

# Alive in Christ Together ...on a journey of faith

The Susquehanna Annual Conference

## Celebration of Death and Resurrection

Thursday, June 13, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Note: All hymn words and responsive readings will be projected on the screens.

\*You are invited to stand.

### GATHERING MUSIC

#### — The Journey of Death and Resurrection —

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 23  
Rev. Randall G. Bennett Jr.  
Rev. Michelle Whitlock  
Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*“For All the Saints”*

### PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver  
Chair of Sessions Committee  
Bloomsburg, PA

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 21:1-7  
The Message

### ANTHEM

*“Grace”*

Mark Hayes

*The Mass Choir is Comprised of Congregations and Clergy from the Susquehanna Conference*  
Mr. Matthew Wensel, Director

### \*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-32  
Mr. Kristopher Sledge  
Lay Delegate and Candidate for Ministry

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON *“Alive in Christ ... Even in the Shadow of Death”*

Rev. Dr. Kathleen Kind  
Altoona District Superintendent

### REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

Rev. Dr. Brand Eaton  
President, The Historical Society  
Mrs. Fern Boyer  
The Committee on Archives and History

### PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Leader: O God of both the living and the dead, we praise your holy name for all your servants who have faithfully lived and died. We thank you for the sacred ties that bind us to those unseen who encompass us as a cloud of witnesses. We pray that, encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we may be diligent followers, and that nothing will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*(UMPH BOW p. 739)*

### ANTHEM

*“Midnight Cry”*

Day/Fettke

*The Mass Choir, Mr. Matthew Wensel, Director*  
Rev. Randall G. Bennett Jr., Soloist

#### — Alive Forever at God’s Table —

### THE INVITATION

Bishop Jeremiah J. Park

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.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

**All: Gracious and Loving God, we confess that we often fall prey to the ways of this world. We forget that by grace you have offered us citizenship in heaven: a citizenship that begins in this life and is fully realized in the next. Help us, O Lord, to turn away from darkness – both in character and conduct – that we might be reformed into the image of Christ. Forgive us our sins, and help us to live rightly in the light of your love. Equip us to function as salt to a world lost in the blandness of sin. Enable us to live out our purpose of bearing light, so that those lost in the darkness may see Jesus in us. Above all, never let us cheapen grace into a religion, but live into the glory that comes from our journey with You.**

*Silent Prayers of Confession*

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!

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

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

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

*Please take this opportunity to extend Christ’s peace to those around you, and then be seated as we join together in our chorus.*

### CHORUS

*“Freely, Freely”*

Carol Owens

### OFFERING

*The offering tonight will benefit the **Stop Hunger Now** Campaign*

### THE OFFERTORY

*“Because He Lives”*

Joel Raney

Mr. Matthew Wensel, Organ, and Ms. Carol Heagy, Piano

### \*THE DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Bishop Jeremiah J. Park, Celebrant  
Rev. Michelle Whitlock, Cantor  
Rev. Adam Estep, Deacon  
Musical Setting by Rev. Jackson Henry  
*Worship & Song*, Abingdon Press (2011)

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, which 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

### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

### \*SONGS OF REFLECTION AND PRAISE

### \*BENEDICTION

Bishop Jeremiah J. Park

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*“Let’s Go Then”*

*The Mass Choir, Mr. Matthew Wensel, Director*

Dan Adler

### POSTLUDE

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# On to Glory

## 2012-2013 Roll of the Honored Dead

Mrs. Miriam V. Bailey	Widow of Rev. Irwin C.	June 7, 2012
Mrs. Necia Jane Barnes	Widow of Rev. James E.	March 12, 2013
Rev. Robert Lee Benson	Retired Pastor	October 24, 2012
Rev. Kenneth R. Bonham	Retired Pastor	July 3, 2012
Mrs. Gloria P. Cole	Spouse of Rev. Larry D.	July 17, 2012
Rev. Vernon R. Eichelberger	Retired Pastor	August 9, 2012
Rev. W. Marvin Freed	Retired Pastor	July 29, 2012
Mrs. Margaret M. Germond	Spouse of Rev. Robert E.	April 3, 2013
Ms. Dorothy R. Gilbert	Retired Missionary	November 2, 2012
Rev. Dwight E. Giles Sr.	Retired Pastor	September 3, 2012
Rev. Marjorie A. Glasgow	Retired Pastor	June 10, 2012
Rev. Dr. Wayne L. Hepler	Retired Pastor	February 23, 2013
Mrs. C. Louise Hilliard	Spouse of Rev. C. Rayvon	October 12, 2012
Mrs. Clarian L. Horst	Widow of Rev. Elmer H.	October 1, 2012
Mrs. Miriam T. Huratiak	Widow of Rev. Glenn R.	October 13, 2012
Mrs. Harriet Dawes LaForce	Widow of Rev. Thomas M.	December 29, 2012
Rev. Charles H. Leitzel Jr.	Retired Pastor	October 15, 2013
Mrs. Joyace J. Long	Widow of Rev. Daniel L.	August 26, 2012
Mrs. Lois Geraldine Loss	Spouse of Rev. Kenneth D.	December 7, 2012
Mrs. Eva Mae Nelson	Spouse of Pastor William C.	February 2, 2013
Mr. Kenneth H. Plummer	Former Conference Lay Leader	November 28, 2012
Rev. James E. Rudy	Retired Pastor	August 11, 2012
Mrs. Irma Isabel Sheetz Shearer	Spouse of Rev. Dr. Daniel L.	July 15, 2012
Mrs. Thelma F. Shearer	Spouse of Rev. Monroe J. Jr.	August 21, 2012
Rev. Jay R. Shenk	Retired Pastor	June 27, 2012
Rev. Kermit O. Shrawder Sr.	Retired Pastor	August 23, 2012
Mrs. Jean Rhea Strimel	Widow of Rev. John J.	October 27, 2012
Mrs. Anna Verghese	Widow of Rev. Mathew M.	November 17, 2012
Rev. Gerald D. Wagner	Retired Pastor	September 17, 2012
Rev. Maureen A. Wagner	Pastor	February 11, 2013
Mrs. D. Nadine Washburn	Widow of Rev. John J.	November 6, 2012
Mrs. Bettina (Betty) Way	Widow of Rev. Clyde E.	February 4, 2013
Mrs. Grace P. Whitfield	Certified Lay Minister	November 17, 2012
Rev. C. Wesley Wilson	Retired Pastor	May 23, 2012
Rev. Rondall I. Woodall	Retired Pastor	January 22, 2013
Mrs. H. Jean Zeisloft	Spouse of Rev. Dr. James H.	November 11, 2012

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in Christ  
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