



## †OFFERING MOMENT &amp; DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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## †HYMN

## He Lives

UMH 310

*I serve a risen Savior,  
he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living,  
whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy,  
I hear his voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need him,  
he's always near.*

*In all the world around me  
I see his loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary,  
I never will despair.  
I know that he is leading  
through all the stormy blast;  
the day of his appearing  
will come at last.*

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,  
lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs  
to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him,  
the help of all who find;  
none other is so loving,  
so good and kind.*

*He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.*

*He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.*

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## †SCRIPTURE READING

## Exodus 14:1 – 15:1

Then the Lord said to Moses: <sup>2</sup>Tell the Israelites to turn back and camp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall camp opposite it, by the sea. <sup>3</sup>Pharaoh will say of the Israelites, “They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has closed in on them.” <sup>4</sup>I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them, so that I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army; and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord.’ And they did so. <sup>5</sup>When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed towards the people, and they said, ‘What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?’ <sup>6</sup>So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; <sup>7</sup>he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. <sup>8</sup>The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly. <sup>9</sup>The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon. <sup>10</sup>As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt?’ <sup>12</sup>Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians?” For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ <sup>13</sup>But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’ <sup>15</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. <sup>16</sup>But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. <sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’ <sup>19</sup>The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. <sup>20</sup>It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. <sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. <sup>24</sup>At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. <sup>25</sup>He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.’ <sup>26</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>30</sup>Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

15:1 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: 'I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

*This is the word of God for us, the people of God. Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Victory in Jesus: Set Free

Rev. Trey Burns

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

Victory in Jesus, vv. 1-2

UMH 370

*I heard and old, old story,  
how a Savior came from glory,  
how he gave his life on Calvary  
to save a wretch like me;  
I heard about his groaning,  
of his precious bloods' atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.*

*I heard about his healing,  
of his cleaning power revealing,  
how he made the lame to walk again  
and caused the blind to see;  
and then I cried, "Dear Jesus,  
come and heal my broken spirit,"  
and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.*

*O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;  
he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleaning flood.*

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†BENEDCITION

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Go with the God who can part the troubled waters of your life and lead you through to dry ground.  
Go with the God who can scatter and subdue all that hinders you on your journey.  
Go forth in God's might and in God's peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Finance Committee will meet Monday, April 12, at 6:00p.m. in Conner Hall.

Trustees will meet Monday, April 12, at 7:00p.m. in Conner Hall.

The Nominations Committee will meet on Sunday, April 18, following worship service.

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Janet Weaver	The Loros	Jennie Townsend	Harold Marshall
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