

Hymns07.10.10 **LIVING CHURCH –DISPLAY GOD’S GRACE**

(Written in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Towson (MD)

United Methodist Church, whose mission statement is:

“...to proclaim the Word of God and to make disciples of Jesus Christ.”)

Living Church –display God’s grace,
welcome every human face.

In God’s world and in this place,
offer Christian love’s embrace.

Live the faith that we proclaim!

Make disciples in Christ’s name!

Preach the cross and empty tomb,
help the children’s faith to bloom,
sing together joyfully,

study Scripture faithfully,

share the faith that we proclaim!

“Hearts are warmed in Jesus’ name!”

Table, font, and vibrant prayer,
serving neighbors everywhere,
tend the sick and those distressed--
fearful, poor, and all oppressed--

live the faith that we proclaim!

Make disciples in Christ’s name!”

Giving thanks for what is past,
holding firmly what will last,
to the future lead us on,
wondrous Source of each new dawn.

Endless is the faith we claim!

Timeless, Christ is still the same!

Risen Lord, the Church’s Head,
one day bring us from the dead.

By the pow’r of Your great love,
raise us to that Church above.

Praising You whom we proclaim;

living ever through Your name.

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Suggested Tune: Unser Herrscher 77.77.77 Joachim Neander, 1680

(cf. tune to: “God of Love and God of Power” #578 UMH)

