

Breaking the Bread and Taking the Cup

Receiving of the Bread and Cup

(At the direction of the ushers, the congregation will move to one of the serving stations in the sanctuary.)

A Medley of Faith Preaching Melodies

*Hymn of Hope *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* UMH #702

*Dismissal with Blessing Bishop Paul L. Leeland

*Postlude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Timothy Wilson
J.S. Bach

Following are those who have died between May 1, 2009 and April 30, 2010

Nell Martin (Mrs. Arthur Lee Martin)	Rev. Franklin Bird
Carol "Cat" H. Hodges (Mrs. Norman Hodges)	Louise Houston (Mrs. Thomas H. Houston)
Rev. C.W. Steverson, Jr.	Annette Golden (Mrs. Douglas L. Golden)
Rev. Phil Mitchell	Rev. Agnes Bottoms
Rev. Warren Richards, III	Rev. Tommy Waites
Rev. William D. Hobbs	Rev. Benjamin "Frank" Arledge
Rev. Glenn McCall	Margie Bowne (Mrs. Ted Bowne)
Lois "Virgie" Higdon (Mrs. Paul M. Higdon)	Rev. Gregory Robert Cory
Mollie Matthews (Mrs. Horatio Matthews)	Rev. Alton Lee Pitchford
Martha G. Brannon (Mrs. T. Leo Brannon)	Rev. Levi D. Knox
Doris M. Marietta (Mrs. Don Marietta)	Rev. Curtis D. Coleman
Rev. Billie Ray Alexander	Wynelle Posey Brazell

Those who have died following May 1, 2010 will be memorialized at the 2011 Annual Conference Service of Remembrance.

**Service of Remembrance & Holy Communion
Frazer Memorial UMC - 10:45 am**

Prelude *Prelude & Fugue in G Major* Timothy Wilson
J.S. Bach

*Processional Hymn *For All the Saints* UMH #711

*Call to Worship and Greeting

Bishop: We have gathered here to celebrate the lives of those who have served faithfully through the years and now share the triumph of Christ in glory.

People: **We affirm with praise and thanksgiving the goodness of God.**

Bishop: 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.

People: **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 forever.**

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us pray. Tender and compassionate God, we seek to know you through the hearing of your Word and pray that we may go beyond hearing to obeying, as shown by the faithful lives of your departed servants whom we honor today. We know that they are precious in your eyes, worthy of your special attention and ours, for they served well in the task that you gave them. Grant that we may feel your presence as did the followers who knew Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and may we experience the fire within that sent them out to share good news. **Amen.**

Reading from **Philippians 3:12-21** Rev. Geoffrey Kagoro

Reading from **2 Peter 3:1-13** Rev. Trish Bruner

Anthem *The Rain Is Over and Gone* Preaching Melodies

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Sermon Stirring Up Your Memory Dr. John Ed Mathison

Invitation to the Table and Call to Confession Bishop Paul L. Leeland

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

People: **Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** *(All pray in silence.)*

Leader: 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!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

All: **Glory to God! Amen.**

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and the martyrs, God of our mothers and fathers, God of our children to all generations.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn saying:

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.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world, the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those who we name before you.

**(The congregation is invited to stand as the names of the saints are shared.)*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray with boldness.

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)