

**Worship Services for the
2015 Session of the South Carolina Annual Conference
of The United Methodist Church**

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The Commissioning and Ordination Service will have a separate bulletin. As such, the order of worship for the Commissioning and Ordination Service is not included in this worship guide.

† The Order for the Examination and Licensing of Local Pastors will take place during the business session of the Annual Conference.

†† The Closing Worship service will be our final act and take place after all business has been concluded.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Annual Conference! We are gathered from across South Carolina for a few days of Christian conferencing. Our work is grounded in worship, a means of grace by which we gather in God's presence and ask God to make us disciples God can use. Over these next few days we will meet God in prayer, in praise, in Sacrament, and in our sisters and brothers. In order to ensure our worship is meaningful, please take a moment to read through this introduction.

Please note, a separate order of worship will be distributed for Monday night's ordination service. There is no printed worship guide for Tuesday night's praise service.

REGARDING PROCESSIONS

Several of our worship services will begin with processions. Once a procession has started, please do not enter the floor of the arena until all those in the procession have taken their places.

In worship services with a recession, please remain in your seat until all those in the recession have left the arena.

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## RECEIVING COMMUNION AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The celebration of Holy Communion is a **sacred** moment of worship regardless of the setting. We are humbly receiving God's grace in the sharing of the Bread and Cup. Please retain this attitude throughout the services by refraining from conversation with your neighbor. Likewise, please restrict your movement to only that necessary to move to the servers and to return to your seat.

The Lord's Table is open to all - if you desire to receive Communion, you are welcome at Christ's Table.

The method of serving is by intinction. As you approach the servers, please place your right hand on top of your left hand with palms up and, while making eye contact with your server, extend both hands to receive the bread. Your server will place the bread in your hands with these (or similar) words: "The body of Christ given for you." Your response may be a simple "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."

After receiving the bread move to the server holding the cup. Dip the bread into the cup as it is tilted towards you. A napkin is provided to remove any excess liquid. The server will say the following (or similar) words: "The blood of Christ given for you" and again your response can be a simple "Amen."

Please return to your seat maintaining an attitude of worship as others are continuing to be served.

## RECEIVING COMMUNION IN THE MAIN ARENA

There are serving stations throughout the arena. Ushers will be present to direct you to your nearest station. Please follow your usher's instructions allowing the service to move as smoothly and as worshipful as possible. Please note that if you are seated in the burgundy seats - on the floor - your servers will be in front of you and that if you are seated in the teal seats - in the stands - your servers will be behind you.

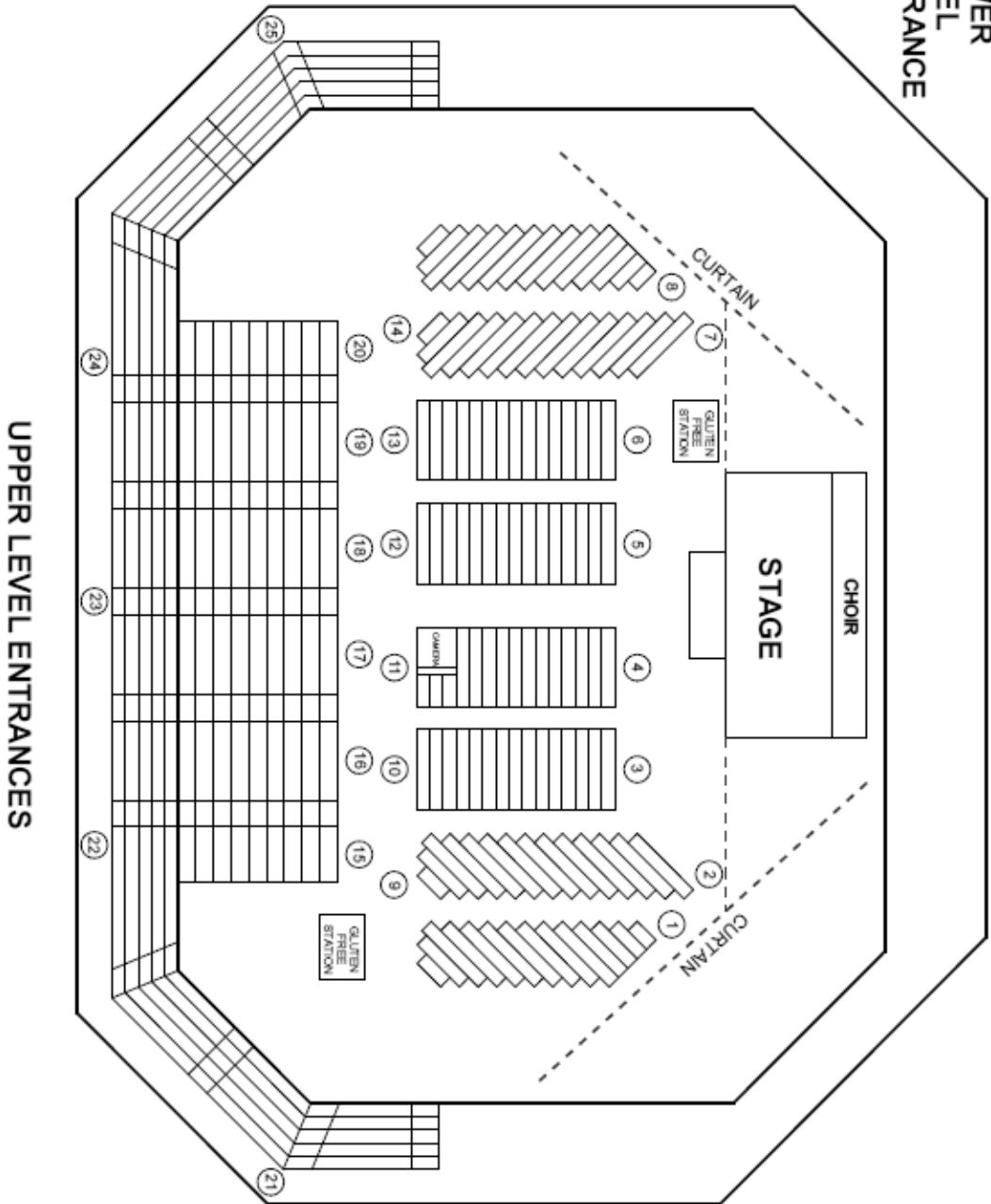
There will be two stations serving **gluten-free** bread - one at the front of the arena to the left of the stage and one at the right rear of the arena. Please make your own way to the most convenient station and back to your seat.

## RECEIVING COMMUNION AT THE 7:30 A.M. SERVICES

In addition to the service of Holy Communion in the arena during our opening worship service, "A Service of Word and Table" will be offered each morning at 7:30 - Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings at 7:30. There will be three stations at each of these services, each of which will have a regular loaf of bread. The station on the congregation's right will have both regular and gluten-free bread. Due to the smaller more intimate settings of these services ushers will not be provided and you will simply cooperate with the other worshippers as you move to the most convenient station to receive the elements in the same manner detailed above.

# COMMUNION SERVING STATIONS

LOWER  
LEVEL  
ENTRANCE



UPPER LEVEL ENTRANCES

OPENING SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
Sunday • June 7, 2015 • 7:30 PM

**We Gather for Worship**

Gathering Prelude ..... Christopher Leysath  
*When in Our Music God is Glorified* ..... Engleberg  
Music: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904

Welcome and Prayer ..... The Rev. Steven M. King

Call to Worship ..... The Rev. Steven M. King

We meet in different buildings; in different towns.  
**We speak different languages and sing different hymns.**  
We wear different clothing and have different gifts and talents.  
**Yet, as we gather together for worship today,**  
**we become one body, one family in Christ.**  
We join together on one journey,  
**the journey to unite with the Risen Christ.**  
We join together with God as the Kingdom of God comes  
and as God's will is done.  
**Let us join with all our brothers and sisters in worship**  
**and true communion with God this day.<sup>1</sup>**

**\*Processional Hymns**

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* ..... AZMON

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;  
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739  
Music: Carl G. Gläser, arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839  
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*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ..... LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning  
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.  
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.  
Hast thou not known his sustaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder a new what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,  
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.  
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,  
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him.

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; sts. 1, 3, 5 trans. By Catherine Winkworth, 1864  
 St. 2 by S. Paul Schilling, 1986; st. 4 by Rupert E. Davies, 1983 (Ps. 103: 1-6, 150)  
 Music: *Eneuernten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. By William Sterndale Bennett, 1864; CCLI #2825634

**Prayer of Invocation** ..... Ms. Barbara Ware

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**O God, you send us out into the world as your disciples.**

**Allow the Church to be a healing presence,**

**a place and a people that live out**

**the essence of your kingdom, here and now;**

**through Jesus the Christ, our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, forever. Amen.<sup>2</sup>**

**Anthem** ..... Africa University Choir

**We Hear God's Word Read and Proclaimed**

**Prayer for Illumination** ..... Ms. Lollie Haselden

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Your Word, O Lord,  
is our inspiration and our light.  
Your Word, O Lord,  
is power, wisdom, and comfort.  
Guide us this evening,  
as we listen to the Word read and proclaimed,  
and fill us with understanding  
and the desire and willingness to change.  
Speak Lord! Your people listen! Amen.<sup>3</sup>

**Reading of God's Word**

*Romans 5:1-5* ..... Ms. Lollie Haselden

**Proclamation of the Word**

*"Who Could Ask for Anything More"* ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

**We Respond to God's Word with Thanksgiving and Communion**

**Affirmation of Faith** ..... Mr. Donald Love

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace  
**to be renewed in the image of our Creator,  
that we may be one  
in divine love for the world.**

Today is the day  
God cares for the integrity of creation,  
wills the healing and wholeness of all life,  
weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.

**And so shall we.**

Today is the day  
God embraces all hues of humanity,  
delights in diversity and difference,  
favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.

**And so shall we.**

Today is the day  
God cries with the masses of starving people,  
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,  
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.

**And so shall we.**

Today is the day  
God deplores violence in our homes and streets,  
rebukes the world's warring madness,  
humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.

**And so shall we.**

Today is the day  
God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace,  
celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,  
exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.

**And so shall we.**

Today is the day  
God brings good news to the poor,  
proclaims release to the captives,  
gives sight to the blind, and  
sets the oppressed free.  
And so shall we.<sup>4</sup>

**Invitation to the Offering** ..... Dr. Philip Stone  
(Tonight's offering is for the *Burdine Lodge Restoration Project*, an effort to restore and preserve an eighteenth century log home in which Bishop Francis Asbury stayed and in which a Methodist Society was organized. All checks should be made payable to the South Carolina Annual Conference. Please designate the name of the church making the offering.)

**Offering**

**Offertory** ..... Africa University Choir

**Doxology** ..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words: Thomas Ken (1674)  
Harmonizer: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)  
Adapter: Gilbert H. Vieira (1978)  
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**Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon** ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

God, you have caught us in our sinful behavior.  
We come to you with the hope of your restoration.  
We walk with our heads held high,  
without noticing others and their burdens.  
We are even blind to our own!  
We keep our mouths silenced  
when we are full of stories to share  
about the good things that you have done for us.  
We even keep our actions silenced  
as we become so overwhelmed with the needs of the world  
that we do nothing to overcome them.  
Fill us with your peace and with your mercy.  
Free us from the destruction of sin  
and restore us to a life lived in you. Amen.

*We continue in silent confession.*

Peace! Peace is what you receive from God when you know that your sins are forgiven. Peace is what you have when you know that the destruction of sin cannot harm you, because you are not alone in your journey of life. Therefore, peace, my sisters and brothers! In Jesus we have received forgiveness, and we have been restored!

**Thanks be to God!**<sup>5</sup>

**The Great Thanksgiving** ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the living God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God,

In the beginning was darkness, mystery, and you.

By your own Word, you shattered the darkness with light.

You set in the sky radiant beams of sunlight

and punctured the night sky with sparkling jewels.

You forever changed our darkness.

Holy God,

Though there are shadows and worries,

You have placed your Word in us to be a lamp for our feet.

You have given your Spirit like a bright guiding star.

You fill us with your Love as glorious as the sun.

You place your Truth like a crescent moon.

Every darkness is overcome with Light.

And every Light contains shafts of your Eternal Light.

God of the sun and stars, we praise you

and with all the creatures of earth

and all the company of heaven, we join the unending hymn:

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

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Ever-persistent and ever-loving God,

you placed a star in the sky

to guide people from far and near to your child.

Jesus became the Light of the World,

drawing the lost and forgotten, the hurt and the wounded,

the oppressed and depressed to the wellsprings of life.

He changed water into wine,

called unheralded workers to be disciples,



preached good news to the poor,  
healed the sick and beckoned people to love their neighbor.  
By his baptism, suffering, death and resurrection  
he revealed the depths of your love  
and the power of light over darkness.

On the night he gave himself up, Jesus gathered with his friends.  
He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his followers, saying,  
“Take, eat, this is my body broken for you.”  
Likewise, he took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to his disciples.  
“Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood poured out for you and for all,  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Holy God,  
Grant that in praise and thanksgiving,  
we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight,  
and that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and wine,  
that through Christ’s presence we may become a beacon of holy light,  
a source of joy, a witness for peace.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, one with seekers far and near,  
and one in ministry to all the world  
until we feast at the heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**<sup>6</sup>

**The Lord’s Prayer** ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

And now with the confidence of God’s children, let us pray the prayer that our Lord  
taught all of his disciples:

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

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

## Receiving the Bread and Cup

*As we receive Holy Communion, you are invited to sing the following hymns:*

*Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast* ..... HURSLEY

1. Come, sinners, to the gospel feast, let every soul be Jesus' guest.  
Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.
2. Do not begin to make excuse; ah! do not you his grace refuse;  
your worldly cares and pleasures leave, and take what Jesus hath to give.
3. Come and partake the gospel feast, be saved from sin, in Jesus rest;  
O taste the goodness of our God, and eat his flesh and drink his blood.
4. See him set forth before your eyes; behold the bleeding sacrifice;  
his offered love make haste to embrace, and freely now be saved by grace.
5. Ye who believe his record true shall sup with him and he with you;  
come to the feast, be saved from sin, for Jesus waits to take you in.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1747  
Music: Katholisches Gesangbuch, ca. 1774;  
adapt. from Metrical Psalter, 1855  
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*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* ..... BRADBURY

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
4. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Music: William B. Bradbury  
Words: Dorothy A. Thrupp (1836)  
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*What Wondrous Love Is This* ..... WONDROUS LOVE

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

2. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
 what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
 What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life  
 to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
 to lay aside his crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
 to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
 to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
 while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
 while millions join the theme, I will sing.
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
 and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
 and through eternity I'll sing on.

Words: USA folk hymn  
 Music: USA folk hymn; harm by Paul J. Christiansen, 1955  
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*Let Us Break Bread Together*.....LET US BREAK BREAD

1. Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees),  
 let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees).  
 When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
 O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me).
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees),  
 let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees).  
 When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
 O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me).
3. Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees),  
 let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees).  
 When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
 O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me).

Words: Afro-American spiritual (Acts 2:42)  
 Music: Afro-American spiritual  
 Adapter and Arranger: William Farley Smith, 1986. Public Domain

*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*.....HUDSON

1. Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?  
 Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?  
 At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,  
 and the burden of my heart rolled away;  
 It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day.
2. Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree?  
 Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!  
 At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,  
 and the burden of my heart rolled away;  
 It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day.

3. Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in,  
When God, the mighty maker, died for his own creature's sin.  
At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,  
and the burden of my heart rolled away;  
It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day.
4. Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes to tears.  
At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,  
and the burden of my heart rolled away;  
It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day.
5. But drops of tears can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe.  
Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.  
At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,  
and the burden of my heart rolled away;  
It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707, refrain by Ralph E. Hudson, 1885

Music: Anon.; arr. by Ralph E. Hudson, ca. 1885

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### We Depart to Serve

**Benediction** ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

### Recessional Hymns

*Trust and Obey*..... TRUST AND OBEY

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While he do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.
2. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay;  
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.
3. But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor he sows, for the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.
4. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Words: John H. Tammis, 1887 (1 Jn 1:7)

Music: Daniel B. Towner, 1887. Public Domain

*I Will Trust in the Lord*..... I WILL TRUST

1. I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,  
I will trust in the Lord, till I die;  
I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,  
I will trust in the Lord, till I die.

Words: Afro-American spiritual (Ps. 37:3)

Music: Afro American spiritual;

adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1987.

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*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*.....SHOWALTER

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.
2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Words: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887 (Dt. 33:27)  
Music: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887  
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## Postlude

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Leading in Worship

Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
Ms. Barbara Ware, Conference Lay Leader
Mr. Donald Love, Associate Conference Lay Leader
Dr. Phillip Stone, Conference Archivist
The Rev. Steven M. King, Convener Annual Conference Worship Sub-Committee
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Mr. Christopher Leysath, Organist
Mr. Craig Coelho, Song Leader
Mr. Gene Aiken, Acolyte
The Rev. Meg Wilkes, Crucifer
The Rev. Walter Strawther Episcopal Banner Bearer
Ms. Carla Steele, Signer
The Africa University Choir

Communion Servers:

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The Extended Cabinet
The District Lay Leaders
The Secretary of Lay Leadership
Chair(s) of the Orders
The Conference President of The United Methodist Men
The Conference President of The United Methodist Women
The Director of Lay Servant Ministry
The Conference Connectional Ministries Specialists
Members of the 2015 Ordination Class

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE
Monday • June 8, 2015 • 7:30 am

A Call to Worship

Leader: When Jesus says “Follow me,” who will go?
Congregation: Here am I! Send me!
Leader: When the Spirit summons, who will go?
Congregation: Here am I! Send me!
Leader: When the Lord calls, who will go?
Congregation: Here am I! Send me!
All: Here am I! Send me!ⁱ

HYNM *Here I Am, Lord*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

WORDS: Dan Schutte, 1981
MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. By Carlton R. Young, 1988
TUNE: HERE I AM, LORD
SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 6:8. Public Domain

Prayer

The Word of God Isaiah 6:1-8

Special Music The Well Worship Band

Sermon “Altared”

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Come to the Lord's Table, all you who love him.
Come to the Lord's Table, confess your sin.
Come to the Lord's Table, be at peace.

Confession of Sin

We have not believed you or trusted in your power.

Lord, help our unbelief.

We have stained our souls by our action and inaction.

Cleanse us, Lord.

We are broken by disease, bruised by the sins of others,
weakened and unable to repair ourselves.

Heal us, Lord.

We ignore your call to center our lives in you, and so are deaf to the hopes and
cries of the poor, the sick, the needy, and the earth.

Ground us, Lord!

Silence

When we confess our sinful ways, God abundantly pardons.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Glory to God!

Thanksgiving and Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to you, Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to praise you, Lord.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy
Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. From the rising of the sun to its setting your
name is praised among all peoples. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with your
people on earth and all the company of heaven who for ever sing this hymn to the glory of
your name:

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 the One who comes

In the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Musical Setting B, UMH 18

You are holy, Almighty One! Blessed are you, Jesus Christ! In the power of the Spirit you created all things, blessed them, and called them good. You called to yourself a people to make your mercy and truth known in all the world. We betrayed your calling;

You were faithful.

We wandered from the way;

You called us to return, and led us home.

And still we turned from your ways, abused your creatures, and made ourselves slaves to sin and death.

At the right time you came and dwelt among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, sharing table with the unrighteous, and teaching the way that leads to life.

By your incarnation, life, suffering, execution and resurrection You gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood."

Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we sing (proclaim) the mystery of our faith:

Christ has come among us. Christ has died.

Christ has risen. Christ abides with us.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us

Pour out your Spirit on us

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts

Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ

Make us, through them, Christ's body alive in the world.

Abba, Father!

Let your kingdom come!

Glory to you!

Glory to you!

Come, Lord Jesus!

Be our daily bread.

Glory to you!

Glory to you!

Holy Spirit!

Send us to the world.

Glory to you!

Glory to you!

Holy, Blessed Trinity!
One God forever!
Glory to you!
Glory to you!

Breaking the Bread

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ

Giving the Bread and Cup

Giving Thanks

Lord, you now have set your servants free
to go in peace as you have promised.
For these eyes of ours have seen the Savior
whom you have prepared for all the world to see!
Blessing and honor and glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Sending Forth

You have seen the Savior. Go now in peace.
And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
One in Three and Three in One, Go with you. Amen.⁸

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**Leading in Worship**

The Rev. Sheila Elliot, Preacher and Celebrant  
The Well Worship Band, Central United Methodist Church, Florence

**ORDER FOR THE EXAMINATION AND  
LICENSING OF LOCAL PASTORS  
Monday • June 8, 2015 • 10:40 am**

Prelude: *To God Be the Glory*

Music: William H. Doane, 1873

Hymn

*I Am Thine, O lord*.....I AM THINE

*Those who are being licensed gather at the kneeling rail as we sing*

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee,  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.
2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;  
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.
3. O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,  
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend!  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.
4. There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;  
there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875 (Heb. 10:22)

Music: William H. Doane, 1875. Public Domain

**Barbara Ware, Conference Lay Leader**

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

**Wayne Horne, 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, we present

**John Cribb, Chair of the Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members**

These persons to be licensed as local pastors

*(Each candidate kneels as his or her name is called)*

John Britt Adams III

Vaughn Edison Chichester

Tod Brawley Alexander

Gregory Lee Cole, Jr.

Robert Earl Barr

LaTonya Monique Dash

Norma Deirdre Bartelle

Daniel Kyle Eplee

Graham Miller Bennett

Hazel Lathonya Epps

Theodore Avery Brown

Chenita Yvette Frierson

Arthur Linburg Gamble

Jerry Russell Godfrey  
Lamonte Darnell Hodges  
Jon August Hoit  
Jerry Dean Jackson  
Lee Marrot Johnson  
Cameron Thomas Levi  
James Russell Lewis  
Susan Biggert Maddox  
Deborah McKnight Patterson  
Bryan Wray Pigford  
Sara Elizabeth Relaford

Benjamin Ross Rogers  
Lucinda Lyon Saylor  
Guy Michael Scales  
Andrew Warren Sizemore  
Thessa Goodwin Smith  
Sandra Guild Stillinger  
Rickey Levon Stuckey  
Susan Yvonne Sullivan  
Monica Kaye Tilley  
Fedrick Allen Wilson  
Cheri Elaine Yates

**Prayer** ..... Ms. Barbara Ware

**Examination of the Candidates** ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

*The chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry says:*

The licensed local pastor is called to share in the ministry of Christ and of the whole Church, and authorized by the bishop to preach and teach the Word of God and to faithfully administer the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion within the congregation.

These persons have completed the requirements to be licensed for pastoral ministry and are recommended by the District Committees on Ordained Ministry. We have inquired diligently concerning them and have found them to be fit for this sacred vocation.

*The candidates stand.*

*The bishop addresses the candidates saying:*

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

**I do.**

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

**I will.**

*The bishop authorizes the candidates for licensed local pastor as a group:*

You are hereby authorized to serve as a licensed local pastor in the South Carolina Conference and the congregation to which you are appointed. Take care that you perform these duties faithfully as you are able, the Lord being your helper. **Amen.**

**Postlude:**

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory* ..... RATHBUN

Music: Ithamar Conkey, 1849

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Leading in Worship

Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

Ms. Barbara Ware, Conference Lay Leader

The Rev. Wayne Horne, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry

The Rev. John Cribb, Chair of the Fellowship of Local Pastors

District Lay Leaders

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION SERVICE⁹

Tuesday • June 9, 2015 • 11:00 am

Prelude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is ST. COLUMBA

Music: Irish Melody; harm. From *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Call to Worship The Rev. Kathryn Hunter

As we gather together on this special day in this place,
may we recognize and affirm:
The pieces of possibility before and behind us,
the bits of good, present today, yesterday and tomorrow
so let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life in the presence of God.

Lighting of the Community Candle

Opening Hymn

Lift High the Cross..... CRUCIFER

1. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.
Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.
2. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.
Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
3. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.
Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.
4. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.
So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Words: George William Kitchin
and Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, alt.
Music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916.
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Recognition of Retirees Rev. David Anderson

Each retiree and spouse come forward as name is called.

Joseph Abram, Jr.
David Arthur Brown
Joanne Elizabeth Brown
Barry Webb Cannon

Brenda Isaacs Curtis
Joseph Lynn Curtis
Edmond Daniel
Melvin Wilbur Flail, Jr.

Yu Fong Chong
 Patricia Ann Gannaway
 Franklin Rayfield Garrett
 Clara Martin Gary
 Daniel McKay Hall
 Lois Jean Helms
 Kathryn O'Shields Hunter
 James Campbell Hunter
 Richard Hayes Knight
 Young in Lee
 Joanne Lockard-Hawkins
 Randall Aaybe Madsen
 Linda Joyce McNatt
 Paul Cantwell Mitchell
 Colin Alfred Moore
 Freddie Wells Parker

Larry Randall Parker, Sr.
 Lewis Carroll Pope, Jr.
 David Eugene Reed
 Marsha Rhodes Roberts
 Frances Lee Roper
 Marguerite Kempe Shepard
 Calvin Lee Smith
 David Stamon Smith
 Ray King Smith
 Nelson Lawton Stokes, Jr.
 Randy Mark Taylor
 Betty Susan Ulmer
 Lillian Hymes Washington
 Joseph Alva Wilson, II
 Carol Peppers Wray

Bishop: Brothers and sisters in Christ, at your ordination
 You received authority to serve the world, to read the Holy Scriptures,
 to preach the Word, to serve and celebrate the Sacraments and to
 order the life of the Church.

At your consecration;
 You received authority to equip the people of God,
 and to embody the unity of the congregation's worship and life
 with its life in the world.

By God's grace you did many things
 that seemed to be above your power.

Prayers Mr. Herman Lightsey and Ms. Marlene Spencer

Mr. Lightsey: Each person in this room is bound to these persons who seek the Status Change
 to Retirement.

Ms. Spencer: We are bound as sisters and brothers in Jesus Christ, as grateful recipients of
 care, comfort and collegiality.

Mr. Lightsey: We have shared difficult days and days of rejoicing.

Ms. Spencer: We have shared weeks of shared work and fulfilled possibilities.

Mr. Lightsey: We have shared years of dreams and visions of God's purpose for us.

Ms. Spencer: And now, we share this holy moment of appreciation and anticipation - for what
 has been and what will be.

Mr. Lightsey: Let us pray.

All: **Empowering Spirit, we affirm that from the beginning you brought us
 together. It is your Spirit that enlivens our life together. May your Spirit go
 with each of these gathered in new endeavors and remain with each who
 remains. May your Spirit keep us all together in the universal family of your
 Church.**

Ms. Spencer: May all the glory be to you, O God, and your will be done in and among us all.

All: Amen.

Glimpses of Ministry from the Retiring Class

Passing of the Mantle

A representative of the retiring class and a representative off the new full member class kneel. The bishop takes the stole and places it on the shoulders of the representative of the retiring class, saying:

Bishop Holston

In the book of Kings we read of the prophet Elijah's ministry. The mantle, symbolic of submission to God, fell upon the younger prophet Elisha, and the spirit of Elijah rested upon Elisha.

The representative of the retiring class rises and places the mantle on the shoulder of the representative of the new full member class. Saying:

Rev. Melvin Wilber Flail, Jr.

I transfer this mantle from our generation to the young, indicating thereby that the responsibilities and dedication of the one generation will be caught up and carried on by the next, and the spirit of today's Elijah's will rest upon today's Elisha's.

The representative of the new class rises, turns to the retiring class, and says:

Rev. Laura Allen Kerlin

We who come after you take up the mantle which falls upon us. May we inherit a double share of your spirit.

Bishop Holston responds:

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called; with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. Amen.

Closing Hymn

O God, Our Help In Ages Past ST. ANNE

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!
2. Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
6. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 90); Music: Attr. to William Croft, 1708;
harm. By W. H. Monk, 1861. CCLI #2825634 and Public Domain

Benediction Bishop Holston

And now, brothers and sister, whatever is true,
Whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure,
Whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable,
If there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think of these things.
And may the God of peace be with you. Amen.

Postlude

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above **AMSTERDAM**

Music: Foundery Collection, 1742



Leading in Worship

Liturgists:

- Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
- The Rev. Kathryn Hunter, Member of Retiring Class
- Mr. Herman Lightsey, Chair of Conference UMM
- Ms. Marlene Spencer, Chair of Conference UMW
- Rev. David Anderson

Passing of the Mantle:

- Rev. Melvin Wilbur Flail, Jr.
- Rev. Laura Allen Kerlin

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A SERVICE OF PRAISE AND CELEBRATION

Tuesday • June 9, 2015 • 7:30pm

(The offering from this worship celebration will go to *Stop Hunger Now*.
Please make your checks payable to SC United Methodist Conference.)

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**Participants**

Preacher:           The Reverend Jonathan Tompkins  
Worship Leader:   The Rev. Adriane M. Burgess  
Musicians:         Journey UMC Praise Team  
                          and  
                          Youth Praise Team, Columbia Korean UMC



**A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**  
**Wednesday • June 10, 2015 • 7:30 AM**

**Call to Worship**

**Special Music**

**Scripture Lesson** ..... *Matthew 9:9-13*

**Sermon** ..... *All the Lonely People*

**Special Music** ..... The Rev. Fadetra Harrington

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God,  
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
We have broken your law,  
We have rebelled against your love,  
We have not loved our neighbors,  
And we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All pray in silence.*

*Leader to people:*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; That proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*People to leader:*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

*Leader and people:*

**Glory to God. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**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 in which he gave himself up for us, he 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, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many 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 of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

**\*Benediction**

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Leading in Worship

The Rev. Joel Jones, Preacher and Celebrant

The Rev. Fadetra Harrington

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Wednesday • June 10, 2015 • 2:00 pm

Prelude

This Is a Day of New Beginnings BEGINNINGS
Music: Carlton R. Young, 1984

Hymn

**There's Within My Heart a Melody* SWEETEST NAME

1. There's within my heart a melody Jesus whispers sweet and low:
Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still, in all of life's ebb and flow.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.
2. All my life was wrecked by sin and strife, discord filled my heart with pain;
Jesus swept across the broken strings, stirred the slumbering chords again.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.
3. Though sometimes he leads through waters deep, trials fall across the way,
though sometimes the path seems rough and steep, see his footprints all the way.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.
4. Feasting on the riches of his grace, resting 'neath his sheltering wing,
always looking on his smiling face, that is why I shout and sing.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.
5. Soon he's coming back to welcome me far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown; I shall reign with him on high.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

Words and Music: Luther B. Bridgers, 1910
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***Greeting** The Rev. Karen Lail Jones

We have gathered here to celebrate the lives of those
who have served faithfully through the years
and now share the triumph of Christ.

We affirm with praise and thanksgiving the goodness of our Lord.

Let us rejoice in God's presence with us, in death as in life,
among those who mourn
as with those who now see Christ face to face.

**In the midst of our grief we sing with joy,
for God's love is over all that has been made.
Blessed be God's glorious name for ever.** ¹⁰

***Procession of the Memorial Banner**

The worship assistants carrying the banners stop at the baptismal font.

Dying, Christ destroyed our death.
Rising, Christ restored our life.
Christ will come again in glory.
As in baptism those we claim and remember put on Christ,
so in Christ may they be clothed with glory.
Here and now, dear friends, we are God's children.

**What we shall be has not yet been revealed;
but we know that when he appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.
Those who have this hope purify themselves
as Christ is pure.** ¹¹

After a few moments the banners continue in silence and are placed in the space they will stand.

***Opening Prayer**

Tender and compassionate God,
we seek to know you through the hearing of the Word
and pray that we may go beyond hearing to obeying,
as shown by the faithful lives of your departed servants
whom we honor today.
We know they are precious in your eyes,
worthy of your special attention and ours,
for they served well in the task that you gave them.
Grant that we may feel your presence
as did the followers who knew Jesus in the breaking of the bread,
and may we experience the fire within
that sent them out to share good news. **Amen.** ¹²

Anthem

Shall We Gather At the River **Mr. Craig Coelho**
Words and Music: Robert Lowry, 1864
Arrangement: Aaron Copeland
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Congregational Response **Psalm 23**

**The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his names sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:**

thou annointest my head with oil;
 my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life:
 and I will live in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 12: 1-3 The Rev. Dr. W. Timothy McClendon

Homily

"Balcony People" The Rev. Dr. W. Timothy McClendon

***The Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

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 arose 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.

Act of Remembrance

(Naming the honored dead, we ring a bell in remembrance. Those who wish to stand at the reading of a loved one's name are invited to do so.)

Active Ministers	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Curtis Lee Felkel, Jr.	September 21, 1946	February 23, 2015
Calvin Burdell Washington	August 10, 1967	April 22, 2015
Retired Ministers		
Carl Douglas Clary	April 11, 1929	February 14, 2015
Edward Laney Davidson	September 9, 1924	February 26, 2015
Charley Glen Dudley	September 2, 1934	September 21, 2014
Dixie Lamar Gamble	July 1, 1922	December 22, 2014
Adlai Cornwell "A.C." Holler, Jr.	March 21, 1925	March 10, 2015
Ralph Stuart Kaney	March 26, 1922	October 19, 2014
Harry Van Nesmith	July 2, 1933	September 16, 2014

Joseph Webster Pridgen	January 6, 1923	August 13, 2014
Lindsey Eugene Rivers	November 28, 1932	December 26, 2014
Robert Wright Spears	October 20, 1912	February 10, 2015
Wendell Wilkie Sumter	July 24, 1940	April 25, 2015

Spouses

Martha Anne Burke Bigelow	January 1, 1934	February 16, 2015
Jule Kelly Canaday		October 1, 2014
Marilyn Bishop Fisher	August 21, 1933	October 13, 2014
Patricia Tyler Lare	April 20, 1944	August 31, 2014
Ruth Elizabeth Lott Medley	August 19, 1924	December 1, 2014
David Quinton Stafford	March 24, 1959	November 3, 2014
Paula Jeanne Everett Tanner	November 13, 1932	December 17, 2014

Surviving Spouses

Marian Bralley Cooke	August 17, 1924	May 15, 2015
Erma Mae Geissinger	December 1, 1921	June 7, 2014
Sarah Nalley Hartley	November 5, 1916	August 9, 2014
Elva Morris Huggins	June 19, 1923	December 22, 2014
Fannie Mae Johnson	March 10, 1930	October 29, 2014
Elizabeth Jordan Miller	March 21, 1921	April 15, 2015
Catherine Jeanette Pierce Morrison	August 21, 1939	August 26, 2014
Ida Spann Nelson	January 5, 1914	December 15, 2014
Sybil Glenna Moore Ray	July 2, 1928	February 20, 2015
Thomasine Gatlin Shuler	June 14, 1935	August 15, 2014

Others

John Cleveland Barr	August 26, 1930	March 22, 2015
Keith Allen Hiott, Sr.	April 16, 1952	February 25, 2015
Nicholle Rivers	October 2, 1975	March 11, 2015
Paulette Stevens		March 1, 2015

Prayer for the saints and the faithful departed

O God of both the living and the dead,
 we praise your holy name for all your servants
 who have faithfully lived and died.

We thank you for the sacred ties that bind us
 to those unseen who encompass us as a cloud of witnesses.

We pray that,
 encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship,
 we may be diligent followers
 and that nothing will be able to separate us from your love
 in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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HYMN

**God Be with You till We Meet Again* GOD BE WITH YOU

1. God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.
2. God be with you till we meet again; neath his wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.
3. God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,
put his arms unfailing round you; God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.
4. God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you; God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Music: William G. Tomer, 1880
Words: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880
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***Benediction** Bishop Holston

Postlude

We're Marching to Zion MARCHING TO ZION

Music: Robert Lowry, 1867

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**Leading In Worship:**

- Presiding: Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
- Liturgist: The Rev. Karen Lail Jones
- Preacher: The Rev. Dr. W. Timothy McClendon
- Music: Mr. Craig Coelho, Soloist  
Mr. Christopher Leysath, Accompanist
- Acolyte: The Rev. Steven King
- Banner Bearers: The Rev. Michael Goldston  
Mrs. Cynthia Williams
- Writer of Liturgy: The Rev. Meredith Dark  
The Rev. Dr. Sheila Koger
- Writer of Liturgy: The Rev. Joseph R. James

VISIONS AND DREAMS  
A WORSHIP CELEBRATION LED BY THE AFRICA UNIVERSITY CHOIR  
Wednesday • June 10, 2015 • 7:30 pm

**Prelude**

**Call to Praise** ..... Mrs. Jackie Jenkins

**All: We praise you!**  
Leader: Not because we are worthy  
But because you are worthy  
**All: We praise you!**  
Leader: Not just with our voices today  
But with our living everyday  
**All: We praise you!**  
Leader: Not because it pleases us  
But because it pleases you.  
**All: We praise you!**<sup>13</sup>

(from The Africana Worship Book by Davis)

**Opening Prayer**

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope and salvation.  
Glory of God, fill this place and expose any darkness that stalks our souls.  
Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.  
Glory of God, fill each one present today with the Holy Spirit.  
Light of God, we welcome you to this place and ask that you would remain with us. Amen. 14  
(from The Africana Worship Book by Davis)

**Tribute to Africa University** ..... The Rev. Joseph Abrams

*“Visions and Dreams”  
The Africa University Choir*

**The Scripture Lesson**

*Psalm 67* ..... The Rev. Scott Smoak

*“Visions and Dreams”  
The Africa University Choir*

**Offering**

(Tonight’s offering is for “*Imagine No More Malaria.*” All checks should be made payable to the South Carolina Annual Conference.)

**Dismissal** ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

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Leading in Worship:

Liturgists: Mrs. Jackie Jenkins, Director of Annual Conference Lay Servants
The Rev. Joseph Abrams
The Rev. Scott Smoak
Music: Mr. Christopher Leysath
The Choir Africa University
Mr. James Salley, Director of Development Africa University
The Rev. Jeri Katherine Warden Sipes, Coordinator SC Annual Conference *Imagine No More Malaria.*

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE
Thursday • June 11, 2015 • 7:30 am

Gathering

Greeting and Opening Prayer

From north and south,
from east and west, we come:

**God's people called to the Table
where simple grace nourishes us.**

From down the street to across town,
from single households to apartment dwellers:

**God's people are called to community,
where we live and serve one another.**

From every class, every race, every status; from little ones with sippy cups to elders
with overflowing hearts: **God's people are called to witness to God's hope,
to offer peace to a shattered world.**

Hymn of Preparation *Be Thou My Vision*

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. By Mary E. Byrne, 1905;
versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.
MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. By Carlton R. Young, 1963; TUNE: Slane
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Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Lesson *Exodus 3:1-15*

Homily *Who Do You Think You Are?*

Prayer of the Called

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
All pray in silence.

Words of Assurance

Leader to people:
Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader and people:
Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day
when justice shall roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
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.

At his ascension you exalted him
to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he 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 he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many 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 of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

Special Music

Prayer of Response

**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.**

***Closing Hymn**

Here I am Lord (verse one and Refrain) UMH 593

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

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***Benediction**

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**Leading in Worship**

Rev. Andrew Wolfe

Rev. Paige Wolfe

Musician: Mr. Stanton Adams

**SENDING FORTH WORSHIP  
AND  
FIXING OF APPOINTMENTS  
Thursday • June 11, 2015**

**We Gather for Worship**

**Prelude**

*My Faith Looks Up To Thee* ..... OLIVET  
Music: Lowell Mason, 1831

**Hymn**

*Marching to Zion* ..... MARCHING TO ZION

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord  
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.  
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King  
may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.  
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets  
before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields,  
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.  
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.  
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707; refrain by Robert Lowry, 1867  
MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1867  
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**Prayer** ..... The Rev. Thomas Smith

**We Hear God's Word Read and Proclaimed**

**The Word of God** ..... *Matthew 5:13-20*

**Proclamation of the Word**

*"Easier Said Than Done"* ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

## Hymn

*They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love*

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Words and Music: Peter Scholtes  
Scripture: John 13:34-35, Ephesians 4:4-6  
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## We Respond to God's Word

### Fixing of Appointments

*Each District Superintendent and District Lay Leader comes to the lectern and announces any changes to the appointments as printed. They then return to their seats.*

#### **Bishop:**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God calls us to be disciples God can use. God calls us to the shared ministry of Christ's holy church, to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. As we leave this place and return to our places of ministry, we go to be disciples and to make disciples.

To you who are clergy, in faithfulness to God who has called you to this ministry, will you go where you are sent, to serve Christ with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?

#### **Clergy:**

**By God's grace we are called to this ministry. In God's strength we will go where we are sent. With God's help we still strive to be faithful, loyal, servants.**

**Bishop:**

To you who are among the laity, as people committed to uphold the church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness, will you affirm these appointments, and will you receive these women and these men as ministers of our Lord Jesus Christ, and pledge them your support?

**Laity:**

**We joyfully affirm our faith in Christ and our commitment to the ministry of his church. We will receive these persons appointed to us to be pastors of our churches and leaders of our ministries, and we will support them in their ministry.**

**We Go Forth to Serve**

**Hymn** ..... *Go Make of All Disciples*

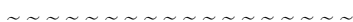
1. “Go, make of all disciples.” We hear the call, O Lord,  
that comes from thee, our Father, in thy eternal Word.  
Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer,  
and let our daily living reveal thee everywhere.
2. “Go, make of all disciples,” baptizing in the name  
of Father, Son, and Spirit, from age to age the same.  
We call each new disciple to follow thee, O Lord,  
redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.
3. “Go, make of all disciples.” We at thy feet would stay  
until each life’s vocation accents thy holy way.  
We cultivate the nature God plants in every heart,  
revealing in our witness the master teacher’s art.
4. “Go, make of all disciples.” We welcome thy command.  
“Lo, I am with you always.” We take thy guiding hand.  
The task looms large before us; we follow without fear;  
in heaven and earth thy power shall bring God’s kingdom here.

Words: Leon M. Adkins, 1955, alt.; Music: Henry T. Smart, 1835  
Tune: LANCASHIRE; Matthew 28:19-20  
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**Benediction** ..... **Bishop L. Jonathan Holston**

**Postlude**

*Rejoice the Lord Is King* ..... **.GOPSAL**  
Music: G.F. Handel, ca. 1752; arr. by John Wilson, 1964



**Participants:**

- Preacher: Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
- Liturgist: The Rev. Thomas Smith
- Music: Mr. Craig Coelho, Song Leader  
Mr. Christopher Leysath, Accompanist

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from *Worship & Song: Worship Resources*, p. 31

<sup>2</sup> *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*, Year C, Volume 2, p. 71

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 71ff

<sup>4</sup> *Companion Litany to Our Social Creed* (§166, *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2012*)

<sup>5</sup> *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*, Year C, Volume 2, p. 70ff

<sup>6</sup> *The Upper Room Worship Book*, p. 48ff

<sup>7</sup> *The Africana Worship Book, Year B*

<sup>8</sup> *A Contemporary Service of Holy Communion*, 2007, GBOD

<sup>9</sup> The liturgy of this service was created using the resources of a Liturgy for the Celebration of Ministry from the website [www.rexaehuntprogressive.com](http://www.rexaehuntprogressive.com) and from "Immersed in the Splendor of God – Resources for Worship Renewal" (2005) by F. Russell Mitman.

<sup>10</sup> UMBOW, pp. 737-738

<sup>11</sup> UMH, page 870

<sup>12</sup> UMBOW, 738

<sup>13</sup> *The Africana Worship Book*, Davis

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*



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## HYMNS

### 1. *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame  
so the church is meant for mission giving glory to God's name.  
Not to preach our creeds or custom, but to build a bridge of care,  
we join hands across the nation, finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.  
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light.  
In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,  
so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,  
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

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### 2. *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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### 3. *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;  
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, the light of your love is shining  
in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness,  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

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As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness;  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

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4. *Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me*

Refrain

Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,  
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me  
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,  
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me

Did ever you see the like before?  
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me;  
King Jesus preaching to the poor!  
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,  
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me

Oh, wasn't that a happy day  
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me;  
when Jesus washed my sins away!  
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,  
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me

Some seek the Lord and don't seek him right;  
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me;  
they fool all day and pray at night,  
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,  
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me

My lord's done just what he said;  
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me;  
He's healed the sick and raised the dead;  
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,  
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me

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5. *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus  
No turning back, no turning back.

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The world behind me  
the cross before me,  
I have decided to follow Jesus  
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me,  
still I will follow,  
I have decided to follow Jesus  
no turning back, no turning back.

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6. *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

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7. *We are Marching*

We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of, the light of God.  
We are marching, marching, we are marching,  
marching, we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of, the light of God.  
We are marching, marching, we are marching,  
marching, we are marching in the light of God.

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8. *The Church's One Foundation*

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

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Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent a sunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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9. *Standing on the Promises*

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall I prevail,  
standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
standing on the promises of God

Refrain

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

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