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**The Body of Christ:  
The First**

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# WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

## Prelude

*The Love of Jesus Medley*

arr. Mark Hayes  
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## Welcome

### † Presentation of the Colors

Parker Kaltsas, Emma Zackowski, and Jack Wainwright, Troops 506B and 506G Color Guard

Max Chen, Bugle

### † Opening Music

*Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

UMH 702

1. 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.

2. O what glory, far exceeding  
all that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading,  
never that full joy conceived.

God has promised, Christ prepares it,  
there on high our welcome waits.  
Every humble spirit shares it;  
Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

3. Life eternal! heaven rejoices:  
Jesus lives, who once was dead.  
Join we now the deathless voices;  
child of God, lift up your head!

Patriarchs from the distant ages,  
saints all longing for their heaven,  
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages,  
all await the glory given.

4. 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!”

### Scouting Moment

Jesse Adler, Audry Weishaar, Senior Patrol Leaders

### Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.  
A time of silence will indicate when you may share one name or very short phrase to add.*

### Pastoral Prayer

### 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.

## WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

### Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (CEB)

So if the message that is preached says that Christ has been raised from the dead, then how can some of you say, “There’s no resurrection of the dead”? If there’s no resurrection of the dead, then Christ hasn’t been raised either. If Christ hasn’t been raised, then our preaching is useless and your faith is useless. We are found to be false witnesses about God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, when he didn’t raise him if it’s the case that the dead aren’t raised. If the dead aren’t raised, then Christ hasn’t been raised either. If Christ hasn’t been raised, then your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins, and what’s more, those who have died in Christ are gone forever. If we have a hope in Christ only in this life, then we deserve to be pitied more than anyone else.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He’s the first crop of the harvest of those who have died.

### Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Alleluia!
2. We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life  
as living members of a living Christ.  
Alleluia!
3. A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing:  
Alleluia!

## Message

*The First*

Rev. Bob Rhodes

## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

**Response in the World****Welcoming Into Community****Invitation to the Offering**

## Offertory

*Amazing Grace*  
Max Busboom, Bagpipes

19th Cent. USA melody

**Confession, Assurance, and Peace** - Liturgist

**All:** Shepherd of our souls, guide us through times of woe, and help us find your solace and peace. Forgive us in times of sin and sorrow, and lead us into your redeeming love. Resurrect us in times of death and despair, and lead us into newness of life, that we may be the blessing we seek for everyone we meet.

Liturgist: Blessed are you who place your trust in God. For the Holy One is faithful and true. Christ's love is sufficient for your every need. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All:** In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.



1. Come, we that love the Lord,  
and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
join in a song with sweet accord  
and thus surround the throne,  
and thus surround the throne.

Refrain

We're marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zi - on,  
the beautiful city of God.

2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King,  
but children of the heavenly King  
may speak their joys abroad  
may speak their joys abroad

Refrain

We're marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zi - on,  
the beautiful city of God.

3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets  
before we reach the heavenly fields,  
before we reach the heavenly fields,  
or walk the golden streets,  
or walk the golden streets.

Refrain

We're marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zi - on,  
the beautiful city of God.

4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
to fairer worlds on high,  
to fairer worlds on high.

Refrain

We're marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zi - on,  
the beautiful city of God.

† **Retiring of the Colors**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Cornet Solo - Henry Purcell*

arr. Hal Hopson  
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**Liturgical elements from *The Abingdon Worship Annual***

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