

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND MEMORY

June 7, 2021 • 7:00pm

Prelude Common Bond, Mt. Horeb Handbell Choir

Procession Acolyte, Crucifer, Episcopal Banner

The Call to Worship..... The Rev. Millie Nelson Smith

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 forever. (UMBOW, # 737)

Opening Hymn

"Sing with All the Saints of Glory" HYMN TO JOY

1. Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorry, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.
2. O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th'eternal gates.
3. Life eternal! Heaven rejoices: Jesus lives, who once was dead.
Join we now the deathless voices; child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from the distant ages, saints all longing for their heaven
Prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, all await the glory given.
4. Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown
When, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament;
Know, with thee, O God Immortal, "Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

*Words: William J. Irons, 1873, (1 Cor. 15:20)
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824*

The Opening Prayer The Rev. Millie Nelson Smith

Tender and compassionate God, we seek to know you through the hearing of your 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 that 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 we may experience the fire within that sent them out to share good news. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

The Scripture The Rev. Millie Nelson Smith
 Old Testament Lesson **Genesis 18:16-33**
 Gospel Lesson **John 4:25-30; 39-42**

The Sermon **“Fertile Soil and Shining Sparks”** The Rev. Joe Long

Special Music **“Because He Lives”** Ensemble, Mt. Horeb UMC
 Melodie Griffin, Julie Carter, Susan Joyner, Mike Meetze, and Dale Price

Procession of Memorial Banners

Act of Remembrance (those who died in Conference years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021)
(We light a candle on the altar and ring a bell in memory of the deceased. We invite you to light your memorial candle at home.)

CONFERENCE YEAR 2019-2020

Active Ministers	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Herman Alex Black	July 6, 1964	September 9, 2019
Marilyn Le’Cene Boyer	June 14, 1953	July 8, 2019
April Lee Hall	February 27, 1963	June 14, 2019
Donald Eaddy McAllister, Sr.	March 10, 1960	June 3, 2019
Alester McKinney	April 4, 1930	August 3, 2019
Wyatt Clifton Minton, III	March 12, 1960	February 12, 2020
Retired Ministers		
Philip Loren Bostrom	February 8, 1950	October 17, 2019
Barry Lewis Brown	November 10, 1945	November 3, 2019
Joe Kirkpatrick Brown, Sr.	December 27, 1930	April 13, 2020
William Burke	December 31, 1942	March 20, 2020
George Powell Busch	November 10, 1929	November 19, 2019
Joseph Frazier	December 4, 1935	December 10, 2019
Arthur Melvin Gilliard	February 23, 1931	May 5, 2020
Clifford Russell Gilmer	April 10, 1943	September 7, 2019
Ernest Edwin LeMaster	January 18, 1922	July 16, 2019
Alice Louise Deissler Linder	July 22, 1930	March 1, 2020
Grace Lewellyn Lovell	October 5, 1944	February 3, 2020
Robert Edward McAuley	January 11, 1936	January 10, 2020
Rebecca Jean Huguley McBee	December 13, 1948	October 25, 2019
Theodore Bye McEachern	April 25, 1928	May 17, 2020
James D. Medley	February 29, 1924	April 22, 2020
Jack Allen Poole, Sr.	September 23, 1936	August 25, 2019
Gareth Delwyn Scott	March 25, 1940	March 16, 2020
Jack Christopher Washington	February 12, 1946	September 28, 2019

Spouses

Barbara Jean Phelps Borom	July 25, 1943	May 5, 2020
Robert Michael Culp	October 19, 1946	January 19, 2020
Ruth Ann Keller Frey	February 21, 1944	May 30, 2020
Lloyd Herbert Ivey	June 10, 1934	June 15, 2019
Joyce Caroline Dunlap Patterson	November 10, 1940	February 28, 2020
James Clay Sistrunk, Sr.	August 3, 1960	March 16, 2020
Binner McClellan Tart	August 30, 1939	May 24, 2020

Surviving Spouses

Carolyn Griggs Belding	November 26, 1947	September 16, 2019
Mary Elizabeth Chreitzberg Crenshaw	September 28, 1923	December 27, 2019
Gladys Davis Powell Fludd	May 26, 1931	March 7, 2020
Anne Blackburn Fryga	December 8, 1920	April 10, 2020
Bernetha Morris Graham	December 13, 1936	April 24, 2020
Elizabeth Cobb Holler	December 11, 1925	January 4, 2020
Eleanor Haynes Holmes	July 6, 1933	February 10, 2020
Grace Evelyn Lesley Houston	February 21, 1924	July 20, 2019
Prince Ola Lee	November 26, 1929	May 22, 2020
Joyce Herndon Tysinger Long	April 14, 1949	November 4, 2019
Ernestine Walker McDowell	May 21, 1932	August 3, 2019
Elizabeth Gail Pittman Rush	May 7, 1942	January 31, 2020
Mary Gault Smith	October 5, 1922	October 16, 2019

Others

John Christopher Detwiler (Hon Located)	March 17, 1936	February 25, 2020
Thomas Sumter Miller	February 13, 1927	October 1, 2019
Ernest Wroten Prewett, Jr. (Hon Located)	March 6, 1937	January 8, 2020

CONFERENCE YEAR 2020-2021**Active Ministers**

	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Donald Eugene Alexander, Jr.	August 17, 1959	January 28, 2021
Mark Asbury Bowling	August 25, 1962	October 20, 2020
Guy Michael Scales	December 21, 1958	December 28, 2020

Retired Ministers

Charles David Barrett	June 24, 1933	October 7, 2020
DeArmond Emory Canaday	November 29, 2020	December 4, 2020
John Scott Cloninger	November 4, 1952	September 29, 2020
Willie Furman Dicks, Jr.	November 12, 1949	November 27, 2020
Edgar Heberton Ellis, Jr.	March 20, 1935	July 18, 2020
John Law Epps	June 30, 1939	June 24, 2020
Robert Auburn Hall, Jr.	December 31, 1929	March 1, 2021
John Wesley Hipp	March 25, 1953	October 27, 2020
William Alford Jones	January 9, 1940	January 24, 2021
Stephen Ray Jordan	August 6, 1951	January 5, 2021
Happy William Louis Long	July 29, 1939	January 18, 2021
Forrest David Mills	January 12, 1941	August 4, 2020

William Terry Mitchell	November 14, 1946	February 8, 2021
Arthur Wesley Murphy	October 7, 1942	December 19, 2020
Thomas Jefferson Pearson, Jr.	July 4, 1951	May 6, 2021
Eugene King Scoggins	December 13, 1922	November 15, 2020
Garland Loyal Smith, Jr.	October 25, 1942	January 11, 2021
Rance Pelham Sprayberry	June 11, 1933	November 21, 2020
Thomas Shadrach Summers, Jr.	December 8, 1938	July 22, 2020
Charles Porter Teague	May 6, 1945	January 5, 2021
George William Watson, Sr.	August 25, 1933	February 16, 2021
Thomas McKendre Williams, Jr.	January 14, 1930	August 18, 2020
Needham Rodgers Williamson	August 18, 1939	August 31, 2020
Robert Morris Wofford	May 3, 1929	January 2, 2021

Spouses

Elaine Belangia	December 7, 1942	October 4, 2020
Catherine Cox Cavin	October 31, 1939	November 25, 2020
Patricia Duncan	August 25, 1934	August 22, 2020
Julia Anne Ervin	October 30, 1941	September 27, 2020
Lee Cantley Farmer	June 16, 1932	September 3, 2020
Marsha Lee	March 13, 1946	January 28, 2021
Betty Newton	February 17, 1935	September 3, 2020
James Saylor	March 19, 1940	July 21, 2020
Gary Toothe	October 19, 1954	January 30, 2021
Stuart Vance	October 23, 1935	September 10, 2020

Surviving Spouses

Eloise McMillan Brown	December 24, 1933	November 29, 2020
Mildred B. Cannon	January 31, 1926	February 12, 2021
Bernice Carter	October 1, 1913	August 21, 2020
Eliza M. Cave	January 3, 1914	July 10, 2020
Lella Frances Fowler	March 27, 1927	June 19, /2020
Beatrice T. Graham	April 24, 1924	November 7, 2020
Nancy Halter	July 26, 1941	February 2, 2021
Ralph Hatchell	December 29, 1934	November 7, 2020
Louise Holden	February 14, 1925	August 29, 2020
Jacqueline James	July 15, 1934	June 19, 2020
Virginia LeMaster	February 4, 1919	January 1, 2021
Dorothy Mainous	November 7, 1931	November 14, 2020
Lula Major	December 25, 1925	November 15, 2020
Lois Rawls McNair	November 11, 1925	November 27, 2020
Mary Virginia Cannon Moody	September 12, 1928	January 30, 2021
Wynette Stiltz	February 18, 1936	October 26, 2020

Others

Mary Jane Lever	January 30, 1951	February 6, 2021
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Prayer for the Saints and the Faithful Departed Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
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. (UMBOW, page 739)

***Benediction** Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
Go your way and take the next faithful step rejoicing. Surrounded as you are by such a great cloud of witnesses, take courage as you face each new challenge, and comfort when you pick yourself up from a fall. In whatever good you choose to do, precede it with hope, accompany it with prayer, and follow it with thanksgiving.

The blessing of God Most Wonderful, whom the saints have trusted as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will be with you now and ever more. (based on Hebrews 12:1, and a blessing written by Bruce Prewer.)

***Postlude**..... **“For All the Saints”** Mr. Luke Fang

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**Leading in Worship:**

- Presiding: Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
- Liturgist: Rev. Millie Nelson Smith, Director of Connectional Ministries
- Preacher: Rev. Joe Long, Pastor, Central UMC, Newberry
- Pianist: Mr. Luke Fang, Mt. Horeb UMC
- Handbell Ensemble: Holly Aycock, Stacey Amick, Cindy Bodie,  
Charles Miller, and Susan Joyner
- Handbell Choir Director: Mrs. Susan Joyner, Mt. Horeb UMC
- Traditional Worship Director: Mrs. Melodie Griffin, Mt. Horeb UMC
- Acolyte: Rev. Emma Murphy, Congregational Care Pastor,  
Mt. Horeb UMC
- Crucifier: Rev. James B. Rogers, Associate Pastor, Lexington UMC
- Episcopal Banner Bearer: Mrs. Martha Thompson, Member, Committee on Episcopacy
- Memorial Banner Bearers: Rev. Mary Johnson, Retired Elder  
Mrs. Betty Void, Chair,  
Columbia District Connectional Ministries