.

3. "Go make of all disciples."
We at your feet would stay
Until each life's vocation
Accents your holy way.
We cultivate the nature
God plants in ev'ry heart,
Revealing in our witness
The Master Teacher's art.

4. "Go make of all disciples."
We welcome your command;
"Lo, I am with you always."
We take your guiding hand.
The task looms large before us
We follow without fear.
In heav'n and earth your power
Shall bring God's kingdom here.

Benediction Reverend Doug Norris

Alleluia

Postlude *Toccata on "Aberystwyth"* Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor and gratitude
for Richard Pike, my so caring husband, on what would have been
his 87th birthday, by Linda Grossman.

**Please stand as you are able where indicated by an asterisk.*

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Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries: Gerardo Garcia Palacios
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Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY JUNE 25, 2023

10:45 AM SERVICE



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Prelude	<i>Invocation in B-flat Major</i>	Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)
Introit	<i>Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above</i>	Eugene Butler
Welcome		Reverend Doug Norris
Life of the Community		Cedric Fellows
A Fond Farewell		Pamela Cutkosky, SPRC
*Call to Worship		Cedric Fellows

People of God, tell it!

We are not alone! We are children of God!

People of Christ, tell it!

The Light has come in love and truth, teaching us to live in the Light.

People of the Spirit, tell it!

The Spirit of truth reveals hidden things, offering healing through honest confession.

People of God, tell it!

We are not alone! We are children of God! Amen.

*Hymn *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise* United Methodist Hymnal 312

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!

2. There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!

3. See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!

4. See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia!
See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!

VirtuAll Voices *You Are Holy* Trad. by Per Harling

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem *Forever Blessed is He Who Serves the Lord*
George Frideric Handel

Invitation to the Offering Cedric Fellows

Offertory Prayer Cedric Fellows

Generous, giving God: the gifts we present this day are supposed to represent the best of our discipleship. Why then do we hide what we give, and why do we worry about who might know? Grant us the boldness we need to move out of the dark and proclaim our decision to be Christ's disciples to all, to shout it from the rooftops. May we speak to those we know and even to strangers of the love of Jesus without fear. May the way we live our lives be a proclamation of our decision to follow Christ! In His holy name, we pray. Amen.

Offertory *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Dale Wood (1934-2003)

*Doxology UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Hymn *Because He Lives* UMH 364

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

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!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!