



Worship Booklet

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MEMORIAL SERVICE
Sunday, June 2, 2019 | 4:30 PM

+ You're invited to stand in body or in spirit. | **Bold** words are read responsively.

- PRELUDE "Lodonderry Air" (Smith)
- + CALL TO WORSHIPⁱ Ms. Kayla Neese
The ways of death in this world are many.
The words of death surround us;
the fear of death envelops us.
But we come now to hear a different Word,
A true Word, a life-giving Word.
We are here on Isaiah's mountain
where tears are wiped away,
where a banquet table has been set,
where death has been swallowed up forever.
We do not fully understand it; we may not fully believe it.
And yet here it is:
The power of Christ's life within us and among us.
So let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation!
- + HYMN "What Gift Can We Bring" UMH 87
Marshall ANNIVERSARY SONG
- + PRAYERⁱⁱ Ms. Kelly Greer
Blessed are you, Lord our God, lover of souls.
You uphold us in life and sustain us in death;
to you be glory and praise for ever!
For the darkness of this age is passing away
as Christ the bright and morning star
brings to his saints the light of life.
As you give light to those in darkness—
who walk in the shadow of death—
so remember in your kingdom your faithful servants,
that death may be for them the gate to life
and to unending fellowship with you,
where with your saints you live and reign,
one in the perfect union of love
now and for ever. **Amen.**
- SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 8.5 Dr. Joe Geary
- SERMON "They Gave Themselves" Dr. Geary
- INVITATION TO THE TABLEⁱⁱⁱ The Rev. Mark Locke
We are invited to come together around this table
as those who belong to Christ:
brothers and sisters who in and through our lives
live out the death and resurrection of Jesus—

the family of the reborn and reconciled,
 who inhabit the mystery and reality of grace.

CONFESSION & PARDON^{iv}

Rev. Locke

O God,
 the truth of your Word has filled our lives,
 but we have not heard its wisdom.

Lord, have mercy on us.

You have marked us as your own in baptism,
 but we have not lived as your faithful people.

Christ, have mercy on us.

You have called us to proclaim your goodness to the nations,
 but we have hidden our light under a bushel.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Silent confessions are offered.

Transform us by the power of your Holy Spirit
 so that we may live as your new creation,
 forgiven and made whole by your matchless love
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

+ THE PEACE^v

Rev. Locke

We demonstrate our reconciliation to God in lives reconciled to one another;
 let us offer one another signs of forgiveness and peace.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING^{vi} (Musical Setting C, UMH 21)

Bishop Bill McAlilly

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, our Alpha and our Omega,
 whose strong and loving arms encompass the universe,
 for with your eternal Word and Holy Spirit you are forever one God.
 Through your Word you created all things and called them good,
 and in you is the whole of who we are and may be.
 When we fell into sin, you did not desert us.
 In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and lived among us,
 full of grace and truth.
 And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
 we praise your name and sing to you ceaselessly:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
 By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
 you gave birth to your Church,
 delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
 and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night before meeting with death, Jesus took bread,
 gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over Jesus took the cup,
 gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said:
 "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts,
 that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this cup
 we may know the presence of the living Christ
 and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world,
 witnesses always and everywhere to his grace and redemption.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Song of the Saints" (Chopin)

Mr. Blaine Tooley, Tenor

The Rev. Nancy Varden

Renew our communion with all your saints,
 especially those whom we name before you.

As names are read and a bell is chimed, family and friends of our departed loved ones are invited to stand where they are.

*Susan Ailene Bennett
 Joan Eickhoff
 Carol Montgomery
 Thomas Wright Pillow
 Bob Rose
 Gene Davenport
 Doris Eubanks
 William Copeland
 Irene Chandler
 John Kilzer
 Gloria D. Gunter*

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 John Baker-Batsel
 Loletta Bratt
 Mary Helen Barnes
 Glen Scott*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

Rev. Locke

As the grain and grapes, once dispersed in the fields,
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so may we and all your people be gathered from every time and place
into the unity of your love
and of your eternal household.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mr. Tooley

BREAKING THE BREAD

+ GIVING THE BREAD & CUP

+ PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Bishop McAlilly

**Eternal God, we thank you for this holy mystery
through which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit
to give ourselves for others, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

+ HYMN
Havergal/Héroid, Kingsley

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

UMH 399
MESSIAH

+ BENEDICTION^{vii}

Dr. Geary

Now may God—
who has given us through the ever-living Word and the lives of the saints
patterns of holy living and victorious dying—
strengthen our covenantal faith and devotion
and enable us to bear witness to the truth
against all adversity. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Following worship, family of those persons memorialized are welcome to a reception in Room 102.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Mr. Wayne Warren, Organist
Mrs. Sara Hayes; Mr. David Hayes; The Rev. James Luvenc; Wesley Foundation students; Collierville
UMC laity, Communion Servers

REMEMBERING WHO WE ARE: WORD

Sunday, June 2, 2019 | 7 PM

+ You're invited to stand in body or in spirit. | **Bold** words are spoken responsively.

CENTERING WORDS

The Rev. Rebekah Gienapp

+ GATHERING PRAISE

+ CALL TO WORSHIP^{viii}

Project Transformation Interns

In the beginning was the Word: with God and very God, creating the world.

Jesus, you are the Word of God.

The Word gives life; that life is light.

Jesus, the darkness cannot put out your light.

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into our neighborhood.

Jesus, move again into and through our hearts and lives.

It's time for us to put flesh on your word,

Remembering that we are God's children, and part of one another.

It's time for us to put flesh on your word,

Accepting that we are graced, and living by your truth.

It's time for us to put flesh on your word

That we might be your hands and feet in our homes, at our jobs, and on our streets.

We will worship you, Lord, serving you only.

May your light be our light, and shine in every darkness.

May the world see and be transformed,

Giving all praise to our glorious God!

+ SONG OF PRAISE

+ OPENING PRAYER^{ix}

The Rev. Will Clark

In these days, Lord, there's much we don't know:

paths we can't see; outcomes we can't predict.

But there's always been much we don't know.

In these days, Lord, there's much that divides us:

beliefs we trust; opinions we have; convictions we hold.

But there's always been much that divides us.

So in these days, Lord, in the midst of chaos,

help us to remember what's most important;

help us to remember who we are:

those who by what we say and what we do—

by our listening,

by our speaking,

by our embracing,

by our forgiving,

and by our loving—

demonstrate that we belong to you.

This we pray in the name of Christ, and for the sake of your kingdom.

Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE^x

Dr. Cynthia Davis

A Word made Flesh is seldom
 And tremblingly partook
 Nor then perhaps reported
 But have I not mistook
 Each one of us has tasted
 With ecstasies of stealth
 The very food debated
 To our specific strength—

A Word that breathes distinctly
 Has not the power to die
 Cohesive as the Spirit
 It may expire if He—
 “Made Flesh and dwelt among us”
 Could condescension be
 Like this consent of Language
 This loved Philology.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION^{xi}

Dr. Davis

Holy God,
 author of the Word made flesh,
 to whom belongs both the first Word and the last,
 open us to your Spirit,
 that as scripture is spoken and your Word proclaimed,
 we may be comforted, convinced, and changed
 to the glory of Jesus Christ,
 in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

James 1.22-25

Dr. Deborah Smith

SERMON

“Are You Forgetting Something?”

Dr. Smith

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

COMMISSIONING OF PROJECT TRANSFORMATION & PROJECT BRIDGE INTERNS

Dear friends, today we recognize the ministry of these persons
 and commission them to a special task
 in the service of Jesus Christ.

In the name of God and of this annual conference I commend you to this work
 and pledge to you our prayers, encouragement, and support.

May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you,
 that in this and all things
 you may do God’s will in the service of Jesus Christ.

**Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons
 who reaffirm commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to serve in his name.**

**Give each of them courage, patience, and vision;
 and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation
 of witness to the world and service to others;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFERING

Mrs. Elyse Bell

This evening's offering goes to Memphis Conference Outreach agencies/ministries.
 It will be divided equally among Hannah's Hope Adoption & Pregnancy Counseling,
 Lakeshore Camp & Retreat Center, Disaster Response Ministry, Project Transformation,
 Reelfoot Rural Ministries, UM Neighborhood Centers, and West KY UM Family Services.

OFFERING MUSIC

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING^{xii}

Bishop Bill McAlilly

From the abundance of your love, O God, you create;
 from the abundance of your love, you make new.
 From the abundance of your love, O God, you come to us;
 from the abundance of your love, you stay.
 From the abundance of your love, O God, you gift us with good things;
 from the abundance of your love, you call us to share.
 We offer our gratitude for who you are and how you love,
 and pray that you guide us to be your love for others. **Amen.**

+ HYMN

+ BENEDICTION^{xiii}

Mr. Josh Shaw

God is. So go with God.
God is Creator, our Maker, in whose image we are shaped.
 God is with us, Emmanuel—
 our dwelling place, through whom we have life more abundantly.
God is the Lamb slain and risen—
our strong Redeemer, who will never leave us nor forsake us.
 God is all of that.
 God is. So go with God.
Amen!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Name, Accompanist

Ms. Meagan Cloutier, Director of Memphis Programs at Project Transformation

REMEMBERING WHO WE ARE: WATER

Monday, June 3, 2019 | 1:15 PM

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PRELUDE

"Elegy" (Ball)

+ CALL TO WORSHIP^{xiv}

Mr. Parker Talley

Before there was anything—
only shapelessness, darkness—
there was God.

And God's breath moved across the deep.

This God, who called forth everything out of nothing,
made you, made me, made us—

Knitting us together while in the womb.

Lord, you're near in places of serenity and peace,

Leading us through green pastures, beside quiet waters.

You're closer still in tumult or lack,

Pouring streams upon dry land.

As we come to see you, may we better see ourselves:

We are well-watered gardens, springs that won't run dry.

Let our worship strengthen us to live your purposes,

That justice would roll down like waters,

righteousness like ever-flowing streams.

And may our confidence be only, ever in your gracious invitation:

"All who are thirsty should come to me!

All who believe in me should drink!"

+ HYMN OF PRAISE

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

UMH 154
CORONATION

Perronet, Rippon/Holden

+ OPENING PRAYER^{xv}

Ms. Kyla Smith

Great God of waves and wonder,
are we wet enough to burn brightly?

As we gather to remember our common identity

of those marked by your baptism,

set anew your seal upon our hearts,

wash anew our sin-stained lives,

and cool our often-inflamed tempers.

Make us be living water

to give relief to those who thirst,

and bring life to those who are desolate.

Rain upon us, and reign in us, O God,

that we may be wet enough to burn brightly. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION^{xvi}

Ms. Smith

Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth,

who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism,

who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost:

Come to us, open our hearts and minds,

so that we may hear the Word of life

and be renewed by your power,

**for you live and reign with the Father and the Son,
now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 2.1-10	Bishop Bill McAlilly
SERMON	"It Is Enough"	Bishop McAlilly
THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER ^{xvii}		The Rev. Renee Dillard

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

**O Lord our God,
how glorious is your name throughout the earth!**

In the beginning your Spirit
swept across the waters,
bringing forth light and life
where chaos and death had reigned.

When your people fell into sin,
you sent a flood upon the earth,
but sheltered in the ark
faithful Noah's family
with the animals you had made,
that creation might be renewed.

After the deluge abated,
you put in the heavens your rainbow,
a sign of your covenant love.

**O Lord our God,
how glorious is your name throughout the earth!**

You gave your steadfast promise
to Abraham and Sarah,
and to their children for ever.

When their descendants were enslaved under Pharaoh,
you brought them forth through the sea.

You led them by cloud and by fire,
and gave them water in the wilderness.

You carried them over the Jordan
into the land of Canaan,
and made them a mighty nation.

**O Lord our God,
how glorious is your name throughout the earth!**

But again we fell into sin,
though your prophets arose to warn us,
and to dream of a new creation,
a covenant written within.

When all things were ready,

you sent us your Anointed:
 Jesus, born of Mary,
 baptized for us in the Jordan.
 You gave him the gift of your Spirit,
 that he might bring good news to the poor.
 He died at our hands,
 for our sin,
 and set us free by the power of his resurrection.
 He reigns with you in heaven as Lord over sin and death,
 and sends us to baptize:
 to make disciples of all.

**O Lord our God,
 how glorious is your name throughout the earth!**

Bishop McAlilly

Pour out your Holy Spirit
 upon this, your gift of water,
 and upon us who remembering our baptism
 find our name and purpose in Christ.
 Anoint us as ambassadors for your Gospel;
 make us your faithful people
 who await your coming kingdom,
 yet already drink, by grace,
 the water of the river of life.
 Create for yourself one family,
 daughters and sons born from above,
 united with saints of the ages:
 one Church on earth and in heaven.
 To you, O God most holy,
 be all glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

+ REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Rev. Dillard

Scripture offers pictures of sprinkling with branches for purification and renewal.
 Ezekiel 36 reads, "I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
 and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.
 A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you;
 I will remove from your body the heart of stone
 and give you a heart of flesh."
 Therefore it's in this way that we receive this water with gladness,
 reminding us of our baptism.
 You're invited to stand.

Deacons move about the congregation, sprinkling water toward them and saying:

Remember that you are baptized, and rejoice!

+ HYMNS
 Seward/Trad. Gaelic

"Baptized in Water"

TFWS 2248
 BUNESSAN

Cole-Turner/Witt, Gauntlett "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" UMH 611
STUTT GART

Duck/White, Nelson "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" UMH 605
BEACH SPRING

+ BLESSING Bishop McAlilly
The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish us and strengthen us
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that we may live in grace and peace.

+ HYMN "This Is the Spirit's Entry Now" UMH 608
Herbranson/Gläzer, Mason AZMON

+ BENE DICTION^{xviii} Mrs. Shari Russenberger
May your life be a river.
May you flow with the purpose
of the One who created and called you,
who directs your course
and turns you ever toward home.

May your way shimmer
with the light of Christ
who goes with you,
who bears you up,
who calls you by name.

May you move
with the grace of the Spirit
who brooded over the face of the waters
at the beginning,
and who will gather you in
at the end.

Amen.

POSTLUDE "Sinfonia from BWV 22" (Bach)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Gabriel Statom, Organist
The Rev. Amy Martin; The Rev. Mark Locke; The Rev. Camille Bradley; The Rev. Shannon Pryor,
Liturgical Assistants

A SERVICE OF LICENSING, COMMISSIONING, & ORDINATION^{xix}

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ENTRANCE

GATHERING

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 1.1-9

Dr. Birgitte T. French

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN Neander/Bennett

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UMH 139
LOBE DEN HERREN

+ GREETING & PRAYER

The Rev. Autura Eason-Williams

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The Holy Spirit is among us.

Move us, Holy Spirit!

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit
you gave to your apostles and all your Church
many excellent gifts.**

**Come upon us gathered here to set apart those who will lead among us
by calling and equipping us to fulfill your desire
that we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.**

We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*All but the **bishop** are seated.*

RECOGNITION OF OUR COMMON MINISTRY & REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISM

Bishop Bill McAlilly

Sisters and brothers in Christ:

we are all made one with the death of Jesus Christ,
and raised with him to walk in newness of life
in the gift of baptism by water and the Spirit.

The same Spirit who enlivens us
empowers us with many and diverse gifts
to serve as new creatures:
renouncing evil,
embracing and submitting to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
and joining together as his body
to serve as his representatives in the world.

We all start here.

The Spirit leads us all.

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**We reaffirm our baptism
and our common call to ministry.**

PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE LICENSED, COMMISSIONED, OR ORDAINED

Bishop McAlilly

Who presents these candidates to be licensed, commissioned, or ordained?

All laity:

**We have recommended them in our local congregations.
We present them, with our prayers and support.**

All Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry:

We have examined these candidates according to the standards of our *Discipline* and this annual conference of The United Methodist Church.
We present them, with our prayers and support.

All local pastors (candidates stand as their name is called):

We present Christy Collins Brown, Michael Colin Fitzpatrick, and Jamie Max Smith for licensing as local pastor.
We present them, with our prayers and support.

All Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry (candidates stand as their name is called):

We present Larry Morgan Chitwood and Earnestine West Hunt for commissioning as provisional elder.
We present them, with our prayers and support.

All ordained deacons (candidate stands as her name is called):

We present Janean Lee Tinsley for ordination as deacon.
We present her, with our prayers and support.

All ordained elders (candidates stand as their name is called):

We present Amanda Leigh Crice, Chris Alan Eaves, and Amanda Hartmann Westmoreland for ordination as elder.
We present them, with our prayers and support.

The bishop says:

We rejoice in the Spirit's work in our lives
and the lives of those who come to serve and lead among us.

All respond:

**We will uphold them with our prayers and support.
Thanks be to God.**

All but the bishop and candidates are seated. They face one another.

THE GENERAL EXAMINATION

Bishop McAlilly

My sisters and brothers in Christ,
 as local pastors, or commissioned or ordained ministers,
 you are to be coworkers with bishops, elders, deacons, local pastors,
 provisional members, diaconal ministers,
 deaconesses, home missionaries, supply pastors, and all the people of God.

You are called
 to serve rather than to be served,
 to proclaim the faith of the Church and no other,
 and to look after the concerns of God's kingdom above all.

So we may know that you believe yourselves to be called by God
 and that you profess the Christian faith, we ask you:

Do you believe that God has called you
 to the life and work of set apart ministry?

I do so believe.

Do you believe in the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
 and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

I do so believe and confess.

Are you persuaded
 that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments
 contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ,
 and are the unique and authoritative standard
 for the Church's faith and life?

I am so persuaded, by God's grace.

Will you be faithful in prayer,
 in the study of the Holy Scriptures,
 and with the help of the Holy Spirit
 continually rekindle the gift of God that is in you?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you do your best to pattern your life
 in accordance with the teachings of Christ?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you, in the exercise of your ministry,
 lead the people of God to faith in Jesus Christ,
 participate in the life and work of the community,
 and seek peace, justice, and freedom for all people?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you be faithful to The United Methodist Church,
 accepting and upholding its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline,
 defending them against all doctrines contrary to God's Holy Word,
 and commit yourself to be accountable to those serving with you
 and to the bishop and those who are appointed to supervise your ministry?

I will, with the help of God.

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFERING

Dr. Joe Geary

This evening's offering will support the Jerusalem fund.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Church of God is One" (Hill)

Metro District Mass Choir

LICENSING OF LOCAL PASTORS

The Rev. LaTricia Trull

Dear friends, these persons have completed the requirements for the license as local pastor and are recommended by the Board of Ordained Ministry. We have inquired diligently concerning them and have found them to be fit for this sacred vocation.

Bishop McAlilly

Do you believe you are moved by the Holy Spirit to serve as a local pastor?

I do.

Will you strive to live a life in keeping with what you preach?

I will.*Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are.*

You are hereby authorized to serve as a local pastor in the congregation to which you are appointed. Take care that you perform these duties faithfully as much as you are able, the Lord being your helper.

As the bishop prays, all are welcome to extend hands toward the local pastors.

Lord, we thank you for these persons, whom we set aside in your name as local pastors. Prepare them in body, mind, and spirit for their task and continue them in your grace, that they may increase and bless your Church through their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The local pastors return to their seats.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

UMH 396; st 1
ANGEL'S STORY

Bode/Mann

THE COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL ELDERS

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONING

Rev. Eason-Williams

Candidates come to the chancel rail, facing the bishop.

A provisional member is bound to the service of God, appointed and supervised by the bishop, and guided by ordained and lay colleagues of the Board of Ordained Ministry, as they continue to grow in grace and to practice and perfect their skills in the ministries to which they may later be ordained as deacon or elder. This is the rule of life and work of a provisional member.

ACT OF COMMISSIONING

Bishop McAlilly

Candidates face the congregation.

By affirming the covenant of baptism,
all members of Christ's holy Church pledge
to serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Christ gave all of us this command:

"Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest."

We have asked, and the Lord has answered.

This sister and brother know our Savior's concern for God's people,
see the plentiful harvest, and are ready to respond generously to the Lord
in the words of the prophet: "Here I am; send me."

Urged on by the love of Christ and strengthened by the Holy Spirit,
they now come to declare in public
their desire to live out the covenant made at their baptism
by binding themselves to the service of God
under the supervision of the bishop and the guidance of ordained colleagues
and by being appointed to share as servant leaders in the body of Christ.
Today we commission them to service
as they continue to prepare for ordained ministry among us.

God of the apostles and prophets, of the martyrs and teachers,
you raise up men and women to be apostolic leaders in your Church.
By your Holy Spirit
help these, your servants,
to understand and live the mystery of your love with boldness and joy.
Deepen their sense of purpose
as they exercise commissioned ministry.
Empower them, and those who will walk with them to guide their ministry,
together with all of your people,
to heal the sick, love the outcast,
resist evil, preach the Word,
and give themselves freely for your name's sake.

Friends and family of candidates are invited to stand where they are and extend hands toward the candidate.

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit on *Full Name*.
Send *him/her* now to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,
to announce the reign of God,
and to equip the Church for ministry,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The newly-commissioned return to their seats.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

UMH 396; st 3

THE ORDINATION OF A DEACON

EXAMINATION OF DEACON CANDIDATE

The Rev. Camille Bradley

The deacon candidate comes to the center of the chancel rail and faces the congregation. The chair of the Order of Deacons and two assisting deacons come to the lectern.

A deacon

is called to share in Christ's ministry of servanthood,
to relate the life of the community to its service in the world,
to lead others into Christian discipleship,
to nurture disciples for witness and service,

A large Bible is lifted.

to lead in worship,
to teach and proclaim God's Word,
to assist elders and appointed local pastors at Holy Baptism and Holy Communion,

A towel and pitcher are lifted.

to interpret to the Church the world's hurts and hopes,
to serve all people, particularly the poor, the sick, and the oppressed,
and to lead Christ's people in ministries of compassion and justice,
liberation and reconciliation,
especially in the face of hardship and personal sacrifice.

This is the rule of life and work of a deacon.

The deacon candidate faces the bishop, who asks:

Do you believe that God has called you
to the life and work of a deacon?

I do so believe.

ORDINATION WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Bishop McAlilly

As this person is ordained by God and the Church
for the ministry of deacon
to which we believe she has been called by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray for her.

All are invited to extend hands toward the candidate.

We thank you, Living God,
that in your great love
you sent Jesus Christ
to take the form of a servant,
becoming obedient even to death on the cross,
and now resurrected and exalted in the heavens.

You have taught us, by his word and example,
that whoever would be great among us must be servant of all.

Give this servant grace to be faithful to her promises,
constant in her discipleship,
and always ready for works of loving service.

Make her modest and humble, gentle and strong,
rooted and grounded in love.

Give her a share in the ministry of Jesus Christ,
who came not to be served but to serve.

The candidate and those assisting with the ordination come to the kneeler. The candidate kneels. Assistants lay hands on the candidate. Friends and family may stand where they are. The bishop lays both hands on the head of the candidate, praying:

Almighty God, pour upon *Name* the Holy Spirit
for the office and work of a deacon in Christ's holy Church.

All audibly affirm the action, saying,

Amen.

The candidate immediately places both hands on a Bible as the bishop lays hands on the hands of the candidate and prays:

Full Name, take authority as a deacon
to proclaim the Word of God
and to lead God's people
in ministries of compassion and justice;
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All audibly affirm the action, saying,

Amen.

A shoulder stole is placed on the deacon and orders are presented.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

UMH 396; st 4

THE ORDINATION OF ELDERS

EXAMINATION OF ELDER CANDIDATES

The Rev. Greg Waldrop

The elder candidates come to the center of the chancel rail and face the congregation. The chair of the Order of Elders and assisting elders come to the lectern.

An elder

is called to share in the ministry of Christ
and of the whole Church:
to preach and teach the Word of God

A large Bible is lifted.

and faithfully administer
the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Communion;

A paten and chalice are lifted.

to lead the people of God in worship and prayer;
to lead persons to faith in Jesus Christ;
to exercise pastoral supervision;
to order the life of the congregation and connection;
to counsel the troubled,
and declare the forgiveness of sin;
to lead the people of God
in obedience to Christ's mission in the world;
to seek justice, peace, and freedom for all people;
and to take a responsible place in the government of the Church
and in service in and to the community

This is the rule of life and work of an elder.

The elder candidates face the bishop, who asks:

Do you believe that God has called you
to the life and work of an elder?

I do so believe.

ORDINATION WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Bishop McAlilly

As these persons are ordained by God and the Church
for the ministry of elder
to which we believe they have been called by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray for them.

All are invited to extend hands toward the candidates.

We praise you, eternal God;
you have called us to be a priestly people,
offering to you acceptable worship through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Apostle and High Priest, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.
We thank you that, by dying, Christ has overcome death
and, having ascended into heaven,
has poured forth gifts abundantly on your people,
making some apostles, some prophets,
some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,
to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
to build up Christ's body,
and to fulfill your gracious purpose in the world.

Give to these your servants the grace and power they need
to serve you in this ministry.
Make them faithful pastors, patient teachers, and wise counselors.
Enable them to serve without reproach,
to proclaim the gospel of salvation,
to administer the sacraments of the new covenant,
and to offer with all your people
spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

The candidates and those assisting with the ordination come individually to the kneeler. The candidate kneels. Assistants lay hands on the candidate. Friends and family may stand where they are. The bishop lays both hands on the head of the candidate, praying:

Almighty God, pour upon *Name* the Holy Spirit
for the office and work of an elder in Christ's holy Church.

All audibly affirm the action, saying,

Amen.

The candidate immediately places both hands on a Bible as the bishop lays hands on the hands of the candidate and prays:

Full Name, take authority as an elder
to preach the Word of God,
to administer the Holy Sacraments,
and to order the life of the Church;
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All audibly affirm the action, saying,

Amen.

A stole is placed on the elder and orders are presented.

SENDING FORTH

PRAYER

Bishop McAlilly

Let us pray:

**We thank you, gracious God,
for raising up among us faithful servants.**

**Clothe them with your righteousness,
and grant that we, with them,
may glorify you by giving ourselves to others. Amen.**

+ BLESSING

Bishop McAlilly

The grace of Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

+ DISMISSAL

Dr. French

Go in peace

to love and serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

We are sent in Christ's name.**Thanks be to God!**

+ RECESSIONAL HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation" (Forrest)

Following worship, a reception for the newly-licensed, commissioned, and ordained and their families
will be held in the Garden Lobby.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Mr. Dakota Hill, Organist

Names, Accompanists

The Rev. Rebekah Gienapp and The Rev. Shannon Pryor, Assisting Deacons

The Rev. Nancy Varden and The Rev. Erin Beasley, Assisting Elders

REMEMBERING WHO WE ARE: WITNESS (A SERVICE OF SENDING)

Tuesday, June 4, 2019 | 3 PM

+ You're invited to stand in body or in spirit. | **Bold** words are read responsively.

+ GATHERING PRAISE

+ CALL TO WORSHIP^{xx}

The Rev. Sharon Lewis-Karamoko

In these days during which we've come together,
we've deliberated, we've conversed, we've planned.

We've read statements, we've heard reports, we've cast votes.

These things are needful, and can be good;

They help to order our life and ministry.

Much of our days are filled

with checking boxes, completing tasks, meeting responsibilities:

Necessary for our work, our homes, our families.

Still none of this defines who we are, or tells us why we exist;

this comes from the lips of our Lord:

"You are witnesses."

We are witnesses to the embodied Word of God.

We are witnesses to life by way of death.

We are witnesses to grace that calls, connects, and carries us.

These are truths which bind us to the Gospel and to one another;

These are truths which bid us to go forth, with open hearts and hands.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Enliven our worship, and us,

that, in the days ahead, we may remember that *this* is who we are—

committing ourselves to live as such in everything we say and do.

Thanks be to God!

+ SONG

FIXING OF APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Deborah Smith, Metro District Superintendent

Dr. Cynthia Davis, Mississippi River District Superintendent

Dr. Rob Martin, Purchase District Superintendent

Dr. Richard Clark, Tennessee River District Superintendent

THE PRAYER OF THE BISHOP^{xxi}

Bishop Bill McAlilly

Almighty God, send your life-giving Spirit

upon these your servants in the _____ District.

You have called and commissioned them to speak and act for you

in their particular mission field.

Give to them your grace,

that their lives be reflections of Christ's likeness,

as they minister in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE LAITY & CLERGY^{xxii}

We thank you, Lord, for our shared and individual ministries.

Help us to labor faithfully together;

make your vision our vision,

your hope our hope,

and your purposes our purposes,
so that disciples are made, hearts are transformed,
and all are reached with your redeeming love. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE^{xxiii}

The Rev. Tim Carpenter

Jesus invites all who believe in his reign of justice and love
to gather around this table and be fed in body and spirit,
receiving strength for the journey.
As we prepare to share in this holy meal,
may we confess to God and one another our need for forgiveness.

CONFESSION & PARDON^{xxiv}

Rev. Carpenter

**God of peace, we know that we have tarnished your vision for this world.
You have called us to witness to a way of love—loving you and loving our neighbor—
but we have strayed, seeking our own vision
instead of the one you have for us.
We have fought with one another,
we have not worked for equity,
we have not done that which you require of us.
Help us, O God, to seek instead your way of being,
as you usher us into your presence. Amen.**

All offer silent confessions.

This is the good news: while we were still sinners Christ died for us;
in this, we're shown God's love for us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All:

Glory to God! Amen.

+ THE PEACE

Rev. Carpenter

Let us greet one another with signs of restoration and forgiveness.

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING^{xxv}

Bishop McAlilly

The Lord is with you.
And also with you.
Let us open our hearts to the love of God.
We open our hearts with humble gratitude.

You have told us, O God, what is good and right.
**You gave us a glimpse of a peaceable Kingdom in the garden,
where human beings were united to one another and to you.**
You have told us, O God, what is good and right.
**Instructing your people through the prophets
to be joined with one another in seeking your will.**
You have told us, O God, what is good and right.
Showing us a different way of living in community through Jesus Christ.

Loving God, you have invited us time and time again
 to do what is good and right in your sight:
 to live the way that you intended us to live, in a community of wholeness.
 You have given us every opportunity to return to you
 and embrace your idea.
 We witness to you now, joining our voices together
 and remembering your reign of righteousness.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

When we rejected your intentions for us,
 instead following our own wants and desires,
 you sent us Jesus Christ, who modeled for us through his actions and words
 a new understanding of mercy, of goodness, of grace.
 We rejected him as well;
 but still he embraces us as we share in this holy meal,
 remembering how, on the night he gave himself for us,
 he took bread, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,
 "Eat this and remember me."

After the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you,
 gave it to his disciples and said,
 "Drink this, and remember me."

So today, we gather together around this Table and remember:
 remember Jesus' unfathomable self-offering;
 remember the acts of power and goodness expressed through our Lord;
 remember the covenant established, by God, with us;
 remember the covenant we share with one another;
 remember who we are.

All this we do with thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Holy God, pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts of the bread and the cup.
 May they be for us Christ's body and blood,
 nourishing us to do what you require:
 to walk humbly with you, to love others, and to seek freedom in the face of oppression,
 so that we might truly be your witnesses, proclaiming to others your Kingdom.

By your Spirit make us one—with Christ, with each other, and in service to you—
 until Christ gathers us in to feast eternally with him.
 This we pray in your holy Triune name.

Amen.

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER^{xxvi}

Bishop McAlilly

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

+ GIVING THE BREAD & CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING^{xxvii}

Bishop McAlilly

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,**

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ HYMN

+ BENEDICTION^{xxviii}

Rev. Lewis-Karamoko

You are shaped and given being by the eternal Word.

This is who we are.

You are cleansed and made new by living water.

This is who we are.

You are sent into this world as witnesses to grace.

This is who we are.

This is who you are;

Thanks be to God, this is who we are.

Go now, in full assurance that the God of us all goes with you,
and let all that you do be done in love. **Amen!**

POSTLUDE

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Name, Accompanist

Ms. Dinah Allison; Ms. Nancy Cofield; Ms. Emma Nicell; Ms. Karen Oppenheim; Mr. Ed Roberson; Ms. Barbara Schanson; Mr. Conrad Schanson; Ms. Trish Stephenson; Ms. June Dark; Mr. Doug Carpenter; Ms. Mary Groh; Ms. Brenda Smith, Communion Servers

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