



**SERVICE OF LICENSING,
COMMISSIONING & ORDINATION**

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

7:00 P.M.

**Broadway United Methodist Church
Paducah, Kentucky**

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

“Toccatina on ‘Amazing Grace’”
Nancy Ryan, Organ

arr. J. Christopher Pardini

+ PROCESSIONAL 648

“God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”

HYFRYDOL

GREETING AND PRAYER

Bishop William T. McAlilly

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

We come together to praise God,
to hear the Holy Word,
and to seek for ourselves and others
the power, presence, and direction of the Holy Spirit.
Let us pray:

Eternal God,
by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit
you gave to your apostles many excellent gifts.
Give your grace to all servants of your church,
that we may with diligence and faithfulness
fulfill our various ministries.
Grant that we your people
may follow where you lead,
perfect our ministries,
and live in joyful obedience to your will,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF OUR ONE MINISTRY AND OUR ONE BAPTISM

The bishop, standing at the baptismal font, begins:

Ministry is the work of God, done by the people of God.
Through baptism all Christians are made part of the priesthood of all believers,
the church, Christ’s body, made visible in the world.
We all share in Christ’s ministry of love and service
for the redemption of the human family and the whole of creation.
Therefore, in celebration of our common ministry,
I call upon all God’s people gathered here:

The bishop pours water into the font, and says:

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

We remember our baptism and affirm our common ministry.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Conference Lay Leader:

On behalf of the laity of local congregations who have examined and approved these candidates,

Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry:

and on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry of this annual conference, which has recommended these persons, and this annual conference, which has approved them,

Chairs of the Orders of Elders, Deacons and the Fellowship of Local Pastors:

We present this person to be licensed as a local pastor (*local pastor stands*)

Wallace Edwin Smith

This person to be commissioned as provisional deacon (*provisional deacon stands*)

Amy Wingrove Martin

These persons to be ordained elder (*elders stand*)

Sara Katherine Corum

Kristofer Santos Roof

Leah Mae Howe

John Travis Penney

John Keith Long

Dennis Vance, Jr.

Robert Michael Potter

After all the candidates have been presented, they remain standing, and the bishop says:

These persons are by God's grace to be licensed, commissioned or ordained to ministry in Christ's holy church. Those authorized by the Church to inquire about them have discerned that they are persons of sound learning and of Christian character, and possess the necessary signs of God's grace, and have demonstrated a profound commitment to serve Jesus Christ. Therefore, we believe them to be duly called to serve God.

We ask you, people of God, to declare your assent to these persons.

Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace, to be licensed, commissioned or ordained?

We do! Thanks be to God!

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

With God's help, we will!

The bishop, presenters, and candidates are seated.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

"One Faith, One Lord, One Hope"
Broadway United Methodist Church Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4.1-6
Reverend Atura Eason Williams, Vice-Chair,
Memphis Conference Board of Ordained Ministry

SERMON

Bishop William T. McAlilly

“One”

OFFERING

Tonight's offering will support The Jerusalem Fund, a confidential ministry of the Memphis Conference providing short term financial assistance to Memphis Conference clergy facing hardships.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“O How Glorious Is Thy Kingdom”

Phillip Stopford

**Broadway United Methodist Church Chancel Choir
Brass, Percussion and Organ**

LICENSING OF A LOCAL PASTOR

The one to be licensed rises and proceeds to the chancel rail.

Rev'd Tommy Ward, Director of the Nashville Area Office of Ministerial Concerns, says:

Dear friends, this person has completed the requirements for the license as a local pastor and is recommended by the Board of Ordained Ministry. We have inquired diligently concerning him and have found him to be fit for this sacred vocation.

The bishop then asks the following questions of the Local Pastor to be licensed:

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.

The bishop presents a license to the new local pastor, accompanied by

Co-Chairs of the Fellowship of Local Pastors,

The local pastor kneels after he receives his license.

Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the presentation of the license.

The Bishop, standing in the middle of the chancel, says:

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.

The bishop says to the congregation:

As we pray, I invite the church to extend your arms towards this person.

We thank you for this person,

whom we set aside in your name as a local pastor.

Prepare him in body, mind, and spirit for his task

and continue him in your grace,

that he may increase and bless your Church through his labor;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The one licensed returns to his seat

ANTHEM

“Ubi Caritas”
The Paducah Singers

Ola Gjeillo

GENERAL EXAMINATION OF THOSE TO BE COMMISSIONED AND ORDAINED

*All remain seated except the candidates and the Bishop, who stand facing one another.
The bishop examines the candidates for commissioning and ordination.*

My sisters and brothers in Christ,
you have been called
to commissioned or ordained ministry.
The church now confirms your calling.

As commissioned or ordained ministers,
you are to be coworkers with the laity, Bishops,
deacons, diaconal ministers, deaconesses, home missionaries,
commissioned ministers, local pastors and elders.

Remember that you are called
to serve rather than to be served,
to proclaim the faith of the church and no other,
to look after the concerns of God above all.

So that 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 ordained ministry?

Candidates respond: 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?

Candidates respond: 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?

Candidates respond: 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?

Candidates respond: I will, with the help of God.

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

Candidates respond: 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,
to participate in the life and work of the community,

and to seek peace, justice, and freedom for all people?

Candidates respond: **I will, with the help of God.**

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

Candidates respond: **I will, with the help of God.**

The Bishop addresses the candidates:

May God,

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

All audibly affirm the action, saying, Amen.

All candidates are seated except for the one to be commissioned who proceeds to the chancel rail

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Be Thou My Vision" v. 1

SLANE

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

THE LESSON FOR COMMISSIONING

Acts 13.1-5

Rev'd Dr. Birgitte French
Chair, Metro District Committee on Ministry

COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL DEACON

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 knows our Savior's concern for God's people,
sees the plentiful harvest, and is 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,
she now comes to declare in public
her desire to live out the covenant made at her baptism
by binding herself 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 her to service
as she continues to prepare for ordained ministry among us.

THE PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

The candidate kneels.

The bishop, facing the congregation and extending arms over the candidate, prays:

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 this, your servant,
to understand and live the mystery of your love with boldness and joy.
Deepen her sense of purpose
as she exercises commissioned ministry.
Empower her, and those who will walk with her to guide her ministry,
together with all of your people,
to heal the sick, love the outcast,
resist evil, preach the Word,
and give herself freely for your name's sake.

The Bishop, standing behind and laying both hands upon the shoulders of the candidate, pray:

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Amy Wingrove Martin.
Send 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.

All audibly affirm the action, saying, Amen.

The bishop introduces the newly commissioned after which the commissioned deacon is seated.

I present to you this newly commissioned provisional deacon of
The Memphis Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church!

The candidates for the ordination of elders proceed to chancel rail as musical interlude begins.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Be Thou My Vision" v. 2

SLANE

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

THE ORDINATION OF ELDERS

THE QUALITIES OF AN ELDER 1 Peter 5.1-11

Reverend Dr. Bryan Brooks,
Chair, Tennessee Conference Board of Ordained Ministry

The bishop introduces the act of ordination:

Ordination is a gift from God to the Church and is exercised in covenant with the whole
Church and within the covenant of the order of deacons or elders.
My sisters and brothers, you have been called to an ordained ministry.
The Church now confirms your calling through ordination.

EXAMINATION OF ELDERS

The bishop examines the elder candidates:

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 Bible is lifted.

and faithfully administer
the sacrament of Holy Baptism and Communion;

Here a chalice and paten 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 the 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.

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

Candidates respond: I do so believe.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR ELDERS

The bishop calls the people to prayer:

As these persons are ordained by the church
for the office and work of elders to which we believe they
have been called by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray for them.

The bishop, with hands extended over those being ordained, prays:

We praise you, eternal God,
because 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 the 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.

*Family members and friends are invited to stand for silent prayer
during the laying on of hands for the ordinand.*

The bishop lays both hands on the head of the ordinand, 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.

*Immediately the candidate places hands on a Bible as the bishop lays hands on
the hands of the candidate and says:*

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.

The bishop greets and introduces the newly ordained after which they are seated.

I present to you these newly ordained elders of
The Memphis Conference of The United Methodist Church!

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Be Thou My Vision" v.3

SLANE

*Great God of heaven, my victory won.
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.*

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 bishop blesses the people:

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

+ RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Come, Let Us Dream”

O WALY WALY



1. Come, let us dream_____ God's dream a - gain_____

2. The lame shall walk,_____ the blind shall see,_____

3. When ha - tred ends_____ and war shall cease,_____

4. But know the cost_____ of claim - ing sight_____

5. Pro - phets are scorned_____ in their own lands_____



— Come, one and all,_____ let us as - cend_____

— the doors swing wide,_____ all pri - soners free,_____

— so all may dwell_____ in deep - est peace,_____

— of God's new day,_____ of wrongs made right,_____

— and mar - tyrs slain_____ by right - eous hands;_____



— the moun - tain - top_____ where those of old_____

— the low - ly raised,_____ the proud brought low._____

— then be as - sured_____ the time is near_____

— for some have paid_____ the high - est price,_____

— Though dream - ers die,_____ the dream will live,_____



— saw God's new day_____ on earth un - fold.

— This is God's dream:_____ let jus - tice flow.

— when per - fect love_____ casts out all fear.

— their lives for us,_____ a sac - ri - fice.

— for we have yet_____ our lives to give.

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace

To serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

We are sent in God's name.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

**"Trumpet Tune in G"
Brass Choir, Percussion and Organ**

Jeremy J. Bankson

*The Board of Ordained Ministry invites you
to share in a reception celebrating our newly licensed local pastor,
commissioned deacon and ordained elders in Igert Hall.*

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**Ped Foster - Trumpet 1
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Tuba- Bill Waterman**

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Horn - Jennifer Presar
Percussion**

Nancy Ryan, Organ

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Broadway United Methodist Chancel Choir
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