

**Worship Services for the  
2016 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 make space for God to work within and outside us. 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.

## 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

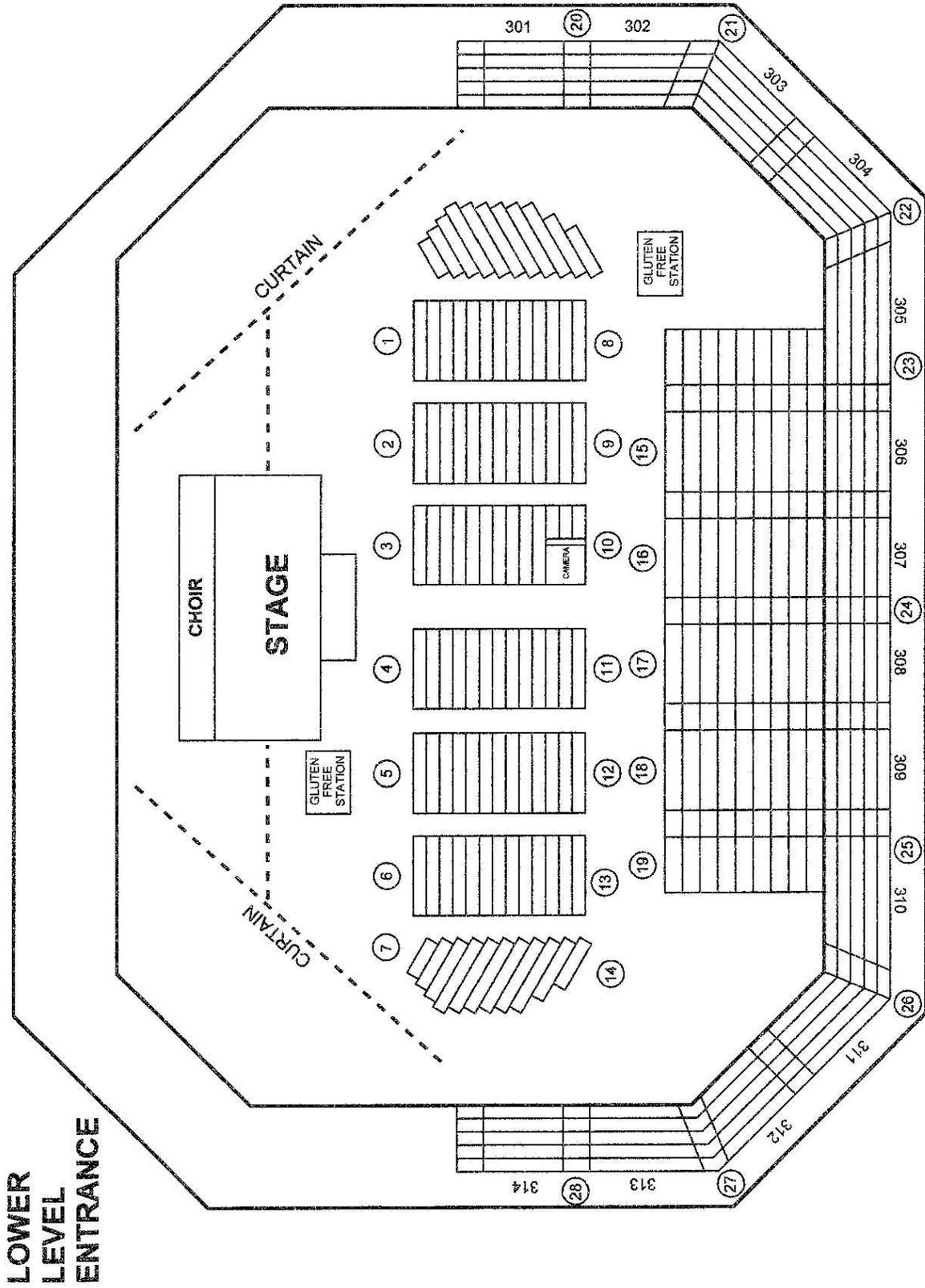
There are serving stations throughout the arena. Ushers will be present to direct you to your nearest station. Please follow your usher's instructions allowing the service to move as smoothly and as worshipful as possible. Please note that if you are seated in the burgundy seats, your servers will be in front of you and that if you are seated in the teal seats, 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 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 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. 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 5, 2016 • 7:30 pm

We Gather for Worship

Gathering Prelude ..... Mr. Christopher Leysath

Welcome and Prayer ..... The Rev. Thomas Smith

Choral Call to Worship

*The Lord is My Shepherd* ..... Ms. Vanessa Murray, Soloist  
(By: Whitney Houston) Mt. Zion UMC, Kingstree, SC

\*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.
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; CCLI #2825634

*O Church of God, United* ..... ELLACOMBE

1. O church of God, united to serve one common Lord,  
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.  
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day  
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.
2. From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear;  
to serve one valiant leader they come from far and near.  
They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord,  
and place their sure dependence upon his saving word.
3. Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee;  
and in thy loving spirit we shall one people be.  
Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim  
proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.
4. May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,  
close bound, buy love united in thee, God's blessed Son:  
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,  
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.

Words: Frederick B. Morley, 1953 (Acts 2:5-11)

Music: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k Hofkappelle*, 1784, alt.; CCLI #2825634

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

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Grant us, O Lord, to worship you

in spirit and in truth;

to submit our whole selves to you,

that our consciences may be quickened by your holiness,

our minds nourished by your truth,

our imagination purified by your beauty.

Help us to open our hearts to your love

and to surrender our wills to your purpose.

So may we lift our hearts to you

in selfless adoration and love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. <sup>1</sup>

**Anthem**

**Praise Medley** ..... Choir, Mt. Zion UMC, Kingstree, SC  
(Arranged by Steve W. Mauldin)

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

**Prayer for Illumination** ..... Ms. Betty Void

O Lord, open the eyes of our hearts, that we may hear your word and understand and do your will, for we are sojourners upon the earth. Open our eyes, that we may perceive the wonders of your law. Speak to us the things of your wisdom. On you we set our hope, O God, that you would enlighten our minds and understandings with the light of your knowledge, not only to cherish those things which are written, but to do them. For the sake of Christ our Lord; Amen.<sup>1</sup>

**Reading of God's Word**

*Romans 8:31-39* ..... Ms. Betty Void

**Proclamation of the Word**

**"Just One More Thing"** ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

### **We Respond to God's Word**

**Affirmation of Faith** ..... Ms. Betty Void

We believe in God, creator of all things,  
ruler of all that is and all that is to come.

God is transforming the world  
into the place of God's justice and mercy.

We follow Jesus, who taught and healed,  
who died and rose, revealing God's abundant grace.

He sent disciples out into the world to heal,  
to proclaim the good news of your grace,  
and to participate in the Reign of God in all that we do.

He reigns in love over all Creation,  
and holds all accountable to their faithfulness to God's rule of grace .

We rely upon the unfailing grace of God,  
the presence of the Holy Spirit,  
the community of the church as the Body of Christ,  
the unity of all believers,  
the power of forgiveness,  
the reality of resurrection and the alluring blessing of eternal life.

Therefore we devote ourselves to lives  
of daily prayer, study, service and reflection,  
following Jesus as our Master,  
for the sake of the transformation of the world by the grace of God.<sup>2</sup>

**Invitation to the Offering** ..... Mr. Ward Smith, Director of Recovery Ministries  
SC United Methodist Conference Disaster Recovery

(Tonight's offering is for the *SC Disaster Response Fund* – Relief for persons affected by floods of October 2015.  
All checks should be made payable to the South Carolina Annual Conference.  
Please designate the name of the church making the offering.)

**Offering**

**Offertory "God Is"** ..... Ms. Carolyn E. McCottry, Soloist  
(Words and Music by Reverend James Cleveland) Mt. Zion UMC, Kingstree, SC  
(Mr. Ward Smith receives the baskets and places them on the altar.)

**Festive 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.

**Though your love for us is steadfast, O God, we often live as if your love is of no consequence.  
We ignore opportunities to join you in your life-giving work and  
we refuse to hear the cries of your sons and daughters in need.  
We close our hearts and our minds to all but our own desires and  
we do not create space in our lives to hear your voice.  
Hear, O Lord, our cry for forgiveness.  
Correct us and guide us in your way.  
We pray in the name of the One who lived to show us the way of obedience;  
we pray in the name of the One who died and rose again to be for us the way to eternity,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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!

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

**ALL: Glory to God. Amen.**

**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 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.

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.

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

**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**

**Communion Anthem**

**"He Decided To Die"** ..... Ms. Patsy McCrea, Soloist  
(By Donald Vails) Mt. Zion UMC, Kingstree, SC

*As we receive Holy Communion, you are invited to sing the following congregational 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; CCLI #2825634

**10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

*Refrain:*

Bless the Lord, O my soul O my soul, worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul I'll worship your holy name

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes
2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger Your name is great and your heart is kind  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find  
*Refrain*
3. And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore  
*Refrain*

Authors: Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman  
CCLI #2825634

***Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)***

1. Amazing grace How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind, but now I see
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed  
*Refrain:*  
My chains are gone I've been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love, amazing grace
3. The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures  
*Refrain*

Authors: Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio  
CCLI #2825634

***Freely, Freely***

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name,  
And in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.  
*Refrain:*  
He said, "Freely, freely you have received, Freely, freely give.  
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."
2. All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,  
and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to.  
*Refrain*

Words & Music: Carol Owens, 1972  
CCLI #2825634

**We Depart to Serve**

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

**Recessional Hymn**

***Rejoice, the Lord Is King*** ..... DARWALL'S

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

2. Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
3. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
4. Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,  
and take his servants up to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1746 (1 Cor. 15:51-52)  
 Music: John Darwall, 1770; harm. from  
*Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1889, alt.  
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**Postlude** ..... Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>  
 Music: John Darwall, 1770;  
 harm. from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1889, alt.



**Those Assisting in Worship:**

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Presiding Celebrant and Preacher: | Bishop L. Jonathan Holston                                                                                                                                          |
| Liturgist:                        | Ms. Betty Void, Columbia District Lay Leader<br>Ms. Barbara Ware, Conference Lay Leader                                                                             |
| Choir:                            | Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Kingstree<br>Leading in Worship: Kendrick R. Huggins<br>Minister of Music/Organist<br>Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Kingstree |
| Song Leader:                      | Mr. Craig Coelho                                                                                                                                                    |
| Organist:                         | Mr. Christopher Leysath                                                                                                                                             |
| Signer:                           | Ms. Carla Steele                                                                                                                                                    |
| Episcopal Banner Bearer:          | Mr. James Steward McDowell                                                                                                                                          |
| Acolyte:                          | Mr. Anthony Griffith Carosiello                                                                                                                                     |
| Crucifer:                         | The Rev. Zachery Harmon Dillard                                                                                                                                     |
| Communion Servers:                |                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                   | The Cabinet                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                   | The Extended Cabinet                                                                                                                                                |
|                                   | The District Lay Leaders                                                                                                                                            |
|                                   | The Secretary of Lay Leadership                                                                                                                                     |
|                                   | Chairs 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 2016 Ordination Class                                                                                                                                |

<sup>1</sup> John Chrysostom, adapted. Traditional.  
<sup>2</sup> Steve Garnaas-Holmes, "God's Rule of Grace," [umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org)

## A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Monday • June 6, 2016 • 7:30 am

### Gathering

#### Prelude

#### A Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is doing a new thing!

People: **The Spirit is blowing. God is breathing new life in us.**

Leader: The Lord is doing a new thing!

People: **The old ways served their purpose, but a different chapter is beginning.**

Leader: The Lord is doing a new thing!

People: **We were not meant to remain the same. God intends for us to grow and change.**

Leader: The Lord is doing a new thing!

People: **We want to be a part of it!**

All: **Praise God! The Lord is indeed doing a new thing!**

#### \*Hymn

**Come, Christians, Join to Sing** (1<sup>st</sup> verse only)..... SPANISH HYMN

1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Words: Christian Henry Bateman (1843)  
Music: Trad melody arr. by Benjamin Carr,  
1824 harm. by Austin Lovelace, 1963 Harm  
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#### \*The Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of the People:**

Leader: Let us pray today for all those who are on the edge of discovery.

**People: For those listening for God’s call and for those about to be surprised by grace.**

Leader: Let us pray for those who are on the edge of despair.

**People: For those who search for fresh water, for food, for peace, or for a lost loved one.**

Leader: Let us pray for all those who are on the edge of rage.

**People: For those who have been long oppressed, and those who have long ago forgotten why they hate those they hate.**

Leader: Let us pray for all who are on the edge of redemption.

**People: For those who have hit rock bottom and are looking up and for those ready to bask in forgiveness.**

Leader: Let us pray for all those who are on the edge of decision.

**People: For those who must make difficult decisions in the days ahead -world leaders, executives, parents, and church leaders**

Leader: Let us pray for all who are on the edge of the church.

**People: For those who are hungry to know Jesus and love their neighbor, even though they may not yet be aware of the source of their hunger.**

Leader: Let us pray for who are on the edge of heaven.

**People: For the saints in heaven, and those who will soon join them, who now wait for God’s everlasting embrace.**

**Old Testament Reading** ..... Ezekiel 11:16-25

**\*Hymn: Take My Life, and Let it Be** (1<sup>st</sup> verse only) ..... MESSIAH

- 1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
 Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
 Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love .  
 Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Words: Frances R. Havergal, (1873)  
Music: Louis J. F. Herold, (1839)  
arr. By George Kingsley, (1839); Public Domain

**\*Gospel Lesson** ..... Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Special Music**

**“Hard Times Come Again No More”** ..... Rev. Suzanne Walker  
Rev. Wade Everett

**Sermon** ..... **“Playing in the Dirt”**

**Thanksgiving and Communion**

**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.

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

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

Leader and People: **Glory to God. Amen.**

## The Peace

### 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.  
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.  
When the Lord Jesus ascended he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.  
On the night in which he gave himself up for us,  
Our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread  
gave it to his disciples, and said:  
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, 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 your Holy Spirit in your Holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,  
now and forever.

**The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, let us pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread and the Sharing of the Cup**

**Sending Forth**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Jason Everson  
Special Music and Liturgist: The Rev. Suzanne Walker  
Musician: Mr. Christopher Leysath  
The Rev. Wade Everett

AN ORDER FOR THE EXAMINATION AND  
LICENSING OF LOCAL PASTORS

Monday • June 6, 2016

Hymn

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*..... ADELAIDE

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

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will,  
while I am waiting, yielded and still.
2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Savior today!  
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,  
as in thy presence humbly I bow.
3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!  
Power, all power, surely is thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!
4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolutely sway.  
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me!

Words: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902 (Jer. 18:6)  
Music: George C. Stebbins, 1907; 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

**Robert E. Lee, Registrar for Local Pastors**

these persons to the licensed as local pastors

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

Minnie Pearl Anderson	Michael Eugene Evans
Laura Nicole Benson	Daniel Kaye Fortney
Tammy Abee Blom	Alisha Christine Hansen
Patricia Peterson Bowman	Anthony Allan Harder
Timothy Warren Burleson	Richard Kent Herd
Willie Mae Cannon	Roger Dale Hovis
Jeffrey Weldon Childress	George Palmer Hudson
Gerald Farrow Clinkscales	Annie Kathryn Jackson
Joe Wesley Conner	Marcus Allen Johnston
Karen E. Dowdle-Wells	Clayton Jonathon Jones, Sr.
James L. Drummond	Harold Ray Kessler, III

Stewart Comer Kidd  
Mary Ann Perine Lewis  
Rebecca Robin McCorkendale  
Patsy McCrea  
John Edward McLeod, Jr.  
Trevor Alvia Miller  
J. William Quarles  
Juanita B. Raber  
Caroline Adams Salmans  
Sherri Priscilla Scott  
Javon Acosta Seaborn

Kyu-Seok Shin  
Matthew Kirk Snelgrove  
Stephen Craig Turner  
Eric Andrew Vickery  
Gerald LeRoy Watford  
Sylvia Freeman Watson  
Lisa Montique Way  
Barbara Jean McDowell Webster  
Gwendolyn White  
Kendrick Williams

**Prayer** ..... Ms. Carolyn Hall  
Conference Board of Ordained Ministry

**Examination of the Candidates**

*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 to which they are appointed 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.**

**Prayer and Dismissal** ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

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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. Robert E. Lee, Registrar for Local Pastors  
Ms. Carolyn Hall, Conference Board of Ordained Ministry

**A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**

**Tuesday • June 7 • 7:30 am**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, I welcome you to worship!

People: **It is a delight to be together in the house of God!**

Leader: We lift our voices with joyful hearts!

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

Leader: May the grace of God, the love of Jesus, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be  
with us now in this hour and always.

All: **Amen.**

**Prayer** ..... The Rev. Geneva Stafford

**Scripture Lesson** ..... Romans 5:1-5

**Special Selection** ..... Anointed Harmony Praise Team  
St. Mark UMC (Sumter)

**Sermon**

*It's for the Lord's Glory* ..... The Rev. Geneva Stafford

**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.*

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.**

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

*The Lord's Prayer*

**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.**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

**\*Benediction**

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Leading in Worship

The Rev. Geneva Stafford, Preacher and Celebrant

Anointed Harmony Praise Team, St. Mark UMC, Sumter

A SERVICE OF RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF RETIRING PASTORS

Tuesday • June 7, 2016 • 11:00 am

Prelude and Gathering ..... Mr. Christopher Leysath

*Farther Along* ..... W.B. Stevens, fl. 1934; arr. J.R. Baxter, Jr.

\*Call to Worship ..... The Rev. Betty Kay Hudson

Then I heard a voice in heaven saying:

“Whom shall I send?  
and who will go for us?”

Then said I,

“Here am I; send me.”

I will go, Lord, if You lead me;

I will hold Your people in my heart.

\*Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision* (verses 1 and 2) ..... SLANE

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, 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; Public Domain

Litany of Thanksgiving

First Reader ..... The Rev. Michael L. Guffee

With your promise, we have followed and each day the promise was fulfilled;

You poured life into us, giving us speech, wisdom and expectation, thought and  
action. You have marked the way before us.

You have kept us even in days of loss and fear. Your presence has been a mantle around us  
and a guide to our feet.

**All: Each step I take be blessed to me, O God.<sup>1</sup>**

Second Reader ..... The Rev. J. Jeannette Cooper

You have taught us to live at peace, with others and even with ourselves;

when we have asked, you have made straight the crooked lines of mistakes and sin  
and, have even in your time made something of beauty for Yourself from them.

**All: Each step I take be blessed to me, O God.**

Third Reader ..... The Rev. Jerry Temple

And now, once again at Your promise we follow; seeking Your fresh vision for our lives.

With Your vision, let us face the future with steady eye and heart.

With Your promise, let us move forward strong in hope -  
embracing these new days and free from doubt.

Listening to your voice and following where it leads through the doors that you have opened.<sup>2</sup>

All: Each step I take be blessed to me, O God.  
Thanks be to God.  
Amen.

\*Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision* (verse 3) ..... SLANE

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.

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versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.  
Music: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963; Public Domain

Recognition of Retirees ..... Rev. David Anderson

*Each retiree and spouse come forward as name is called.*

Carol Dianne Allison  
John Mayford Altman, Jr.  
Lee Curtis Bines  
Joethel Jeannette Cooper  
James Henry Counts, Jr.  
Ernest Calvin Etheredge  
Harry Kyle Gindhart, Jr.  
James Kevin Gorry  
Roger Michael Gramling  
Mary E. Green  
Michael Loyd Guffee  
Robert Wayne Horne  
Elizabeth McKay Hudson Timms  
Robert Eugene Lee

Stephen Ray Jordan  
Pamela Gail Ledbetter  
Bonnie Farias Miller  
Jacki Sue Mitchel-Ratledge  
Marie Elizabeth Ray  
Jonathan Edward Smith  
Deborah Ward Taylor  
Jerry Eugene Temple  
Tina Anderson Thomas  
Mark Anthony Williams

*Ad Interim (effective January 1, 2016)*  
Robert Lee Allen  
Franklin Elbert Copeland

**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 Sacrament, to order the life of the church  
and to bear witness and service to Christ in the world.

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.

Let us pray:

Grace-Giving,  
Power-Giving,  
Love-Giving God,

each of these persons has followed  
their best thought – the beckoning  
call of your voice.  
Each has chosen their first love –  
the God of heaven, ruler of all.  
We pray that still their vision  
may be your vision – still their heart your heart.  
In gratitude we celebrate their shared ministry  
and in anticipation with them  
turn toward days of new call and response.  
In all ways we give thanks.  
Amen.

### **Glimpses of Ministry from the Retiring Class**

#### **Passing of the Mantle**

*A representative of the retiring class and a representative of 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:*

#### **The Rev. Ernest C. Etheredge**

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:*

#### **The Rev. Erik K. Grayson**

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

#### **Bishop Holston’s Charge:**

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.

#### **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

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**Leading in Worship**

Liturgists:

- Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
- The Rev. Betty Kay Hudson
- The Rev. Michael L. Guffee, Member of Retiring Class
- The Rev. J. Jeannette Cooper, Member of Retiring Class
- The Rev. Jerry Temple, Member of Retiring Class
- Rev. David Anderson

Passing of the Mantle:

- The Rev. Ernest C. Etheredge, Representative of the Retiring Class
- The Rev. Erik K. Grayson, Representative of the Ordination Class

Organist:

- Mr. Christopher Leysath

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>1</sup> adapted from Celtic Daily Prayer, the Northumbria Community; page 163-164

<sup>2</sup> adapted from Celtic Daily Prayer, the Northumbria Community; page 217

**A SERVICE OF MEMORIAL**  
**Tuesday • June 7, 2016 • 2:00 pm**

*Members of the procession will gather in the Pee Dee room prior to service.*

**Prelude** ..... Clergy Choir of the South Carolina Annual Conference  
*How Beautiful* ..... Twila Parish/arr. Benjamin Harlar  
*Amazing Grace* ..... arr. John Ness Beck

**Call to Worship** ..... Clergy Choir of the South Carolina Annual Conference  
*Total Praise* ..... Smallwood/arr. Patsy Ford Sims

**Hymn**

*Near to the Heart of God* ..... McAFEE

1. There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;  
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

*Refrain:*

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.

2. There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;  
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

*Refrain*

3. There is place a place of full release, near to the heart of God;  
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

*Refrain*

Words & Music: Cleland B. McAfee, 1903  
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**\*Greeting** ..... The Rev. Neil M. Yongue

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.**

**\*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.** <sup>11</sup>

*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.**

**Anthem** ..... Clergy Choir SC Annual Conference  
**A Song Unending** ..... Joseph Rojhn/Lee Dengler

**The Scripture Lessons**  
*Psalm 116:12-19, Revelation 7:9-17* ..... The Rev. Patricia J. Parrish

**\*The Gospel Lesson**  
*John 14:1-3* ..... The Rev. Patricia J. Parrish

**Homily**  
**"Remarkable Words of Promise"** ..... The Rev. Patricia J. Parrish  
Superintendent, Charleston District

**\*The Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston  
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.)*

| <b>Active Ministers</b>           | <b>Date of Birth</b> | <b>Date of Death</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Robert Christopher Barrett        | December 15, 1973    | February 24, 2016    |
| Edwina Juliette Williams          | May 25, 1949         | February 14, 2016    |
| <b>Retired Ministers</b>          |                      |                      |
| Eugene Holland Bedenbaugh         | June 4, 1935         | February 16, 2016    |
| Douglas Arthur Bowling            | November 10, 1943    | August 19, 2015      |
| George Raymond Cousar             | February 7, 1930     | July 13, 2015        |
| Harry Mulford Goewey              | September 21, 1924   | June 15, 2015        |
| Betty Sue Griffin                 | August 22, 1932      | August 16, 2015      |
| Franklin Herman Johnson           | August 2, 1934       | December 22, 2015    |
| William Randolph Kinnett          | May 2, 1927          | August 14, 2015      |
| George Alfred McClenan            | June 22, 1947        | April 30, 2016       |
| Edward Donald McKinney            | May 9, 1923          | December 4, 2015     |
| Joseph Robert Nicholson, Sr.      | September 25, 1929   | October 23, 2015     |
| Lewis Carroll Pope, Jr.           | July 20, 1949        | August 23, 2015      |
| Fred Mortimer Reese, Jr.          | September 18, 1927   | April 16, 2016       |
| Dwight Moody Smith, Jr.           | November 20, 1931    | May 10, 2016         |
| Woodrow Marshall Smith            | April 7, 1937        | January 5, 2016      |
| Norris McDonald "Donnie" Swett    | December 5, 1936     | December 8, 2015     |
| William Joseph Vines              | October 11, 1931     | October 12, 2015     |
| Seth W. Williams                  | March 25, 1944       | September 7, 2015    |
| <b>Spouses</b>                    |                      |                      |
| Betty Wilson Alewine              | January 26, 1931     | June 29, 2015        |
| Judy Risinger Benton              | June 6, 1947         | February 29, 2016    |
| Iris Faye Cothran                 | January 13, 1938     | December 22, 2015    |
| Patricia Jenkins Cross            | December 27, 1934    | August 7, 2015       |
| Barbara Rate Davis                | July 8, 1957         | September 12, 2015   |
| Jackie Jennings Morris            | October 23, 1953     | November 18, 2015    |
| Sherry Prater Murphy              | May 8, 1946          | January 15, 2016     |
| Alice Patricia "Patty" Padgett    | December 25, 1940    | September 26, 2015   |
| Hazel Marie Abercrombie Templeton | March 3, 1930        | January 1, 2016      |
| Bernard Issac Timmons             | October 18, 1953     | March 18, 2016       |

**Surviving Spouses**

|                          |                  |                   |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Helen Hutto Brabham      | February 5, 1922 | May 13, 2016      |
| Carolyn Crenshaw         |                  | January 19, 2016  |
| Olivia Rayfield Davis    | October 28, 1931 | December 26, 2015 |
| Mildred Kennerly Hendrix | October 25, 1922 | May 2, 2016       |
| Agnes Dawsey Rogers      | April 30, 1927   | April 17, 2016    |
| Dorothy Coker Way        | January 22, 1922 | August 24, 2015   |
| Bernice Martin Wright    | January 17, 1931 | February 27, 2016 |

**Others**

|                                  |                |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Mary Jo Chreitzberg Reese Brodie | March 21, 1920 | March 29, 2016 |
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**\*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.

(United Methodist Book of Worship, page 739)

**\*Choral Benediction** ..... Clergy Choir  
*Journey On* ..... author unknown

**Postlude** ..... *Revive Us Again*  
 John J. Husband, 1760-1825

*Family members are invited to retrieve pictures and votives from altar setting at conclusion of service.*

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**Leading In Worship:**

Presiding: Bishop L. Jonathan Holston  
 Liturgist: The Rev. Neil M. Yongue  
 Preacher: The Rev. Patricia J. Parrish  
 Music: Clergy Choir of the South Carolina Annual Conference  
 Mr. Christopher Leysath, Accompanist  
 The Rev. Steven King  
 Acolyte: Ms. Shawna Darnell  
 Memorial Banner Bearer: Ms. Debra Friday  
 Banner Bearers: Mr. Travis Feagin  
 Ms. Anna Feagin  
 Writer of Liturgy: The Rev. Scott W. Smoak

**A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**  
**Wednesday • June 8, 2016 • 7:30 AM**

**Greeting** ..... Ms. Linda Ferguson

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you**

Leader: The risen Christ is with us.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

**Hymn**

**“One Bread, One Body”** ..... ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

*Refrain:*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.

*Refrain*

2. Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.

*Refrain*

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all.

*Refrain*

Words: John B. Foley, 1978 (1 Cor. 10:16-17; Gal. 3:28; 1 Cor. 12)  
Music: John B. Foley, 1978; harm. By Gary Alan Smith, 1988  
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**Scripture Reading** ..... *Isaiah 65:17-25*

**Homily**

**“A Second Chance”** ..... The Rev. David L. Anderson

**Special Music** ..... Mr. Craig Coelho;

Conference Worship Team and Song

**Invitation**

Leader: 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**

**All: 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.

### 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,  
Almighty God, 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 God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### The Lord’s Prayer

**All: 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.**

### Breaking the Bread

### Giving the Bread and Cup

### Hymn

“**Sanctuary**” ..... SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

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**Sending Forth**

**Dismissal with Blessing**

Leader: Go forth in peace.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, And the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, Be with you all.

All: Amen.

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We Gather for Worship

Gathering Prelude

Hymn

*Gather Us In* ..... GATHER US IN

1. Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken, gather us in - the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of your name.
  
2. We are the young - our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old - who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of histr'y,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in -the rich and the haughty, gather us in - the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
  
3. Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
  
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light-years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in - all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Prayer ..... The Rev. Carly K. Wicklund

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

The Word of God ..... *Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21*

The Rev. Bernett W. Mazyck

Proclamation of the Word

*"It's What's Inside that Counts"* ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

## We Respond to God's Word

*(The lists of appointments are to be distributed during the singing of the hymn.)*

### Hymn

**Let There Be Peace on Earth** ..... WORLD PEACE

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

*(Sing through twice)*

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### Making Space For God To Work Through The Fixing Of Appointments

- *By district, the Bishop calls the District Superintendent and Lay Leader to the lectern. Both current and new servant leaders come forward in those districts where there will be a change in Superintendent and/or Lay Leader.*
- *As the district representatives are moving toward the lectern, lay representatives of the churches in the district and the clergy being appointed to serve those churches will stand.*

### Making Space For God To Work Through The Acceptance Of Appointments

#### **Bishop:**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, our Book of Discipline reminds us that “the local church provides the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs.” It is also through the local church where we are best able to make space for God to work. As we leave this place and return to our places of ministry, we go to be disciples, to make disciples for the transformation of the world, and to continually make space for God to work.

To you who are clergy, in faithfulness to God who has called you to this ministry, will you go where you are sent, making room for God to work in and through you with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?

#### **Clergy:**

By God's grace I am called to this ministry. In God's strength I will go where I am sent. With God's help I will continue striving to be a faithful and loyal servant.

#### **Bishop:**

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

**Laity:**

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

**We Go Forth To Serve**

**Sending Forth** ..... Ms. Barbara Ware  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Benediction** ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston  
The blessing of the Triune God be upon you now and always.

**Postlude**

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- Preacher: Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
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- Liturgist: The Rev. Carly Wicklund  
The Rev. Bennett W. Mazyck  
Ms. Barbara Ware, Conference Lay Leader
- District Superintendents
- District Lay Leaders

## 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.

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.

By Graham Kendrick, CCLI #2825634

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

By Edward Boatner, CCLI #2825634

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.

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.

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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