

**Worship Services for the  
2019 Session of the South Carolina Annual Conference  
of The United Methodist Church**

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*The Ordination, Commissioning, and Recognition Service* will have a separate bulletin. As such, the order of worship for the Ordination, Commissioning, and Recognition 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 on Monday.

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

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS GATHER**

- **Sunday evening** worship participants gather at **6:30 p.m. on Level 2 in Hall 1 (Section 4) (Across from Ballroom)**
- **Monday** afternoon Memorial Service participants and family members gather at 1:30 p.m. on **Level 2 in Hall 1 across from Ballroom**. There will be reserved seating for family members on the floor of the Greenville Convention Center Ballroom.
- **Monday evening** Ordination Service participants gather at **6:00 p.m. on Level 2 in 202 A & B**
- **Tuesday morning Service of Retirement** participants and their designated guest will **gather on the stage to receive seating assignments at the 10:45 a.m. Break**

## 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 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 Ballroom 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 Ballroom.

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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 toward 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 BALLROOM

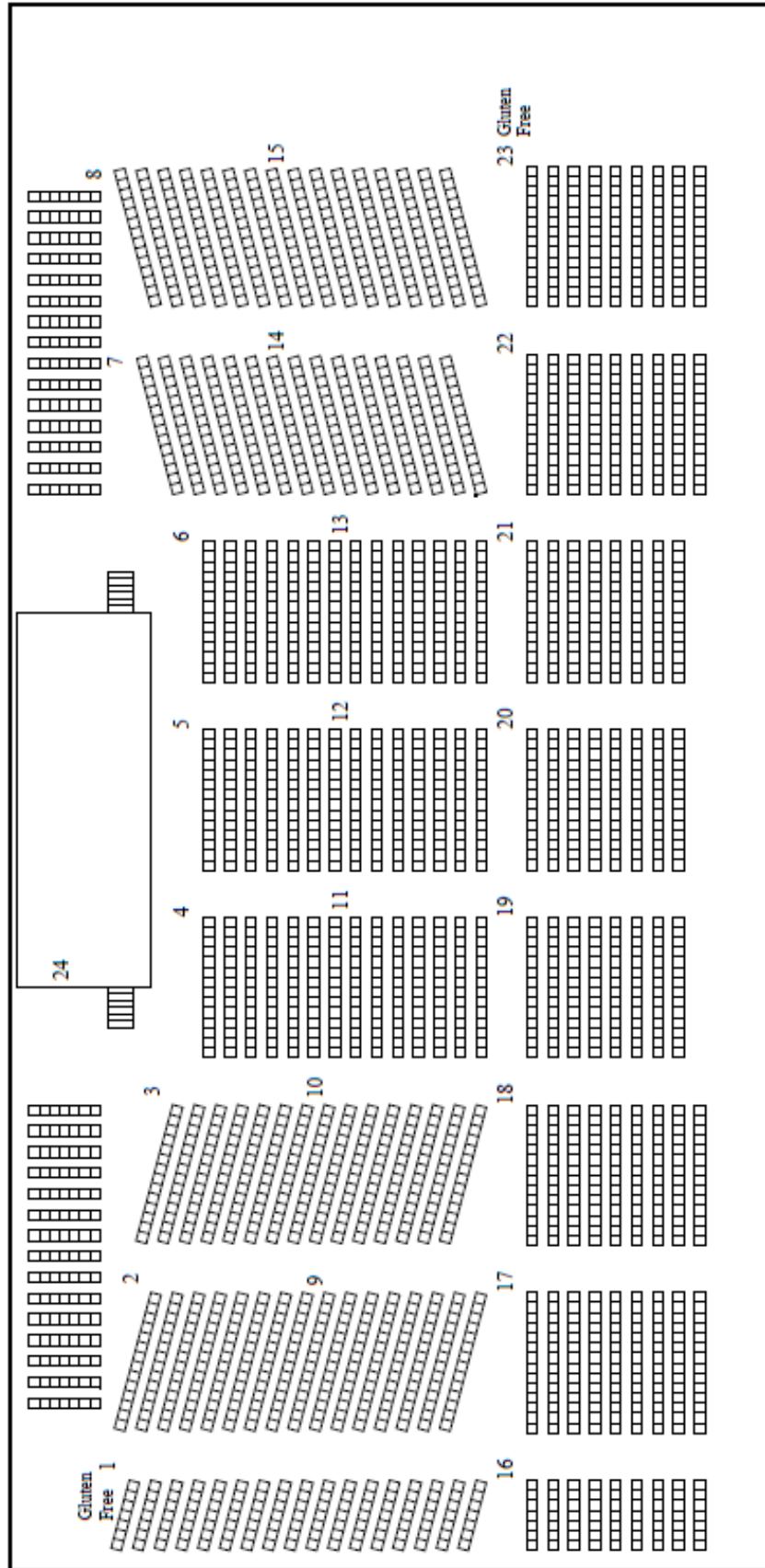
There are serving stations throughout the Ballroom. Ushers will be present to direct you to your nearest station. Please follow your usher's instructions allowing the service to move as smoothly and to be as worshipful as possible. Please note that your servers will be in front of you. Please move to the servers and return to your seats by entering the row from the left.

There will be two stations serving **gluten-free** bread - one at the front of the Ballroom to the left of the stage and one at the right rear of the Ballroom. 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 Ballroom during our opening worship service, "A Service of Word and Table" will be offered Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. 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



OPENING SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
Sunday • June 2, 2019 • 7:30 p.m.

We Gather for Worship

Gathering Prelude ..... Mr. Christopher Nash and Ms. Carla Fleming  
*All Hail the Power* ..... RANEY  
CCLI # 2825634

\*Processional Hymns

*Holy, Holy, Holy* ..... NICAEA

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the  
glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, art, and  
evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory  
may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and  
purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and  
sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Words: Reginald Heber, 1826 (Rev. 4:8-11)  
Music: John B. Dykes, 1861; CCLI #2825634

*God of Grace and God of Glory* ..... CWM RHONDDA

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient  
church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, for  
the facing of this hour, (of this hour) for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long  
have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage,  
for the living of these days, (of these days) for the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton,  
selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, lest  
we miss thy kingdom's goal, (kingdom's goal) lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be  
our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
(we adore) serving thee whom we adore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930  
Music: John Hughes, 1907; CCLI #2825634

Prayer of Invocation ..... Mr. David Salter

O God, our Guide and Guardian, you have led us apart from the busy world into the  
quiet of your house. Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth, to the comfort of  
our souls and the up building of every good purpose and holy desire. Enable us to do more  
perfectly the work to which you have called us that we may not fear the coming of night,  
when we shall resign into your hands the tasks, which you have committed to us. So may we

worship you not with our lips at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Anthem** ..... Youth Choir  
*Who You Say I Am* ..... arr. Jay Rouse

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

**Prayer for Illumination** ..... Rev. Laura Whitt  
Hope of the world, Hope of all hearts, our hope remains in you especially when hope seems hard. Speak to us through your word. Come to us at your table. And sustain us in the hope of the covenant you have written on our hearts. Amen.

**Reading God's Word** ..... *Jeremiah 29:1-14*

**Proclamation of the Word**  
*Hope is a Four-Letter Word* ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

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

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

We belong to God, eternal and infinite,  
Creator of all things and all that is to come.

We follow Christ, who comes to us from God,  
and reveals God to us.  
He heals people and transforms lives,  
and calls us to join in his ministry.  
He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God,  
and reigns over all Creation;  
and he bids us to die and rise with him  
in the service of the healing of the world.

We are moved by the Holy Spirit,  
together with the communion of saints,  
as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church.

We are confident in the forgiveness of sin,  
the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life.  
In all things, it is our desire to follow Christ,  
by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory.  
Amen.

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

#### **Offering**

In celebration of 150 years of ministry, United Methodist Women has established a fund to undergird the capacity of future generations to carry forward the mission of service and advocacy with women, children and youth for the next 150 years. United Methodist Women's Legacy Fund will receive the offering tonight.

Make checks payable to Treasurer, South Carolina Conference.

Offertory ..... Youth Choir  
*Thou, Oh Lord* ..... arr. Bradley Knight

Festival 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); CCLU #2825634

**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.

Loving God, you told us that to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves was to live the  
dance of joy. Created by Love, surrounded by Love, and made whole in Loving, we  
stumble. We do not believe in your infinite compassion for us.

Forgive our doubt. We withhold unmerited forgiveness from each other.

Forgive our desperate control. We despair we can even love those who have  
hurt us. Forgive our shallow hope. Free us from the fears that hobble our steps.

Through 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 are yours, O God.**

Bless the Lord!

**God's holy name be praised!**

Praised in heaven, praised in earth,  
Praised throughout your creation  
is your name, Holy Triune God.  
From generation to generation,  
**You have been true to your promises.**

You transform us from the inside out,  
**and claim us as your people.**

So with the prophets, leaders, and faithful people,  
we, with all creation, cry, "Holy!"

**Holy, Holy, Holy**  
**Lord God of power and might,**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the Christ who comes in your name!**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, Jesus Christ,  
Word made flesh,  
You are the new covenant,  
God with us,  
and within us you are making  
all things new.

**Blessed are you, Jesus Christ.**

Merciful are you for coming among us  
and offering yourself to us  
in this holy meal  
to fill our hungry and erring souls,  
and to empower us to break free from Satan's lies  
and follow where you lead,  
loving God and neighbor  
fully as ourselves.

With your first disciples, on the night of your betrayal into death,  
you took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it, saying:  
Take and eat this, my body given for you.  
Then you took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it saying:  
Drink this, my blood of the new covenant for you.

Even so,  
here and now,  
come Holy Spirit.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Come upon these gifts  
and upon us.  
Make them be for us  
The body and blood of Jesus Christ,  
that we who receive them may be for all  
the body of Christ enlivened by his blood.

Come, Holy Spirit.  
**Make us one.**

Come, Holy Spirit.  
Unite us with you.

Come, Holy Spirit.  
Revive us!

Dwell in our hearts, O Christ,  
and make us fully your people,  
this day and every day  
until that day  
when we shall feast with you in new creation.

To you, All-Merciful Creator,  
through Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit  
we raise our cry of thanks:  
**All praise, honor, and glory are yours,  
blessed Triune God, now and forever. 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 Anthems ..... Youth Choir

*Arise, My Soul, Arise* ..... Dan Forrest

*Is He Worthy?* ..... arr. Jay Rouse

*As we continue to receive Holy Communion, you are invited to sing the following 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: African-American spiritual Music: African-American spiritual;  
adapt. by W.F. Smith, 1987; One License #804133-E



We Depart to Serve

Benediction ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

Recessional Hymn

*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. Glaser; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839  
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Postlude ..... Mr. Christopher Nash

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**Leading in Worship:**

Celebrant: Bishop L. Jonathan Holston  
Liturgists: Mr. David Salter, Associate Conference Lay Leader  
Rev. Laura Whitt, Candidate for Full Elder  
Rev. Karen Jones, Chair, Order of Deacons  
Accompanist: Mr. Christopher Nash, Organist and  
Assistant Director of Music, St. John's UMC, Aiken  
Ms. Carla Fleming, Pianist  
Song Leader: Mr. Malek McDuffie, Director of Music  
Mt. Zion UMC, Central  
Youth Choir Greenville District Student Choir and Orchestra  
Covenant UMC, Greer  
Buncombe Street UMC, Greenville,  
St. Matthew UMC, Taylors  
Bethel UMC, Simpsonville  
Advent UMC, Simpsonville  
Directors of Youth Choir Ms. Carol Strasser and Ms. Rosemary Hughes  
Signers Ms. Nancy Dunne and Ms. Callie Marsh  
Episcopal Banner Bearer: Ms. Pamela Goodwine-Glover  
Acolyte: Rev. Cynthia A. Rumsey  
Crucifer: Rev. Susan Maddox  
Communion Servers:  
The Cabinet  
The Extended Cabinet  
Members of the Order of Deacons  
The District Lay Leaders  
The Associate Directors of Lay Leadership  
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 Congregational Specialists  
Members of the 2019 Ordination Class

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE  
Monday • June 3, 2019 • 7:30 a.m.

GREETING

Leader: Lord, today we gather to witness you.

People: **You bring glory to the earth, from the deepest valley to the highest mountain.**

Leader: Lord, today we gather to listen to you.

People: **You call us to go and bring good news to your people.**

Leader: Lord, today we gather to praise you.

People: **You invite us to your table and draw us into your presence.**

Leader: Lord, today we gather to worship you.

SONG OF PRAISE

*Good, Good Father* ..... Chris Tomlin

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like  
But I've heard the tender whispers of love in the dead of night  
And you tell me that you're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

*Chorus*

You're a good, good Father  
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are  
And I'm loved by you  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching  
For answers only you provide  
'Cause you know just what we need  
Before we say a word

*Chorus*

Because you are perfect in all of your ways  
You are perfect in all of your ways  
You are perfect in all of your ways to us  
You are perfect in all of your ways  
You are perfect in all of your ways  
You are perfect in all of your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable  
I, I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable  
I, I can hardly think

As you call me deeper still  
As you call me deeper still  
As you call me deeper still  
Into love, love, love

Chorus [3X]

You're a good, good Father  
You are perfect in all of your ways  
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are  
And I'm loved by you  
You are perfect in all of your ways  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

Songwriters: Anthony Brown / Pat Barrett  
Good Good Father lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group; CCLI# 2825634

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires, known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit – that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE ..... *Romans 12:1-8*

SERMON ..... Rev. Edward McCutcheon

SONG OF PRAISE

*Remembrance* ..... Hillsong Worship

I take the bread of life  
Broken for all my sin  
Your body crucified  
To make me whole again

I will recall the cup  
Poured out in sacrifice  
To trade this sinners' end  
For Your new covenant

Chorus

Hallelujah  
I'll live my life in remembrance  
Hallelujah  
Your promise I won't forget

I'll walk salvation's road  
With fear and trembling  
Your way borne as my own  
As Christ is formed in me

Chorus

If ever I should lose my way  
If ever I deny Your grace  
Remind me of the price You paid  
Hallelujah, I'll live in remembrance

*Bridge (repeated)*

You've been so so good to me  
You've been so so good to me  
Oh to think where I would be  
If not for You  
If not for You

As far as heights reach from the depths  
As far as east is from the west  
So far Your grace has carried me

Until I see You face to face  
Until at last I've won my race  
Remind me  
You're not finished yet

Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
I'll live in remembrance

Songwriters: Benjamin Hastings / Chris Davenport  
Remembrance lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group; CCLI #2825634

#### 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 AND PARDON

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!**

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!**

By one Spirit we are all baptized into the one body.

**Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up our common life.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*(adapted from A Contemporary Service of Holy Communion-Discipleship Ministries 2007 and A Service of Word and Table 1, The Methodist Publishing House 1972)*

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 forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name:

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

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

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, 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 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 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 forever. **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

#### GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

#### SONG OF PRAISE

***Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ..... NETTLETON**

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's redeeming love.
2. Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758 (1 Samuel 7:12)  
Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813  
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## BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

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Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Edward McCutcheon  
Musician: Mr. Will Randall  
Assisting in Worship: Members of the Furman Wesley Community



**AN ORDER FOR THE EXAMINATION AND  
LICENSING OF LOCAL PASTORS**

Monday • June 3, 2019

**\*Hymn**

*A Charge to Keep I Have* ..... BOYLSTON

1. A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,  
A never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.
2. To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;  
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1762 (L.ev. 8:35)  
Music: Lowell Mason, 1832  
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**Barbara Ware, Conference Lay Leader**

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

**Fran Elrod, 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

**Alfonza Jones Sr., Chair of the Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members**

these persons to be licensed as local pastors

*As each candidate's name is read, stand and move to the front of the stage facing the Bishop*

William Travis Abercrombie  
Marion Douglas Aldridge  
Kristina LaNette Baker  
Jeffrey Jerome Belton  
Mark Asbury Bowling  
Sharon Britz  
Cynthia Vertell Brown  
Randall Lee Calcutt  
Joshua Ryan Colvin  
John Bunyan Crouch Jr.  
Levern Epps  
Little Johnny Epps  
Mary Fuller Everhart  
Marianne Gonlag  
Mamie Lee Hannah  
Mary Benton Holladay  
Robert Alan Horowitz  
Janice Baker Hughey

Christopher Charles Key  
Frances Brown King  
Kevin Larry Liles  
Donald Eldree Love  
William Raymond Masciangelo  
Jacob Leavy McLeod  
Suzan Edwards Phillips  
Martin Luther Quick  
Amanda Geddings Richardson  
Sara Lee Sanderson  
Tommy Guery Sinclair  
Glenda Marshall Spann-Hinnant  
Sandra Denise Stubbs  
Charles Eugene Teal  
Laurie Michael Jamar Tomlin  
David Vandal Washington III  
Veverlyn Layvonne Watson-Smith  
Sheldon Lee Withrow

**Prayer** ..... Valerie Brooks-Madden, Chair Board of Pensions

**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 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 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

**\*Hymn**

***A Charge to Keep I Have*** ..... BOYLSTON

*During the singing of the hymn the newly licensed local pastors process out for group picture in Ball Room lobby.*

- 3. Arm me with jealous care, as in thy sight to live,  
And oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!
- 4. Help me to watch and pray, and on thyself rely,  
Assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1762 (Lev. 8:35)  
Music: Lowell Mason, 1832; UMH #413; CCLI #2825634

**Announcements** ..... Rev. Ken Nelson

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**Leading in Worship**

- Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
- Rev. Alfonza Jones Sr., Chair of the Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members
- Rev. Fran Elrod, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry
- Ms. Barbara Ware, Conference Lay Leader
- Ms. Valerie Brooks-Madden, Chair Board of Pensions
- Rev. Ken Nelson, Clergy Services Coordinator, Conference Secretary
- Mr. Christopher Nash, Organist
- Dr. Catherine Stapleton Nance, Song Leader

District Lay Leaders:

Mr. Jeff Fogle, Anderson District Lay Leader  
Mr. David Braddon, Charleston District Lay Leader  
Ms. Betty Void, Columbia District Lay Leader  
Mr. Dennis Sullen, Florence District Lay Leader  
Mr. Michael Cheatham, Greenville District Lay Leader  
Mr. Tony Watson, Greenwood District Lay Leader  
Ms. Anna Feagin, Hartsville District Lay Leader  
Ms. Becky Green, Marion District Lay Leader  
Mr. Monty Felix, Orangeburg District Lay Leader  
Dr. Bill Click, Rock Hill District Lay Leader  
Mr. Rick Hammett, Spartanburg District Lay Leader  
Ms. Pamela Goodwine-Glover, Walterboro District Lay Leader

# A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND MEMORY

Monday • June 3, 2019 • 2:00 p.m.

Prelude ..... *"It is Well"* ..... Ms. Carla Fleming  
CCLI #2825634

\*The Call to Worship and Processional ..... Ms. Shirley Peterson Gordon

Leader: We gather to celebrate servants who fought the good fight,  
finished the race, and kept the faith.

People: **Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay  
aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,**

Leader: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the  
pioneer and perfecter of our faith,

People: **who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross  
disregarding its shame,**

ALL: **and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Adapted from II Timothy 4:7 and Hebrews 12:1-2

\*Processional Hymns

*"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; CCLI #2825634

*"For All the Saints"* .....SINE NOMINE

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name O Jesus, be forever blest,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might,  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and, win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,  
yet, all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!
5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!
6. From earth's wide bound, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Words: William W. How, 1864 (Heb. 12:1)  
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906; CCLI# 2825634

**\*The Opening Prayer** ..... Ms. Shirley Peterson Gordon

Leader: Everliving God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are no more.  
What happiness we shared when they walked among us.  
What joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.

**People: Their memory is a blessing forever.**

Leader: Months or years may have passed, and still we feel near to them.  
Our hearts yearn for them.  
Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides;  
For the place where once they stood is empty now.  
The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.

**People: Their souls are bound up in ours forever.**

Leader: We see them now with eye of memory,  
Their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger.  
So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight.  
We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.

**People: Their memory is a blessing forever.**

Leader: And we remember as well the members  
who but yesterday were part of our congregation and community.  
To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute.  
May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith,  
for now the task is ours.

**People:** Their souls are bound up in ours forever.  
**Leader:** We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you.  
 As a great crowd of witnesses,  
 they surround us with their blessings,  
 and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

**ALL:** They are alive forever more. Amen.

(UMBOW, page 548, Based on Jewish Memorial Prayer, U.S.A., 20<sup>th</sup> Cent.)

**The Scripture Lesson**

*Revelation 7:9-17* ..... Ms. Jennifer Price

**The Sermon**

*"In the Midst of Life"* ..... Rev. Sara White

**\*The Affirmation of Faith** ..... from Romans 8:35, 37-39

**Leader:** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
 Shall tribulation or distress,  
 or persecution or famine,  
 or nakedness or peril or sword?

**People:** No! In all things we are more than conquerors  
 through the One who loved us.  
 We are sure that neither  
 death nor life,  
 nor angels, nor principalities,  
 nor things present, nor things to come,  
 nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
 nor anything else in all creation,  
 will be able to separate us from the love of God  
 in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
 Thanks be to God! Amen

(UMH # 887)

**Special Music**

*"I Will Rise"* ..... Chris Tomlin  
 Musical Ensemble

**Act of Remembrance**

*(As the Bishop reads the names of 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>
Henry Mat Brewington	July 31, 1951	March 17, 2019
Thurmond O'Neil Flowers	September 18, 1948	April 10, 2019
Linda Tedder Jenkins	October 5, 1948	April 24, 2019
Troy Lane Metzner	January 14, 1963	July 24, 2018
Alice V. Jones Quarles	July 14, 1957	March 9, 2019
Marvin Taylor Sr.	May 14, 1959	April 5, 2019

### **Retired Ministers**

Benjamin Bellinger Barnes	May 18, 1924	September 28, 2018
Hugh Johnson Bickley	February 23, 1934	May 2, 2019
Ralph Truman Bowling Jr.	March 12, 1939	October 22, 2018
Jonathan Brown Jr.	February 8, 1943	July 16, 2018
William Paul Carlson	November 4, 1934	February 13, 2019
Samuel Oscar Clardy	February 8, 1937	October 1, 2018
Robert Beaty Clyburn	September 11, 1935	March 29, 2019
James Ben Cunningham	January 3, 1930	April 27, 2019
Richard Glenn Davis	September 11, 1937	June 7, 2018
Elizabeth Cavagnaro Dill	February 28, 1932	March 17, 2019
Albert Eugene Eaddy	August 10, 1931	October 23, 2018
Clifford Furman Ferguson	March 5, 1933	November 23, 2018
Donald Sidney Haton	September 18, 1938	July 17, 2018
John Kirkwood Hendricks Sr.	February 23, 1931	February 6, 2019
Robert Earl James Sr.	June 3, 1931	July 30, 2018
Willie Jerome Key	April 6, 1945	July 7, 2018
James Mack	January 17, 1931	December 20, 2018
Reese Martin Massey Jr.	April 8, 1932	July 13, 2018
Ludie Carolyn Matthews	September 19, 1942	April 17, 2019
Louis James McClam	June 7, 1926	May 10, 2019
William Whitfield McNeill	June 17, 1927	February 28, 2019
George Henry Nichols Jr.	September 5, 1930	October 27, 2018
James Paul Rush	July 11, 1937	September 27, 2018
David Kenneth Townsend	August 26, 1932	April 17, 2019
Bobby Gene Waddell	January 6, 1935	December 13, 2018
Vergil Gamewell Wright	July 3, 1923	October 17, 2018

### **Spouses**

Dorothy Dale McCarty Bickley	August 10, 1938	March 18, 2019
Alma Lydia Long Cooper	December 2, 1945	November 12, 2018
Imogene Holder Graham	March 1, 1925	July 4, 2018
Burton Lavon Malphrus	November 19, 1936	December 31, 2018
Olivia Goodman McCray	February 12, 1961	October 4, 2018
Yvonne Snowden Reece	August 20, 1947	May 27, 2018
Adell Dean Wilson Watson	March 6, 1931	January 5, 2019
Adrienne Thompson White	August 10, 1965	September 1, 2018

### **Surviving Spouses**

Catherine Browning Davenport	August 28, 1926	November 7, 2018
Athalee Tidwell Dickerson	May 27, 1932	March 30, 2019
Joanne Comer Dunn	August 8, 1930	October 6, 2018
Frances Earle Mills Faulkner	March 20, 1928	November 11, 2018
Mary Broome Finklea	May 6, 1927	December 20, 2018
Betty Morten Fowler	May 6, 1930	October 10, 2018
Ida Lee Jones Green	April 19, 1921	October 2, 2018
Alice Adelaide Adams "Tumpy" Hudnall	December 6, 1925	October 24, 2018
Mary Alice McLaughlin Kinnett	October 31, 1928	January 9, 2019
Ila Marie Hodge Lee	January 14, 1921	May 8, 2019
Vera Canaday Lupo	October 31, 1928	April 20, 2019
Anne Duncan Morris	November 3, 1942	July 24, 2018

Elzie Brock Phillips  
Bobbie Gillis Poston  
Dorothy Smith Smoak  
Eulee Alice Moseley Williams  
Nettye Ann Adams Williams

May 11, 1921  
December 13, 1926  
June 3, 1944  
September 22, 1930  
August 4, 1931

September 4, 2018  
February 17, 2019  
March 24, 2019  
September 18, 2018  
December 4, 2018

**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.

(UMBOW, page 739)

**\*Closing Hymn**

*“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”* .....PRECIOUS LORD

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
  
2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
  
3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Words and Music: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932  
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**\*Benediction** ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

**\*Postlude**

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns Medley”* ..... Ms. Carla Fleming  
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**Leading in Worship:**

Presiding: Bishop L. Jonathan Holston  
Liturgists: Ms. Shirley Peterson Gordon, Provisional Elder Candidate  
Ms. Jennifer Price, President, Francis Marion Wesley Fellowship,  
and Young Adult Lay Member, Highland Park UMC  
Preacher: Rev. Sara White, Director of Congregational Development  
Accompanists: Mr. Christopher Nash, Organist  
Ms. Carla Fleming, Pianist  
Song Leader: Ms. Rosemary E. Hughes, Director of Music & Arts,  
Buncombe Street UMC, Greenville  
Musical Ensemble: Ms. Rosemary Hughes, Flutist  
Ms. Carla Fleming, Pianist  
Dr. Catherine Stapleton Nance, Harpist  
Acolyte: Rev. Meg B. Jiunnies, Full Deacon Candidate  
Crucifer: Rev. Mark D. Mitchell, Full Elder Candidate  
Processional Banner Bearer: Mr. Dennis Sullen, Florence District Lay Leader  
Episcopal Banner Bearer: Ms. Martha Thompson, Chair, Children in Poverty Task Force  
Memorial Banner Bearers: Ms. Betty Void, Columbia District Lay Leader  
and Associate Conference Lay Leader  
Rev. Nicholas Perez, Provisional Elder Candidate

**A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**  
**Tuesday • June 4 • 7:30 a.m.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God's love for us knows no bounds!  
**God numbers the stars and knows them all by name.**  
God is our strength and our comfort in times of anguish.  
**What do we have to fear with God?**  
God is our shelter from the storms of life.  
**Praise God with all our whole being!**  
Thanks be to God who created, redeemed and sustains us.  
**The God of peace, healing, and mercy be praised!**  
**AMEN.**

**OPENING HYMN**

*"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* ..... NETTLETON

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
  
2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
  
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758 (1 Samuel 7:12)  
Music: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813 CCLI #2825634

**OPENING PRAYER** ..... Rev. Jon Hoin

**SCRIPTURE READING** ..... Ephesians 1:15-23

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** ..... Rev. Sara Relaford

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who are hungry, who thirst for a relationship with God, who repent of their sinning, and who want to live in peace with one another. As those who are hungry and thirsty, let us confess our sins 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.

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.**  
Glory to God! Amen.

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace  
**who breaks down the walls that divide.**  
The peace of God be always with you.  
**Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ..... New Zealand Book of Prayer

Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed.**  
Lift your hearts to heaven  
**where Christ in glory reigns.**  
Let us give thanks to God.  
**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is the joy of our salvation,  
God of the universe,  
to give you thanks  
through Jesus Christ.  
You said, 'Let there be light';  
there was light.  
Your light shines on in our darkness.  
For you the earth has brought forth life  
in all its forms.  
You have created us  
to hear your Word,  
to do your will  
and to be fulfilled in your love.  
It is right to thank you.  
You sent your Son to be for us  
the way we need to follow  
and the truth we need to know.

You sent your Son to give his life  
to release us from our sin.  
His cross has taken our guilt away.

You send your Holy Spirit  
to strengthen and to guide,  
to warn and to revive your Church.

Therefore, with all your witnesses  
who surround us on every side,  
countless as heaven's stars,  
we praise you for our creation  
and our calling,  
with loving and with joyful hearts:

**Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and just,  
glory and goodness come from you.**

**Glory to you most high and gracious God.**

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son,  
who washed his disciples' feet.

'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

On that night before he died  
he took bread and gave you thanks.

He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup,  
and gave you thanks.

He gave it to them and said:

Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant,  
shed for you, shed for all,  
to forgive sin;  
do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine  
we recall your goodness to us.

**God of the past and present,  
we your people remember your Son.**

**We thank you for his cross and rising again,  
we take courage from his ascension;  
we look for his coming in glory  
and in him we give ourselves to you.**

Send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who receive Christ's body  
may indeed be the body of Christ,  
and we who share his cup  
draw strength from the one true vine.

**Called to follow Christ,  
help us to reconcile and unite.**

**Called to suffer,  
give us hope in our calling.**

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new;  
you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

Praise, glory and love be yours,  
this and every day,  
from us and all people,  
here and everywhere. Amen.

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#### 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.

#### DISTRIBUTION

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be God who calls us together.  
**Praise to God who makes us one people.**  
Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.  
**Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.**  
Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.  
**Praise to God who is revealed as love.**  
Blessed be God who alone has called us.  
**Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.**  
Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.  
**Accept our thanks for all you have done.**  
**Our hands were empty, and you filled them. Amen.**

#### CLOSING HYMN

*"It Is Well With My Soul"* ..... VILLE DU HAVRE

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

(Refrain)

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Refrain)

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul.

(Refrain)

Words: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873  
Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1876; CCLI # 2825634

**BENEDICTION AND BLESSING** ..... Rev. Sara Relaford



Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Sara Relaford  
Musician: Mr. Stanton Adams  
Assisting in Worship: Rev. Jon Hoin

A SERVICE OF RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF RETIRING PASTORS

Tuesday • June 4, 2019 • 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

*“Great is Thy Faithfulness”* ..... Joel Raney  
Ms. Carla Fleming, Mr. Christopher Nash CCLI #2825634

Call to Worship

*“Total Praise”* ..... Clergy Choir  
Words and music by Richard Smallwood, Arr. Patty Ford Simms

\*Greeting and Opening Prayer ..... Rev. Joyce Murphy

Greeting:

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down,

People: **Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

Leader: For the Lord is our God,

People: **We are the people of God’s pasture, the sheep of God’s hand.**

(from Psalm 118:24 and Psalm 95:6,7)

Let us pray (*in unison*) ..... Rev. Joyce Murphy

Almighty God, creator and redeemer, you are timeless and eternal. You are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. As the seasons of life change, you never change. We thank you for sustaining us in our beginnings and in our endings. As we move into the future, we trust that you hold the future in your hands. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, as we come to celebrate all that is behind us and all that is in front of us. In the name of the One who lives in us, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

Scripture Lesson

*I Corinthians 3:5-11* ..... Rev. Frank Lybrand

Anthem

*“How Beautiful”* ..... Clergy Choir  
Words and music by Twila Paris, Arr. Benjamin CCLI #2825634

Recognition of Retirees ..... Rev. Chris Lollis

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

Charles Martin Adams  
Boyd Mike Alexander, Jr.  
Alexander Baker  
Carleatha M. Benson  
Donald Clifford Boshell  
Greta Louise Bridges  
George Douglas Chambers  
William Thomas Dargan

Brenda Ward Durham  
Wade Humphreys Everett  
Robert Eugene Hoover  
Paul Mac Kinnett  
Peter Michael Lack  
Frank Etheridge Lybrand  
Samuel Earle Marcengill  
Stephen McDaniel McCormick

Genova McFadden  
Joyce Garner Murphy  
Patricia Pepper Orr  
Kathy Jean Powers  
Keith Dunkle Ray II  
Phillip Henry Reynolds  
Lucinda Lyon Saylor

Bobby Shaw  
James Bart Sistare  
Virginia Brown Stafford  
Ronald Dewey Towery  
Grady Edward Usher  
Paul David Wilmer  
Reginald Darlington Wilson Jr.

**Bishop:**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, you came to us from congregations  
where the Spirit of the Lord was upon you;  
and you were charged to preach to the brokenhearted,  
to visit the captive, to anoint those who were bruised.  
These things you have done.

**People:**

**We thank God for the community of the faithful  
in which the Word of God found response.  
Countless persons have depended upon you for help.  
In the providence of God, you know  
that both suffering and joy can be God's way of teaching and healing.**

**Bishop:**

At your ordination or licensing,  
you received authority to read the Holy Scriptures  
in the Church of God, to preach the Word, to 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  
with its life in the world.  
By God's grace you did many things  
that seemed to be beyond your power.

**People:**

**We thank God that you were given the vision to be faithful.  
Death and illness have not come on schedule.  
The truth has not always been easy to preach.  
We know something of the grace by which you have lived,  
and we thank God for your vision.**

**Bishop:**

Never think lightly of the great good  
that God has wrought through you.  
Continue to be true to your calling.  
May God's love and power be with you always.  
Let us pray together.



God of grace, you fill your servants with the vision.  
You empower your servants with your Spirit.  
We give thanks for the ministry of these women and men,  
and for the ways in which you have ministered to us through them.  
Give them a sense of your abiding presence,  
that they may continue to love and serve you,  
and ever grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

### Responses from the Retiring Class

#### Passing of the Mantle

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 shoulders of the representative of the new full member class, saying):*

#### **Rev. Genova McFadden**

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

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

#### **Rev. Meegian Gossard**

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

*(The bishop responds):*

#### **Bishop Holston**

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.

Ephesians 4:1-6

**\*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.

Refrain:

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707; refrain by Robert Lowry, 2867. .  
Music: Robert Lowry, 1867. CCLI # 2825634

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Bishop:**

For everything there is a season,  
a time for every matter under heaven.  
So, too, there is a time for movement, new adventure,  
fields of service not yet touched.  
With love, we send you forth in the spirit of John Wesley:  
May the world be your parish.

**People:**

**Go into the world and respond to the love of Christ in all you do.  
Live out the vision God has given you.  
May God’s mercy, grace, and peace be with you.  
May you be channels for God’s mercy, grace, and peace  
to the world wherever you may be!**

**Bishop:**  
Amen!  
**People:**  
Amen!

**\*Postlude**  
*"You Raise Me Up"* ..... Ms. Carla Fleming  
by Loveland CCLI # 2825634



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|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Presiding:                              | Bishop L. Jonathan Holston                                                                                                |
| Liturgists:                             | Rev. Joyce Murphy<br>Rev. Frank Lybrand                                                                                   |
| Accompanists:                           | Mr. Christopher Nash, Organist<br>and Assistant Director of Music,<br>St. John's UMC, Aiken<br>Ms. Carla Fleming, Pianist |
| Song Leader:                            | Rev. Paul Frey                                                                                                            |
| Music:                                  | S.C. Conference Clergy Choir<br>Rev. Paul Frey, Director<br>Rev. Debra Quilling Smith, Coordinator                        |
| Passing of the Mantle:                  |                                                                                                                           |
| Representative of the Retiring Class:   | Rev. Genova McFadden                                                                                                      |
| Representative of the Ordination Class: | Rev. Meegian Gossard                                                                                                      |
| Annual Conference Benefits Officer:     | Rev. Chris Lollis                                                                                                         |

A SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION AND HEALING  
NATIVE AMERICAN WORSHIP SERVICE  
Tuesday, June 4, 2019 2:00 p.m.

Prelude ..... Ms. Cathy Ford

Welcome and Greeting ..... Mr. Tracy Pender

Opening Prayer ..... Rev. Cheryl Toothe

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Our God and Creator asks, "How will you live the life I have given to you?"

**All: Like a still, deep pool in the desert, we will live in a way that reflects your love back onto your world.**

Leader: Our God and our Creator asks: "How will you walk this path I have given you?"

**All: Like the creatures of the forest, we will walk in a way that respects all life created by your hand.**

Leader: Our God and Creator asks, "How will you reach out to the world beyond yourselves?"

**All: Like the branches of a sapling, we will strive to reach beyond the safe and familiar, touching the world in your name.**

**Help us to remember we are all connected through the endless circle of life and creation. Teach us to trust and follow the example of Jesus Christ, who lived a life of sacrifice, walked a path of goodness and mercy, and reached beyond human differences. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

***Spirit of the Living God (Native Style) x2***

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

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**Congregational Prayer** ..... Mr. Tracy Pender

My spirit is one with you, Great Spirit.

You strengthen me day and night to share my very best with my brothers and sisters.

You, whom my people see in all of creation and in all people, show your love for us.

Help me to know, like the soaring eagle, the heights of knowledge.

From the four directions, fill me with the four virtues of fortitude, generosity, respect, and wisdom, so that I will help my people walk in the path of understanding and peace. Aho-Amen

**Doctrine of Discovery and Remarks** ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

Being Culturally Sensitive ..... Ms. LaShella Kirkland

Going Forward ..... Ms. Revonda Hardesty

Trail of Reconciliation and Healing ..... Ms. Cathy Nelson

Hymn

*The Sacred Circle*

O Life is like a Sacred Circle when we walk the Good Red Road  
We dance to pray. We pray to heal. We heal to live. We Live to dance.

**Chorus:**

We dance to pray. We pray to heal.

We heal to live. We Live to dance.

O Life is like a Sacred Circle

When we walk the Good Red Road. Yah, yah, yah, yah hey oh.

Oh, what a friend we have in Jesus; all our grief and sins to bear

Oh, what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer

**Repeat Chorus**

And when we're in the Sacred Circle, we are in the arms of God

He guides our steps. He heals our spirit.

He leads us where the ancients trod.

**Repeat Chorus**

Oh God the Father, Christ the Son, Holy Spirit, three in one.

We thank You for the Sacred Circle, and the dance we dance as one.

**Repeat Chorus**

Keepers playing drum. Invite congregation to dance with us.

Closing Prayer ..... Rev. Cheryl Toothe

Creator, you have given us different shades of skin, colors of eyes, and cultural traditions.

We regret stereotypes and past transgressions with sisters and brothers of different  
races. You have given us a golden rule that too often we don't apply to culture and  
tradition.

We fail our own beauty when we neglect the graces others offer us.

Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus, Bringer of Peace to all creation; forgive us when we do not  
please you, and guide us to show your love through our words and deeds. Aho-Amen.

Music: Keepers of the Word - Native Drums

*They Will 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 will one day be restored.

Chorus:

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.

Chorus

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 each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

Chorus

4. All praise to the Father from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son;  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

Chorus

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**Participants**

- Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
- Ms. Cathy Ford
- Mr. Tracy Pender
- Rev. Cheryl Toothe
- Ms. LaShella Kirkland
- Ms. Revonda Hardesty
- Ms. Cathy Nelson

**Music:** Keepers of the Word - Native Drums

**A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**  
Wednesday • June 5, 2019 • 7:30 a.m.

**Greetings**

**Call to Worship** ..... (Psalm 33:20-22)

Leader: We gather to worship as we wait in hope for the Lord.

People **God is our help and our shield.**

Leader: In God our hearts rejoice,

People **for we trust in God's holy name.**

All: **O Lord, let your unfailing love rest upon us, even as we put our hope in you.**

**Hymn of Praise**

**"My Hope is Built"** ..... (Stanzas 1 and 2)

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness, I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. (Refrain)
2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

Words: Edward Mote, 1834  
Music: William B. Bradbury, 1863  
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**Opening Prayer:**

O God, the Great Creator, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth, the God of the spirits of all flesh. Hear our humble intercession for all the people and families on earth, that you will turn all hearts to yourself. Remove from our minds hatred, prejudice, and contempt for those who are not of our own race or color, class or creed, that departing from everything that estranges and divides we may be brought into unity of spirit, in the bond of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. (UM Book of Worship, 526)

**Scripture** ..... *Psalm 42:1-11*

**Sermon**

**"Keep Hope Alive"** ..... Pastor Constance "Connie" Barnes

**Response**

**"My Hope is Built"** ..... (Stanzas 3 and 4)

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives away, he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)
4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! (Refrain)

Words: Edward Mote, 1834  
Music: William B. Bradbury, 1863  
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### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

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.*

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! 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, 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 the 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. 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 feed 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 for ever. Amen.

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

### **Breaking the Bread**

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**

### **Special Music**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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**

#### ***"Precious Name"***

1. Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe;  
It will joy and comfort give you; take it then, wherever you go. (Refrain)
2. Take the name of Jesus ever, as a shield from every snare;  
If temptations round you gather, breathe that holy name in prayer. (Refrain)
3. O the precious name of Jesus! How it thrills our souls with joy,  
When his loving arms receive us, and his songs our tongues employ! (Refrain)
4. At the name of Jesus bowing, falling prostrate at his feet,  
King of kings in heaven we'll crown him, when our journey is complete. (Refrain)

*Refrain:* Precious name, precious name, O how sweet! O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
Precious name, precious name, O how sweet! O how sweet  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Words: Lydia Baxter, 1870 (Phil. 2:9-11)  
Music: William H. Doane, 1871. CCLI # 2825634

### **Benediction and Sending Forth**

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Preacher and Celebrant: | Rev. Constance "Connie" Barnes |
| Musician:               | Rev. Arthur Gamble             |
| Assisting in Worship:   | Rev. Jerry Gadsden             |

**A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**

**Thursday • June 6, 2019 • 7:30 a.m.**

**Prelude**

**GREETING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
This is the day the Lord has made;  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
**And his courts with praise.**  
Give thanks to him,  
**And bless his holy name. Amen**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Thy Word Is a Lamp*..... UMH 601

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way  
Still You're there right beside me  
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near  
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

I will not forget your love for me  
And yet my heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide, hold me to Your side  
And I will love You to the end

Words: Amy Grant, 1984 (Ps. 119:105)  
Music: Michael W. Smith 1984; arr. Keith Phillips  
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**PRAYER**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*We Have a Mission* ..... Ms. Terri Goodman  
by Damaris Carbaugh

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** ..... *2 Corinthians 3:7-18*

**SERMON** ..... *Unfading Glory*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**

*The Body and The Blood* ..... Ms. Terri Goodman  
by Joel Lindsey/Janet Paschal

## 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.

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!

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts and give thanks to God.  
**We are joyful to give the Lord our thanks and praise.**  
Blessed are you, O God, through your Word and Holy Spirit  
you created all things and called them good.  
In Christ Jesus your Word became flesh and dwelt among us.  
Through his suffering and death  
you took upon yourself our sin and death  
and destroyed their power forever.  
You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory,  
and poured out on us your Holy Spirit,  
making us the people of your new covenant.  
On the night he was betrayed, before his crucifixion,  
Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to the 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 Jesus took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for 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 Father, and on these gifts of bread and wine,  
that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine  
we may know the presence of the living Christ  
and be renewed as the body of Christ,  
redeemed by His blood for ministry in our communities and throughout the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast at your great banquet table for ever.  
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### **BREAKING THE BREAD**

#### **GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

**Eternal God, we give 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* ..... 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?

[Chorus]  
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

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 words to them  
Whom shall I send?

[Chorus]

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  
'Til their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send?

[Chorus]

Words: Dan Schutte, 1981 (Is. 6:8)  
Music: Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988  
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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Brandon L. Fulmer  
Musicians: Ms. Carla Fleming  
Ms. Terri Goodman

SENDING FORTH WORSHIP  
AND  
THE FIXING OF APPOINTMENTS  
Thursday • June 6, 2019

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE ..... Mr. Christopher Nash and Ms. Carla Fleming  
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* ..... by Joel Raney

\*HYMN

*Love Divine All Loves Excelling* ..... HYFRYDOL

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1747  
Music: John Zundel, 1870  
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PRAYER ..... Rev. Angela Nelson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

THE WORD OF GOD ..... *Luke 5:1-11*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Accepting the Challenge* ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ..... ST. DENIO

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unceasing, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 (1 Tim. 1:17)  
 Music: Welsh melody from *Canaidau y Cyssegr*, 1839;  
*Adapt. by John Roberts*; CCLI #2825634

### FIXING OF APPOINTMENTS

*Each district superintendent comes to the lectern and announces any changes to the appointments as printed. He or she then returns to his or her seat.*

Bishop:

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God calls us to be disciples God can use. God calls us to a shared ministry of Christ's holy church. 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 be in mission from anywhere to everywhere.

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 we are called to this ministry. In God's strength we will go where we are sent. With God's help we will continue striving to be faithful and loyal servants.**

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 witness, and your service, 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

\*HYMN

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ..... NETTLETON

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of thy redeeming love.



2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758 (1 Sam. 7:12)  
 Music: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813  
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\*BENEDICTION ..... Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

POSTLUDE ..... Mr. Christopher Nash

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**Leading in Worship:**

Preacher: Bishop L. Jonathan Holston  
 Liturgist: Rev. Angela Nelson  
 Music: Mr. Christopher Nash, Organist and Assistant Director of Music,  
           St. John's UMC, Aiken  
           Ms. Carla Fleming, Piano  
           Mr. Brandon Gaines, Worship and Arts Director,  
           Journey UMC, Columbia

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.

*Refrain*

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.

*Refrain*

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.

*Refrain*

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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

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

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.

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.

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

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.

*Refrain*

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*

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