SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND REMEMBRANCE
Monday, June 13, 2016
1:15pm

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GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Choral, Opus 37” (Joseph Jongen)

CALL TO WORSHIP
“Give Me Jesus”
(Children’s Choir leads us in singing “Give Me Jesus”)

We gather this day to celebrate the lives of individuals who are saints!

Some of them, with us, are a part of the whole body of living Christian believers, and others have finished their lives here on earth are a part of the church triumphant!

Some have touched us compassionately so we could experience the love of the LORD while others have reminded us to be faithful and avoid drifting into life away from God.

They have all shaken our being--all have been faithful examples of lives of wholeness, working for justice.

ALL: We celebrate these individuals and their lives in all aspects of God’s creation!

OPENING HYMN
“For All the Saints” UMH 711, vs 1-3 and 6

PRAYER
O God of both the living and the dead...
… who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCLAMATION

ACT OF REMEMBRANCES
Betsy Bird Anderson
Wanda Marie Jones Barrett
Joseph Fred Cloud, Jr.
Wilma Doss Coleman
Gail Wynn Dixon

Lena Marie Edens
Ellis Earl Felts
James Edward Flatt
Billie Jean Garrett
John H. Gebhart
RESPONSE: INVITATION TO CHRIST’S TABLE
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live with one another. Therefore let us confess our sins before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON
Lord, we have not loved our neighbor. We have not been the people you have called us to be. Forgive us, we pray…

(Silent prayers of confession.)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

ALL: GLORY TO GOD! AMEN!

THANKSGIVING

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Bishop William McAlilly
Let us give thanks to our God.
*It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

We praise and give thanks to you, O God, …
And so, with all 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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ…
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.**
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here…
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**  
*UMH #895*

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**

*There is a GLUTEN FREE station by pulpit/baptismal font. Ushers will assist you to the closest station.*

**CONGREGATION COMMUNION SONG**

“Come Away with Me”  
*TFWS #2202*

**SENDING FORTH**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”  
*UMH #702*

*(Families recess during the hymn.)*

**BENEDICTION**

As you have been fed at this table, go to feed the hungry.  
As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.

Bishop McAlilly
As you have received, give.
As you have heard, proclaim.
And the blessing that you have received from Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be always with you.

Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  “Fuga, from Sonate II” (Felix Mendelssohn)

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