

118th SESSION
THE EAST TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Friday, 7 September 2018

MEMORIAL SERVICE

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The Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live. Whoever believes in Me shall never die. I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Because I live, you also shall live."

People: **God of all creation, we praise Your Holy Name for all Your servants who have finished their course in faith. Encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we pray that we may share with them the inheritance of the saints.**

The Opening Hymn

I'm Goin' to Trust in the Lord

Hymn No. 483

When I can read my title clear To mansions in the skies, I'll bid farewell to every fear, And wipe my weeping eyes.

Refrain

I'm goin' to trust in the Lord, I'm goin' to trust in the Lord, I'm goin to trust in the Lord till I die; I'm goin' to trust in the Lord, I'm goin' to trust in the Lord, I'm goin to trust in the Lord till I die.

There shall I bathe my weary soul In seas of heavenly rest And not a wave of trouble roll Across my peaceful breast.

The Prayer

Eternal God, you hold all souls in life: Give us your light and your peace; give comfort to those who mourn as we remember the departed of the last annual conference year. Grant that we may follow the good examples of those who have served you and are now at rest. Let us not be found

wanting in the day of judgement, but may we enter into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:55-58

The Memorial

Leader: We celebrate and remember those members of the annual conference and connectional leaders who have died since we last gathered together.

People: Absent from the Body. Present with the Lord.

(Names of Deceased Members of the Annual Conference)

Leader: We give thanks to You, O God, for those whom we name in our hearts and who have been faithful to Your call and glorified You with their life and work... Absent from the Body.

People: Present with the Lord.

ALL: O God, we thank You for all those remembered here. Let us cherish their memory, celebrate their ministries, continue their work, and live in hope that we shall once again meet face to face. Amen.

The Closing Hymn

When We All Get To Heaven

Hymn No. 511

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace; In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain

When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory.

Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold; Soon the pearly gates will open, We shall tread the streets of gold.

The Benediction