



TENNESSEE-WESTERN KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL WORSHIP

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

*GREETING

We have gathered here
to celebrate the lives of those who,
through the power of the Holy Spirit,
have served faithfully through the years
and now share the triumph of Christ.

**We affirm with praise and thanksgiving
the goodness of our Lord.**

Let us rejoice in God's presence with us,
in death as in life,
among those who mourn

as with those who now see Christ face to face.

**In the midst of our grief we sing with joy,
for God's love is over all that has been made.**

Blessed be God's glorious name for ever.

*HYMNS OF PRAISE,

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," st. 1, 4

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.**

**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore
Thee"

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"Sing With All the Saints in Glory," st. 1, 4

**Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we, awaking,
know the everlasting peace.**

**Life eternal! O what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amidst earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal,
see that glowing firmament;
know, with thee, O God Immortal,
"Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"**

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
in your life we have life,
in your death we receive redemption,
and in your resurrection we find hope.
You built your church on the rock of
imperfect but redeemed humanity,
called and equipped by you
to extend the household of faith
and transform the world.
We gather today to celebrate
those who have lived among us,
and have gone on to be with you.
Like them, may we so love and serve you
that generations yet unborn
may benefit from our witness;
and when the grace of life on earth shall end,
find for us a place
in the company of heaven,
for your love's sake. **Amen.**

ACT OF PRAISE, "A Living Prayer"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Spirit of Life, stir in us.
Breath of heaven, breathe in us.
Holy Spirit, we do not know how to listen as
we ought.
But intercede for us with openness
too deep for words.
As we hear the scriptures read
and good news proclaimed,
breathe in us; pray in us; create us anew.
Amen.**

"Sing With All the Saints in
Glory"

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Prayer for Illumination
Steve Garnaas-Holmes, *Collect for
Pentecost*, website:
unfoldinglight.net.

SCRIPTURE READING, from Hebrews 11

SERMON, "By Faith... So Will We"
Rev. Dr. Vona Wilson

*HYMN "For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love"

**For all the saints who've shown your love
in how they live and where they move,
for mindful women, caring men,
accept our gratitude again.**

**For all the saints who loved your name,
whose faith increased the Savior's fame,
who sang your songs and shared your word,
accept our gratitude, good Lord.**

**For all the saints who named your will,
and showed the kingdom coming still
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise,
accept the gratitude we raise.**

**Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.
though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.**

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Mary Andrews
Patricia Augustine
Vincent Lee Baker
Herbert Douglas Bennett
Charles Edward Blackburn
Thomas E. Chandler
Laura Charlotte Comes
David O. Compton
Althea J. Fesmire
Charles Wayne Fesmire
Arthur M. Ford
G. Jean Foster
Anna Lou French
Nancy Marie Fryer
Lillian D. Gardner
Julia W. Gildemeister
Raymond T. Hartman, Jr.
Roy B. Herron
Robert A. Hilton
Michael A. Howard
Lucy Price Inkster
Cheryl G. Jackson
Jerry Lee Jeffords
John Michael Jones
Ronald E. Jones
Valera B. Jones
Stephen Krau

Herbert Lester
Wylodene G. Lewis
Joseph Gray Mason
Lelah B. McClearen
Robert McKinney
Harold L. Montgomery
Wm Wilson Mount, Jr.
Mary Nolen
Elizabeth Parker Pepper
Rosemary Wood Potter
Lois Grace Pugh
Jo Bentley Reece
Wayne G. Reece
Ava N. Reed
Mary Virginia Ritter
Gene Rollins
Stephen Settle
Eddie Smith, Jr.
Randy Elwood Stacy
Robert R. Strickland
Lytle Carter Troutt
Jesse Bratton Tucker
Marjorie H. Vaughan
Howard Jeffard Welch
Nancy Joan Wheatly
Vernon R. White

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Shown Your Love"
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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of love, we thank you
for all with which you have blessed us
even to this day:
for the gift of joy in days of health and strength
and for the gifts of your abiding presence
and promise in days of pain and grief.
We praise you for home and friends,
and for our baptism and place in your Church
with all who have faithfully lived and died.
Above all else we thank you for Jesus,
who knew our griefs,
who died our death and rose for our sake,
and who lives and prays for us.

And as he taught us, so now we pray.

*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.**

*HYMNS, "The Unclouded Day"

**O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies,
O they tell me of a home far away;
O they tell me of a home where no storm
clouds rise;
O they tell me of an unclouded day.
O the land of cloudless day,
O the land of an unclouded day.
O they tell me of a home where no storm-
clouds rise,
O they tell me of an unclouded day.**

"The Unclouded Day"

Text: Josiah Kelly Alwood (public domain).

"Will the Circle Be Unbroken?"

**There are loved ones in the glory
Whose dear forms you often miss,
When you close your earthly story
Will you join them in their bliss?
Will the circle be unbroken
by and by, yes, by and by?
In a better home awaiting
in the sky, in the sky?**

"Will the Circle Be
Unbroken?"

Text: Ada R. Habershon (public domain).

"I'll Fly Away"

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away.**

Refrain:

**I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**

**When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away.** Refrain

**Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end,
I'll fly away.** Refrain

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Deacon: Go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit!
Proclaim the gospel throughout the earth!
Serve God with gladness,
with justice and mercy.

All: Amen.

Elder: May the God who raised Jesus from the
dead bless you abundantly.

All: Amen.

Elder: May the Holy Spirit
and communion of all the saints
and angels surround you forever and ever.

All: Thanks be to God!

*GOING FORTH

Worship leaders:

Rev. Marie King, liturgist

Rev. Amy Martin, song leader

Rev. Dr. Vona Wilson, preacher

Rev. Will Clark, Georgia Dawson, scripture readers

"I'll Fly Away"

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