Ministry of Music **AND HE BLESSED MY SOUL** (solo) Anita Watkins-Stevens

Ministry of Thanksgiving (Offering)

- ***Offertory Prayer***
- ***Ministry of Music. . . .FMBC Orchestra***

Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So: ***THE LORD IS RISEN . . . . .*** Luke 24:33-35

Ministry of Music **HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT JESUS?** Richard Foy

Scene III: ***YOU ARE THE WITNESSES*** Luke 24:36-41

Ministry of Music **DON'T CRY** Kirk Franklin

Proclamation of the Word **Pastor Jones**

Invitation to Discipleship **BECAUSE OF HE LIVES** Gloria and William Gaither
Arr. Rev. Nolan Williams

Stanza 1
God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal, and forgive:
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Stanza 2
How sweet to hold a new-born baby,
And feel the pride, and joy He gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives

Stanza 3
And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

Refrain:
Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

Benediction **Pastor Jones**

Choral Postlude **I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH** Glenn E. Burleigh

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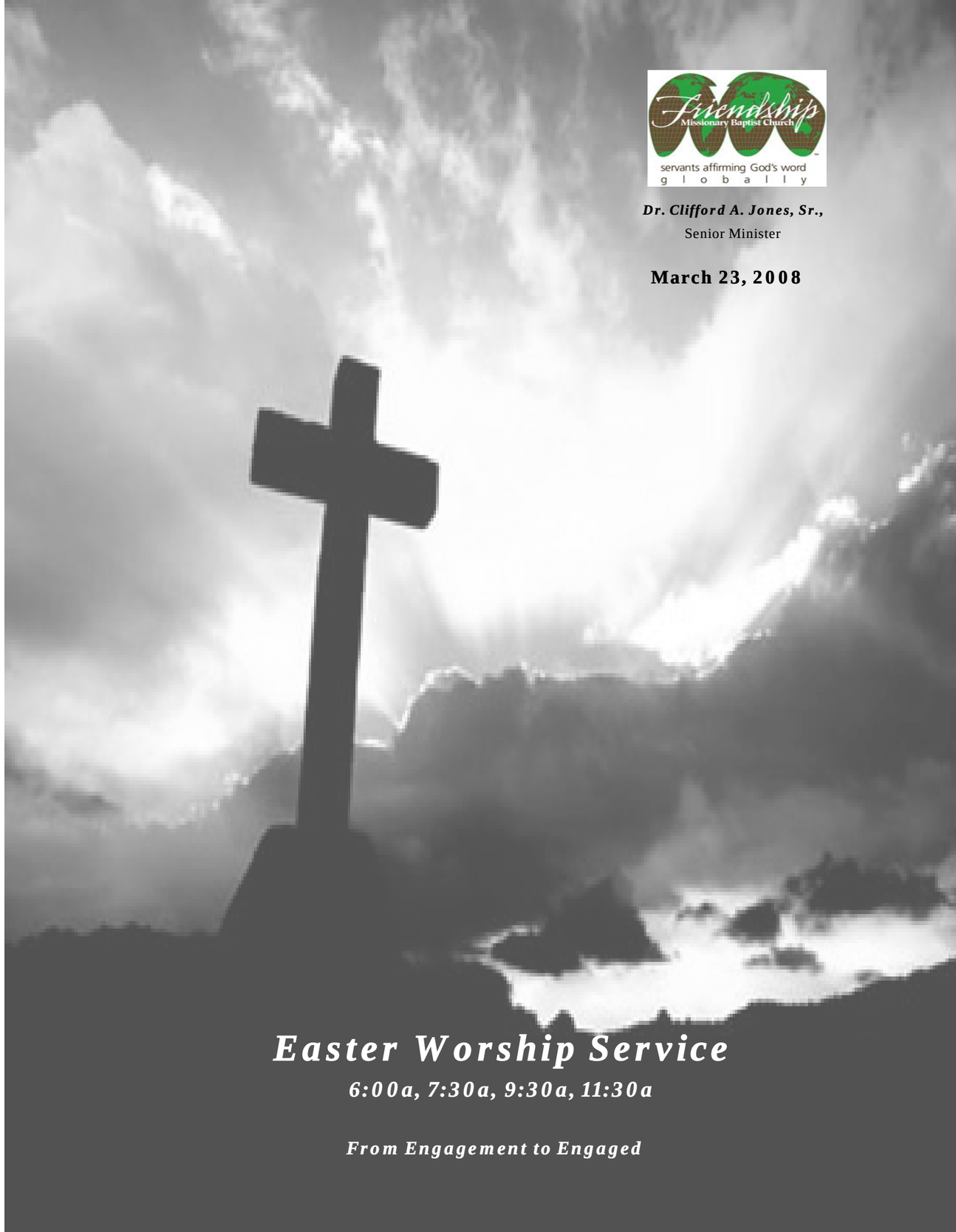

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March 23, 2008

Easter Worship Service

6:00a, 7:30a, 9:30a, 11:30a

From Engagement to Engaged

Sunday, March 23, 2008
Resurrection Sunday

Music of Preparation

Invocation

Purpose

Opening Hymn of Praise *Choir and Congregation* **Christ the Lord is Risen Today**
Charles Wesley/arr. Lloyd Larson

Stanza 1
Christ, the Lord is risen today, **ALLELUIA!**
All creation, join to say **ALLELUIA!**
Raise your joys and triumphs high, **ALLELUIA!**
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, **ALLELUIA!**

Stanza 2
Love's redeeming work is done, **ALLELUIA!**
Fought the fight the battle won, **ALLELUIA!**
Death in vain forbids him rise, **ALLELUIA!**
Christ has opened paradise, **ALLELUIA!**

Stanza 3
Lives again our glorious King, **ALLELUIA!**
Where, O Death, is now thy sting? **ALLELUIA!**
Once he died our souls to save, **ALLELUIA!**
Where thy victory, O grave? **ALLELUIA!**

Stanza 4
Soar we now where Christ has led, **ALLELUIA!**
Foll'wing our exalted Head, **ALLELUIA!**
Made like Him, like Him we rise, **ALLELUIA!**
Ours the Cross, the grave, the skies. **ALLELUIA!**

SCENE I: ***THE RESURRECTION*** (The Women Visit the Tomb) Luke 24:1-12

Ministry of Music **I'VE JUST SEEN JESUS**
Gloria and William Gaither, and Danny Daniels
Arr. by Mark Hayes

SCENE II: ***ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS*** (The Two Encounter the Risen Christ) Luke 12:13-25

Congregational Hymn **ON THE JOURNEY TO EMMAUS** Text: Marty Haugen
ed. Tony McNeill

Sung to the tune of ODE TO JOY (Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee)

Stanza 1
On the journey to Emmaus
With our hard hearts cold as stone
We thought He who came to save us
Died and left us all alone
Then a stranger walked beside us
Talking and to our surprise
He did open up our stories
And he opened up our eyes

Christ is welcomed in with the Two. . . . .

Stanza 2
And our hearts did burn within us
As we talked along the way
How all that he spoke and promised
Was to be ours on that day
So we begged him, "Please stay with us
And please grant to us your Word."
We did welcome Him the stranger
We did welcome Him our Lord

The guest becomes the Host: Christ breaks bread with the Two. . . . .

Stanza 3
And that evening at the Table
As He blessed and broke the bread
We know that it was our Jesus
Now arisen from the dead
Thought He vanished right before us
We know He was always near
God the life inside our dying
God the hope inside our fears

Stanza 4
On the journey to Emmaus
In our stories and our feasts
As we journey forth with Jesus
Now the greatest is the least
And His words did burn within us
We won't let them be ignored
He who welcomes Christ the stranger
Also welcomes Christ the Lord