

When His chosen ones are gathered to their home beyond
the sky and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

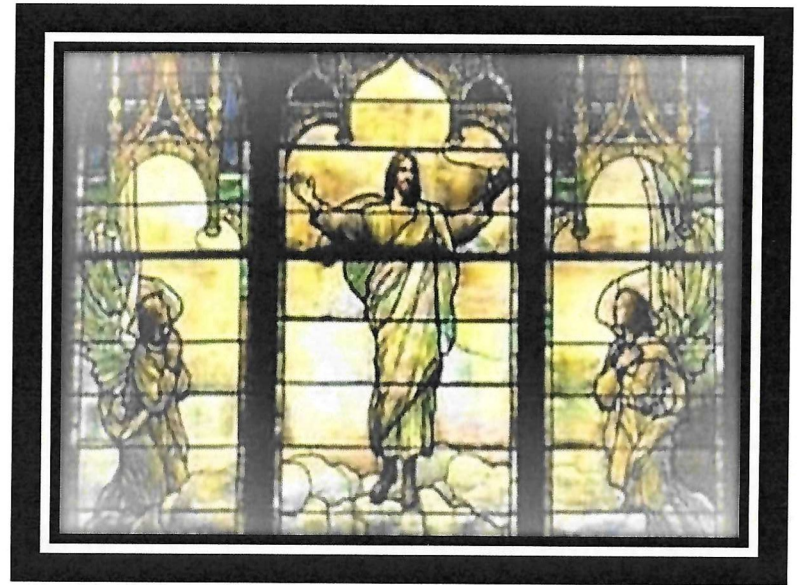
(Chorus)

Verse 3

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun.
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care. Then when all
of life is over and our work on earth is done and the roll is
called up yonder, I'll be there.

(Chorus)

Benediction



GATEWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 26, 2026

301 Diamond Street, Fairmont WV 26554

Rev. Nici Masters, Pastor
Music Coordinator – Bev Slagle
Bell Choir Director – Val Huffman
July Head Usher – Rob Moore

Acolytes

Esme and Ollie Allen
Haeden and Kenslie Futton
Nora Rae Huffman

The Celebration of Worship

Order of Worship

Announcements

Prelude of Praise "Surely the Presence" UMH 328
CCLI 3296614 Wolfe

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. (x2)

***Call to Worship**

L: We do not grieve as those who have no hope, for we believe that Jesus died and rose again.

All: Because He lives, we too shall live! Whether we are asleep in Christ or awake in this world we are eternally His.

L: For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the archangel's call, and with the trumpet of God.

All: The dead in Christ will rise first and we will be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air.

L: And so we will be with the Lord forever.

All: Therefore, let us comfort one another and build each other up with these words. Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, our anchor in the storm, we thank You for the certain hope of the resurrection. In a world so often shadowed by grief, anxiety, and the sting of loss, we ask that Your Holy Spirit bring the deep comfort of Your Word to our hearts today. Thank You for the promise that neither life nor death can separate us from Your love. As we gather to worship, open our ears to hear Your truth and fix our eyes on the victorious return of our Savior. Fill us with a

confident, expectant joy that encourages one another and shines brightly in our communities. We pray these things in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, our living and returning King. Amen.

Hymn "My Hope Is Built" UMH 368

Children's Chat Becky Jones

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 2:1-11

Sermon Scripture 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Sermon "The Rapture" Rev. Nici Masters

Hymn "It Is Well with My Soul" UMH 377

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering/Doxology Trace Tucker UMH 95

Offertory Prayer

Passing the Peace

Hymn "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"
When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more and morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair Then the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore and The toll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

(Chorus)

When the roll is called up yonder. When the roll is called up yonder. When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Verse 2

On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise and the glory of His resurrection share.

1 Kings 2:1-11 New International Version

David's Charge to Solomon

- 2** When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son.
- 2** "I am about to go the way of all the earth," he said. "So be strong, act like a man,
3 and observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go **4** and that the LORD may keep his promise to me: 'If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.'
- 5** "Now you yourself know what Joab son of Zeruiah did to me—what he did to the two commanders of Israel's armies, Abner son of Ner and Amasa son of Jether. He killed them, shedding their blood in peacetime as if in battle, and with that blood he stained the belt around his waist and the sandals on his feet. **6** Deal with him according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to the grave in peace.
- 7** "But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai of Gilead and let them be among those who eat at your table. They stood by me when I fled from your brother Absalom.
- 8** "And remember, you have with you Shimei son of Gera, the Benjamite from Bahurim, who called down bitter curses on me the day I went to Mahanaim. When he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD: 'I will not put you to death by the sword.' **9** But now, do not consider him innocent. You are a man of wisdom; you will know what to do to him. Bring his gray head down to the grave in blood."
- 10** Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. **11** He had reigned forty years over Israel—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 New International Version

Believers Who Have Died

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Loose Change/Food Pantry Collection

Loose change (coins only) – Honey Bags

Items for July – shampoo/deodorant

Mary Priscilla Women's Group & Gateway United Methodist Men

Baked Steak Dinner

Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Salad & Dessert

Friday, September 18, 2026

3:30 – 6:30 PM

Dine-In or Take-Out

Gateway UMC – 301 Diamond St – Fairmont, WV

\$17.00 per dinner

Checks Payable to

Mary Priscilla Women's Group

PRAYER REQUESTS

Faye Dodd, Rusty Freeland, Mary Beth Furbee, Carol Hall, Ezra Hall, Lisa Kerns, Jeff Kerns
Linda Lomicka, Charlotte Merriman, Dan Ross, Madalee Wilson, Kay Young

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 6 – NOW meeting – 6:30
August 9 – Prayer Team meeting
August 12 – Dinner/Church on the Green – 5pm
August 22 – GUMM – 7am

JULY ATTENDANCE

July 5 – 57
July 12 – 69
July 19 – 74
July 26 –

ATTENTION ALL SINGERS

Anyone who would like to sing for the cantata is invited to attend
rehearsals each Wednesday evening at 6pm.

Madalee Wilson's 99th birthday is being celebrated on August 2nd, There's no big party for her
but she likes to receive cards. Her address is: Mrs. Madalee Wilson-Room 20

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