

# A Service of Death & Resurrection

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**Thank you for joining us today.**

This service is occurring in-person in-the-sanctuary,  
in-person virtually using Google Meet, and streaming via YouTube.

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You are encouraged to sing and respond where noted in this bulletin.

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FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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*\* denotes when you are invited to stand, as you are able*

## ENTRANCE

### OPENING SENTENCES

### PROCESSIONAL

### GREETING

### WORDS OF GRACE

### \*SONG

### “Because He Lives”

No. 364, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)  
CCLI #11179170

#### 1.

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.

#### 2.

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.

#### REFRAIN

#### 3.

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

### PRAYER

# PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**PSALM 23**

*King James Version*

**GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 25:31-40**

*New Revised Standard Version*

**REFLECTION**

**“The Best of All: God is with Us”**

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Juncker

**\*SONG**

**“In the Quiet Curve of Evening”**

No. 221, *The Upper Room Worship Book* (2006)

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**1.**

In the quiet curve of evening, in the sinking of the days,  
in the silky void of darkness, you are there.

In the lapses of my breathing, in the space between my ways,  
in the crater carved by sadness, you are there.

You are there, you are there, you are there.

**2.**

In the rests between the phrases, in the cracks between the stars,  
in the gaps between the meaning, you are there.

In the melting down of endings, in the cooling of the sun,  
in the solstice of the winter, you are there.

You are there, you are there, you are there.

**3.**

In the mystery of the hungers, in the silence of my rooms,  
in the cloud of my unknowing, you are there.

In the empty cave of grieving, in the desert of my dreams,  
in the tunnel of my sorrow, you are there.

You are there, you are there, you are there.

## EULOGY

**WITNESS**

Stephen Ferguson

Stuart Ferguson

**PRAYER**

**\*SONG**

**“Hymn of Promise”**

No. 707, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

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**1.**

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season something God alone can see.

**2.**

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season something God alone can see.

**3.**

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season something God alone can see.

**COMMUNION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:*

And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:*

And so,  
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity concluding:*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

## **BREAKING THE BREAD**

### **\*GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

## **DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

### **WITNESS & BLESSING**

**\*RECESSIONAL      “God Be with You Till We Meet Again**

No. 672, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

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**1.**

God be with you till we meet again;  
by his counsels guide uphold you  
with his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

**REFRAIN**

Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

**REFRAIN**

**2.**

God be with you till we meet again;  
neath his wings securely hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

**REFRAIN**

**3.**

God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put his arms unfailing round you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

**REFRAIN**

**4.**

God be with you till we meet again;  
keep loves' banner floating o'er you,  
smite death's threatening wave before you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

**REFRAIN**

**POSTLUDE**

*THIS SERVICE WILL CONCLUDE AT THE CEMETARY  
WITH A SERVICE OF COMMITTAL.*

*FOLLOWING THE COMMITTAL, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO  
3 RESTAURANT (461 W. CENTRAL ST., FRANKLIN) FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP.*



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