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 WORSHIP
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

+ PRAYER
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 TABLE
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

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

+ THE PEACE

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 (Musical Setting C, UMH 21)

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,  
worries always and everywhere to his grace and redemption.

SPECIAL MUSIC  
“Song of the Saints” (Choplin)  
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  Delores Broyles  Ava Jean Wildes  
Joan Eickhoff  Grace Russell  Bernice Walker  
Carol Montgomery  Thomas G. Small  Norma Jean Clark  
Thomas Wright Pillow  Don Barnett  Pearl Thomas  
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John Kilzer  Zada Russ  Mary Helen Barnes  
Gloria D. Gunter  Stanley McDaniel  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.

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

BREAKING THE BREAD

+ GIVING THE BREAD & CUP

+ PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

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

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

HAVERGAL/HEROLD, KINGSLEY

UMH 399

MESSIAH

+ BENEDICTION

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 Luvene; Wesley Foundation students; Collierville UMC laity, Communion Servers
REMEMBERING WHO WE ARE: WORD  
Sunday, June 2, 2019 | 7 PM

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CENTERING WORDS  
The Rev. Rebekah Gienapp

+ GATHERING PRAISE

+ CALL TO WORSHIP  
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  
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

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

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

SERMON

“Are You Forgetting Something?”

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

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

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
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
Perronet, Rippon/Holden

+ OPENING PRAYER
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
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\textsuperscript{vii} 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!

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
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
“Baptized in Water”
Saward/Trad. Gaelic
TFWS 2248
BUNESSAN
“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”  
Cole-Turner/Witt, Gauntlett

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”  
Duck/White, Nelson

+ BLESSING
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”  
Herbranson/Gläzer, Mason

+ BENEDICTION
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
Monday, June 3, 2019 | 7 PM

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ENTRANCE

GATHERING

SCRIPTURE    Joshua 1.1-9    Dr. Birgitte T. French

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN    “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”    UMH 139
    Neander/Bennett    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

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 missioners, 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.
Will you, for the sake of the Church’s life and mission, covenant to participate in the life of the order or fellowship into which you are ordained, commissioned, or received?

Will you give yourself to God through the order or fellowship, in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship, and service under the rule of life set forth in the vows you take this day?

I will, with the help of God.

May God, who has given you the will to do these things, give you grace to perform them, that the work begun in you by the Holy Spirit may be brought to perfection.

Amen.

All are seated.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

EPISTLE LESSON                         2 Corinthians 4.7-12                         The Rev. Daphne Moses

HYMN                          “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”                          UMH 584
Rowthorn/Taylor                          ABBOT’S LEIGH

+ THE GOSPEL                          The Rev. Renee Dillard
The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 15, verses 1 through 17.

The gospel of our Lord!
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON                          “Abiding on the Journey”                          Bishop McAlilly

+ THE APOSTLES’ CREED                          Bishop McAlilly
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.
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.

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

Bode/Mann

ANGEL’S STORY

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

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. 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
EXAMINATION OF DEACON CANDIDATE

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

As this person is ordained by God and the Church
for the ministry of deacon

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,
current 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

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

+Dismissal
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.
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

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

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

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. \textit{Amen.}

\textbf{INVITATION TO THE TABLE}\textsuperscript{xxiii} \hspace{1cm} 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.

\textbf{CONFESSION & PARDON}\textsuperscript{xxiv} \hspace{1cm} Rev. Carpenter

\textit{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. \textit{Amen.}

\textit{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.
\textit{In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.}

\textit{All:}
\textit{Glory to God! Amen.}

\textbf{+ THE PEACE} \hspace{1cm} Rev. Carpenter

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

\textbf{+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING}\textsuperscript{xxv} \hspace{1cm} Bishop McAlilly

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

You have told us, O God, what is good and right.
\textit{You gave us a glimpse of a peaceable Kingdom in the garden,}
\textit{where human beings were united to one another and to you.}
You have told us, O God, what is good and right.
\textit{Instructing your people through the prophets}
\textit{to be joined with one another in seeking your will.}
You have told us, O God, what is good and right.
\textit{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

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

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

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

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