

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from *A Declaration of Faith*

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not holding our sins against us. Each of us beholds on the cross the Savior who died in our place, so that we may no longer live for ourselves, but for him. In him is our only hope for salvation.

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His Lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his Lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

Alleluia! Amen!

*HYMN 265 “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” DUKE STREET

PRAYER AND COMMENDATION

*HYMN 611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” HYMN TO JOY

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Please rise, in body or in spirit.

MINISTERS: Mark Harper, Dana Waters

PIANIST: Betsy Burmeister SAXOPHONE: Donny Whitehead

SOLOIST: Paula Zimdars

Witness to the Resurrection

James England Bowden

February 18, 1939—November 28, 2021



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Witness to the Resurrection

December 07, 2021 2:00pm

Welcome to the service of thanksgiving to God and in celebration of the life of James Bowden. The service this afternoon reflects the wishes of his family.

PRELUDE Donny Whitehead

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP Dana Waters

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 664 “Morning Has Broken” BUNESSAN

PRAYER

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE Dana Waters

Romans 8:35-39; 1 Corinthians 13; John 3:16; II Corinthians 5:14-19

A UNISON READING OF THE 23rd PSALM

*The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in
green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through
the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff --
they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the
house of the LORD
my whole life long.*

*HYMN 450 “Be Thou My Vision” SLANE

PROCLAMATION Mark Harper

SOLO *The Lord's Prayer* Paula Zimdars