

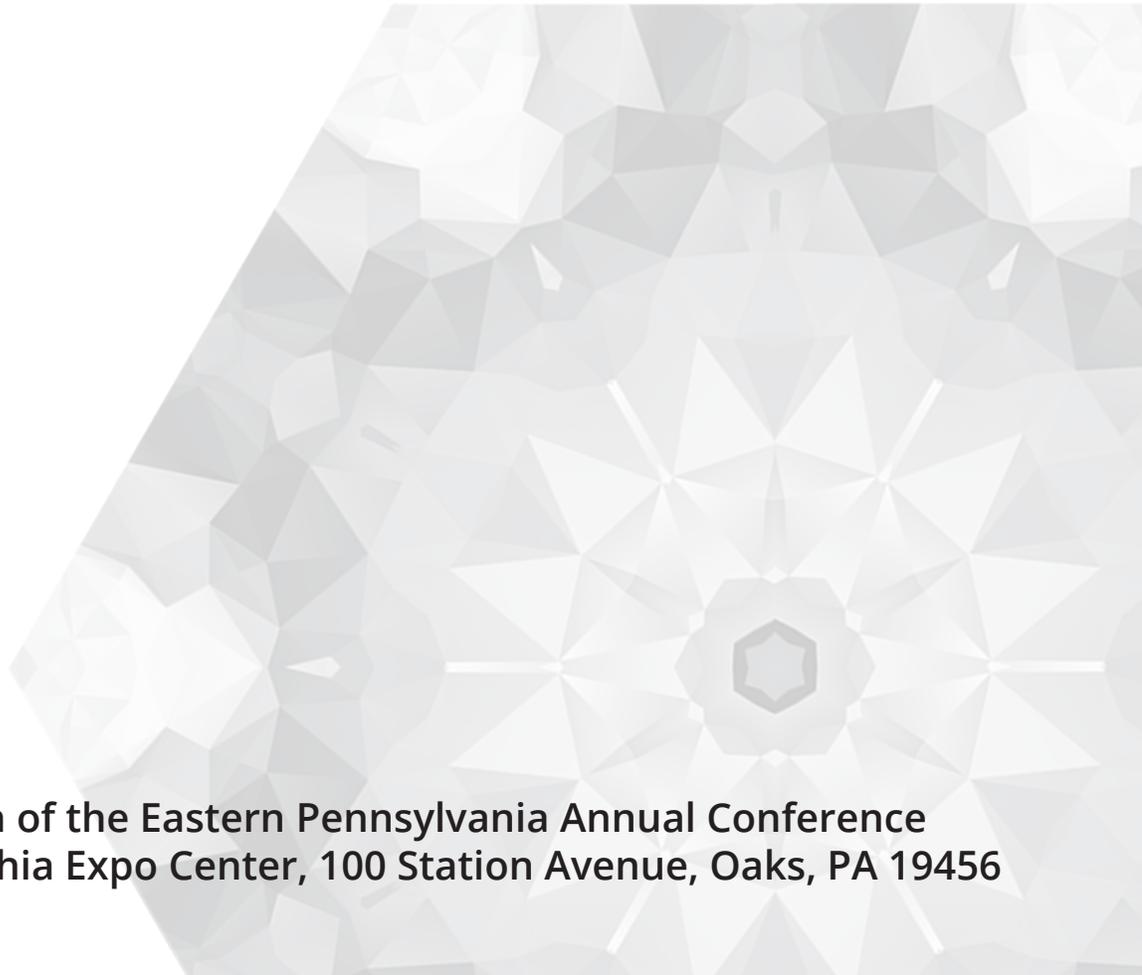
2018 Worship

Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference--June 14-16, 2018



We will all be

Changed



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*OPENING SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 5:1-11

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

"THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.
2. Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
our charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.
3. Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

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4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and share, through faith, communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

“O CHURCH OF GOD, UNITED”

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Followers of Jesus, gather round and draw near,

Many: Jesus gives new life and new birth, Alleluia!

One: From the North in Canadensis to the South in Nottingham,

Many: the Word of God is made flesh. The Spirit moves among us.

One: From the West in Lickdale to the East in Lahaska,

Many: Jesus calls us again to drop our nets. Let us not be held back.

One: Jesus gives the followers of then and now what they need.

Many: Come and follow!

*OPENING HYMN – “FAITHFUL GOD, YOU SENT YOUR SPIRIT”

1. Faithful God, you sent your Spirit
Long ago at Pentecost.
You gave life and said to share it,
All as one, beneath your cross.
May we see your wondrous blessing
When your people everywhere
Work together, all confessing
Faith that binds us, faith to share.

2. God of hope, you daily nurture
Those who seek to follow you.
You're not bound by any culture;
You love rich and poor ones, too.
In an ever-changing nation,
May your churches welcome in
Every child of your creation,
Giving hope to all again.

3. God of love, may we in worship
Welcome our diversity.
May we reach in trust and friendship
To the poor and refugee.
May we see Christ in the stranger,
Breaking bonds of race and fear.
By your Spirit, may we offer
Glimpses of your kingdom here.

*UNISON PRAYER

Creating God, who twirls quarks into universes, paints sunrises onto horizons, and designs lava into burgeoning islands, we give you honor and praise. You alone are God. You form our most inward parts and knit each of us into being. We are fearfully and wonderfully made! You call us to see your face, O God, in the lives of each and every one around us. You bestow each of your beloved children with gifts as varied as the flora and fauna that fills creation. Every good and perfect gift comes from above, that all of creation and humanity may thrive together. Praised be the God of us all, who gives abundantly! Amen.

All may be seated.

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 138

- ¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
- ² I bow down towards your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.
- ³ On the day I called, you answered me,

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you increased my strength of soul.

⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

⁸ The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-20

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

HYMN OF PREPARATION – “WHEN HANDS REACH OUT”

1. When hands reach out and fingers trace
The beauty of a loved one's face,
We thank you, God, that love relies
On gifts of grace not seen with eyes.

2. When fingers spell and signs express
Our prayer and praise and thankfulness,
We thank you, God, that hands can sing;
You bless the silent songs we bring.
3. When broken bodies will not mend,
We thank you, God, for Christ our Friend.
In him, our healing can begin:
He welcomes all the wounded in.
4. And when the ways we learn and grow
Are not the ways that others know,
We thank you, God, that we have learned
Your love's a gift, and never earned.
5. Your Spirit gives us differing ways
To serve you well and offer praise.
When all are joined as one, we'll be
Your able, strong community.

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Justin Hancock

"We are the Body of Christ: Unity within and through Diversity"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – "DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE"

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side,
draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side,
draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

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Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side,
draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

All may be seated.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

This table is Christ's Table.
At Christ's Table, there is
 grace and love,
 forgiveness and transformation,
 community and welcome.
At Christ's Table, there is a place for all.
Christ invites you to this Table,
 you who love him,
 you who earnestly seek to turn from your sin,
 you who seek to live in peace with others.
Together, at Christ's Table, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION & PARDON

**Merciful God,
our voices raised join with choirs of angels
and all those singing this day.
However, we pause as we remember, some are not singing.
Some do not know the tune.
Others have forgotten the melody.
And still others have been dis-invited from the sing-along.
Forgive us, we pray, when we have not included your children,
when have been caught up in our own selves,
when we have overlooked and excluded our own brothers and sisters.
Free us for glad and joyful obedience
to love as Christ loves,
to love as Christ loves us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Followers of Christ, members of his Body, friends at his Table,
we come to this table, burdened with sins that are great,
and we find at this table a grace that is greater than our sins.
The love and forgiveness of Christ
is far-reaching and unfailing.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God! Amen.**

OFFERING

As forgiven and reconciled people,
let us offer our gifts to God's purposes
and our lives to God's will.

Today's offering will benefit laity scholarships through the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Scholarship Fund. Eligible recipients must be full-time students in a program of study in an accredited institution, and must be active members of a United Methodist church for at least two years. You are encouraged to make personal offerings as well as any offerings collected in your own congregation. Together, let us respond to God's grace and make holy use of our resources as we seek to help others maximize their God-given potential and realize God's holy intentions for their lives.

OFFERTORY – "FOR EVERYONE BORN"

Solo:

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain (solo first time):

And God will delight
when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace;
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy.

All:

2. For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding to share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.
(Refrain)

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3. For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.
(Refrain)
4. For just and unjust, a place at the table.
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live.
(Refrain)
5. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.
(Refrain)

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 humankind in diversity and beauty,
in your very image,
and breathed into us the breath of life.

From all the peoples of the earth
you chose one people to be your people,
your covenant people Israel.

You delivered your people from captivity in Egypt,
and guided them through the impassable sea and the barren wilderness.

You transformed that wilderness into a bountiful table,
sustaining your people as you led them
to your promised land.

When your people struggled to keep your covenant,
you sent holy prophets
to call your people to repentance and justice.

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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Through his life and earthly ministry,
he sought to extend your Table of grace,
to welcome and embrace,
to feed and forgive,
to help and give hope,
to seek and save,
to restore and redeem,
and to proclaim your kingdom of justice and peace.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
and brought each one of us to your Table,
making with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended,
he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night before he met with death,
he gathered with his disciples around a table,
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,
at that same table with those same disciples,
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.”

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And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we gather now at this great Table
 to 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 each one now gathered at your Table.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on each one now absent from your Table.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts upon your Table,
 these gifts of bread and the fruit of the vine.
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,
 that we may extend Christ's Table of grace to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
 and we feast with him at his heavenly table.

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

Amen.

Because there is one loaf,
 we, who are many, are one body,
 at one Table,
 all partaking in 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.

In the center of your table, you will find a small loaf of bread and a cup of juice. You are invited to share in the communion feast with one another, around your tables. We will commune at the tables by intinction; please tear off a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and receive the communion elements.

All of the bread for today's communion service is gluten-free, so that all persons at each table may share in the one loaf. Our Conference Health & Healing Council has also provided individually-wrapped antibacterial cleansing cloths that you may use before communion.

Please share in the feast with each other, around your tables, as you feel led. You may say "the body of Christ given for you" and "the love of Christ poured out for you" as you share.

As the body serves one another, all will join together in singing:

COMMUNION HYMN – "COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE"

1. Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.
2. Come to the table of peace.
Come to the table of peace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of peace.
3. Come to the table of love.
Come to the table of love.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of love.

COMMUNION PRAYER

**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,
strengthened by your Spirit,
and by the grace we have found at this table,
that we may extend this Table of grace to others.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.
Amen.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: We give thanks and praise to the Creative God, who made each of us in the image of God's very self; to God's selfless son, Jesus, who walked the path of humanity in life, death, and life after death, so we might have a pattern of life to follow; and to the Holy Spirit, who abundantly confers upon each of us varied gifts. In praise and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord,

Many: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: We give thanks to God for the variety of gifts we find inside and outside the walls of our church communities. We pray for those gifts that initially approached us as challenges. May the Holy Spirit move among us to stir our hearts and minds, that we may perceive God's wisdom in the form of many varied gifts. Let us pray to the Lord,

Many: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: As gifts are offered to each child of God, we can choose to claim those gifts. We pray this day for all who claim these gifts. May they receive the full blessings of wisdom, mentorship, and support. May your church be a place of celebration and affirmation as these spiritual gifts are explored. Let us pray to the Lord,

Many: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: As the Holy Spirit gifts, God calls people for many different areas of ministry. God calls some to ministry in the community or in the local church. God calls some to ministry that bridges the church and the community. We pray for the inclusion of people of all abilities who have callings in the church, in the community, and in bridging the church and the community. Let us pray to the Lord,

Many: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: Sometimes we miss the mark. We pray for all those who have been stifled by our hurtful attempts at "help." We lament those moments when we imagined that differences necessarily indicated dis-abilities, those moments when we believed that some could not be as gifted or involved. Open our hearts and re-form our minds. Let us pray to the Lord.

Many: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: We pray for families, communities, and churches in which gifts have been undervalued and misunderstood. We pray for persons whose giftings have been mislabeled and stigmatized as "disabilities." We pray for advocates and allies who will work together with beloved friends as they serve, live, and love out of their truest gifts and callings as cherished people of God. Let us pray to the Lord,

Many: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: As representatives of many varied churches, we each pray for our own local church. In our communities, you call us to widen the path that leads towards justice... and yet, that widening brings with it change and discomfort. Guide us, Lord, as we move through discomfort and towards a greater unity. Empower us to use our varied gifts for the common good of all.

Many: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: God, who creates life in all diversity, who created the long-necked reticulated giraffe and the semi-aquatic bog turtle, breathes life through the fullness of all gifts. We pray that the diversity of gifts strengthens the fullness of the fellowship. We pray for a time such as this to embrace all gifts. Let us pray to the Lord,

Many: Lord, hear our prayers.

*BENEDICTION

May the love of God the Creator, who creates all things in diversity and beauty;
the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us, in our diversity, into his one body,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, who bestows on us diverse and remarkable gifts,
be with you all.

*SENDING FORTH

Now go forth in unity,
and go forth in diversity.
Go forth as people of incredible gifts,
and go forth seeking to use those gifts for the good of all.
Go forth as God's people
in grace and in peace.

All: Amen.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN – “GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY”

1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! God is with us.
Hallelujah! We are not alone.
With God's Spirit we are strong and courageous.
God of grace and glory, we are yours.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn your 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,
for the living of these days.
(Refrain)
3. Cure your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
(Refrain)
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.
(Refrain)

WORSHIP NOTES

Luke 5:1-11

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“The Church’s One Foundation”

Words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866; adapted by Laurence Hull Stookey, 1983

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

“O Church of God, United”

Words: Frederick B. Morley, 1953

Music: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.

“Faithful God, You Sent Your Spirit”

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2008, used by permission

Music: Wyeth’s *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

For more hymns from Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, visit www.carolynshymns.com.

Psalm 138

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1 Corinthians 12:4-20

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“When Hands Reach Out”

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2001, used by permission

Music: Traditional English melody

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“Draw the Circle Wide”

Words: Gordon Light, 2008

Music: Mark A. Miller, 2008

“For Everyone Born”

Words: Shirley Erena Murray, 1996

Music: Colin Gibson, 1996

“Come to the Table of Grace”

Words: Barbara Hamm, 2008

Music: Barbara Hamm, 2008

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, refrain by Rev. Lydia Muñoz

Music: Rev. Lydia Muñoz

Call to Worship, Unison Prayer, The Sacrament of Holy Communion: Prayer of Confession, and Prayers of the People

Rev. Monica Guepet, 2018.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: Invitation, Words of Assurance, Great Thanksgiving, and Communion Prayer; Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Candy LaBar, 2018.



CENTERING MUSIC

*CALL TO WORSHIP
(inspired by Psalm 136)

One: Giving thanks to God, we praise the God of us all whose love endures forever. From the beginning of time, God spoke and creation came forth. God called people into covenant to bear witness to God.

Many: The witness of the biblical ancestors, who told the stories that God's steadfast love endures forever, praise be to God!

One: God remembered us as we remember our teachers and preachers, deacons and parents, grandparents and encouragers, who prayed with us and for us as we learned God's steadfast love endures forever.

Many: The witness of our retirees burns brightly reminding us across generations that God

steadfast love endures forever.

One: From generation to generation, we pass the goodness of God to one another, so that the steadfast love endures.

Many: We who receive the witnesses of others abide in the presence of the One who love endures forever.

*SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Retiree Recognition Service, June 15, 2018 – 1:30 PM

*HYMN – “GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

THE WITNESS OF THE RETIREES

Video Presentation

Recognizing Our Retirees

The Rev. James E. Brashear
The Rev. Ralph Nelson Cain, Jr.
The Rev. Robert A. Crane
The Rev. Charles A. Deutsch
The Rev. Donna DiMeo-Hammell
The Rev. Gertrude McDuffy Duckett
The Rev. John Gudikunst
The Rev. Nancy M. Ludwig
The Rev. Rose M. Marquardt
The Rev. Susan L. Moore
The Rev. Lawrence E. (Larry) Richard
The Rev. Jacquelyn M. (Jacquie) Sheely
The Rev. Whymon Simmons
The Rev. Robert Jacobs Wilt, Jr.
The Rev. Cheryl J. Zegers

*HYMN – “GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

PASSING THE MANTLE

At this moment in the service, we invite this year's class of retirees to gather around this year's class of ordinands. In this holy moment, our retirees will present prayer shawls to the ordinands while anointing them and praying for them, symbolically "passing the mantle" to the rising generation of church leaders in the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference.

In the center of each of your tables, you will find small white note cards. It is our hope that you will use those note cards to celebrate those with whom we are connected. We invite you to:

- write a note of thanks and celebration to one of the retirees we are honoring today
- write a note of encouragement and wisdom to one of the ordinands who have 'received the mantle' today, or to one of the commissionees or full-time local pastors who are now embarking on new stages in their ministries

Please leave the handwritten cards in the center of your tables, with the recipient's name on the front, and volunteers will ensure your cards are delivered.

*HYMN – "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

THE WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER

One: As those retiring have led us, let them lead all clergy in reciting the words of the Wesley Covenant prayer together. We invite all clergy to stand. We invite all laity to remain seated and pray for our clergy as they covenant together.

It has been our tradition for our clergy, during this covenant prayer, to make some gesture of connection – joining hands, placing hands on shoulders, etc. – as they join together in making and renewing this covenant before God.

The Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou silt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.

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And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.

***HYMN – “PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY”**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.
3. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the “amen” sound from God’s people again;
gladly forever adore him.

***BENEDICTION**

One: May the blessings of the Lord, the Almighty,
the God of all generations,
the God whose steadfast love endures forever,
be with you all.

***SENDING FORTH**

One: Go forth to ponder anew what the Almighty can do
Go forth, that the “amen” may sound from God’s people again
Go forth, bringing praise to the Lord, the Almighty.

Many: Amen.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Psalm 100

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“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

Music: William M. Runyan, 1923

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863

Music: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. by William Sterndale Bennett, 1864

Call to Worship

Rev. Monica Beth Guepet, 2018

Benediction and Sending Forth

inspired by “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (UMH 139)

Rev. Candy LaBar, 2018



PRELUDE

WORDS OF GATHERING AND GRACE

As we gather together, we remember that has changed in the last year.
In particular, we remember those whose lives have changed.
What we shall be has not yet been revealed;
but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him,
 for we shall see him as he is.
Jesus said, I am the resurrection and I am life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live,
 and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.
I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
I died, and behold I am alive for evermore,
 and I hold the keys of hell and death.
Because I live, you shall live also.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN – “THE OLD RUGGED CROSS”

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.
(Refrain)

3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me.
(Refrain)
4. To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share.
(Refrain)

*OPENING PRAYER

Good and Gracious God, you are the Creator of every person we remember this day. We give you thanks as we recall their ministries, remember their lives, and hold them in our hearts. We lift up the families, churches, and communities who feel these losses deeply, and who remember most poignantly. When our hearts are filled with the tenderness of grief, restore in us your comfort and hope. Replace our pain with the presence of your community. Remind us that in you, death itself is transformed into resurrection. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 11:1 –4, 20–27, 32–35, 38–44

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ...

²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'...

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ...

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that

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they may believe that you sent me.’⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “ALL MY DAYS”

1. You know my words before they’re said.
You know my need and I am fed.
You give me life. You know my ways,
my strength, my path, for all my days,
my strength, my path, for all my days.
2. If I should fly beyond the dawn,
the darkness will not overcome.
If I lie down in deepest night,
still you are there, my Lord, my light,
still you are there, my Lord, my light.
3. Our every thought, each word we say,
the whole of time, the present day,
are held within your mighty hand,
too wonderful to comprehend,
too wonderful to comprehend!
4. O mend my heart and free my voice.
From sin released, I will rejoice.
O search me, Lord, my spirit cries,
and let my song of praise arise,
and let my song of praise arise!

SCRIPTURE – 1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-58

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’

⁵⁵ ‘Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?’

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

THE MESSAGE
Johnson

“Die Like You are Living”

Bishop Peggy

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE AND CHANGE

One: When the morning sun paints orange, pink, and red

Many: we remember and are changed.

One: When the bluster and chill of seasons nips at us,

Many: we remember and are changed.

One: In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,

Many: we remember and are changed.

One: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

Many: we remember and are changed.

One: In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

Many: we remember and are changed.

One: When holidays feel flat and traditions need reinvigoration,

Many: we remember and are changed.

One: When we are weary and in need of strength,

Many: we remember and are changed.

One: When we are lost and sick at heart,

Many: we remember and are changed.

One: When joys overflow and we want to share good news,

Many: we remember and are changed.

One: As our lives continue, our beloved continues within,

Many: for they are now a part of us, as we remember our beloved and we are changed.

SPECIAL MUSIC –

Rev. Carr & A Greater Dimension Ministries Praise Team

CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF THOSE
WHO HAVE ENTERED THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

The Tradition –

As we gather each year for Annual Conference sessions, one of our most sacred traditions is to remember and honor those who have passed away since last we gathered. We read aloud the names of bishops, clergy, spouses, and laity with a special connection to the Annual Conference. As we read the names and sound the bell, we invite you to stand in honor of those whom you are remembering today.

The Ritual –

To the families of those we remember: We welcome you and offer you our heartfelt condolences. As each name is read, we ask each family to come forward. The bishop, district superintendents, and conference lay leader will offer the family members a small stone to place in a mosaic as a tangible and visual representation of their grief and love. We will also offer them an ornament keepsake as a reminder of this worship experience.

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To the gathered body: In the center of your tables, you will find containers filled with small pieces of paper. As you honor those whom you are remembering today, we invite you to take one of these pieces of paper to one of the six "mosaics" throughout the room. (If you have mobility concerns, please indicate this to one of our worship assistants, who will then take your paper to a mosaic on your behalf.) Place your paper on the adhesive mosaic as you remember.

The Names

CLERGY & SPOUSES

Mrs. Jean A. Chadwick	September 3, 1939 - June 20, 2017
Mrs. Beatrice A. Werner	May 21, 1927 - June 19, 2017
The Rev. Albert G Sauer	August 25, 1927 - July 11, 2017
Mrs. Doris H. Schroeder	March 30, 1926 - August 22, 2017
The Rev. Donald Boyd	September 10, 1937 - September 7, 2017
Mrs. Marianne T. Wright	November 1, 1933 - September 16, 2017
Mrs. Judith B. Kohler	March 9, 1943 - September 29, 2017
The Rev. Morton W. Caffey	June 1, 1935 - October 10, 2017
Mrs. Juanita Sparrow	November 24, 1919 - October 20, 2017
Mrs. Clara L. Harris	November 19, 1925 - November 29, 2017
Mrs. Dorothy E. Moody	July 9, 1919 - November 24, 2017
Mr. Hoskins Vernon	September 17, 1928 - December 9, 2017
Mrs. Elaine Longenecker	May 8, 1928 - December 19, 2017
The Rev. Ralph Stevenson	November 27, 1948 - January 15, 2018
The Rev. Melvin G. Sponsler	February 1, 1934 - February 12, 2018
The Rev. Jo Ann Enders	August 8, 1942 - February 16, 2018
Mrs. Ruthann W. Gotwols	November 16, 1923 - March 14, 2018
Mrs. Amelia Bemserfer	November 7, 1914 - March 28, 2018
Mrs. Eleanor R Roberts	March 5, 1936 - March 29, 2018
The Rev. Moses Chin Ho Lee	July 27, 1921 - April 3, 2018
The Rev. Betty A. Ford	August 10, 1937 - May 3, 2018
The Rev. Paul L. Shumate	July 6, 1944 - May 4, 2018
The Rev. Harry B. Irwin	April 28, 1930 - May 4, 2018
The Rev. George E. Thomas	February 5, 1918 - May 9, 2018

LAITY

Mr. Dennis Wack	October 28, 1952 - May 3, 2018
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BISHOPS

Bishop Rudiger R. Minor	February 22, 1939 - September 3, 2017
Bishop L. Bevel Jones III	July 22, 1926 - March 6, 2018

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE – “BE STILL, MY SOUL”

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

CELEBRATING THE MINISTRIES AND LEGACIES
OF CHURCHES THAT HAVE CLOSED

SCRIPTURE – ISAIAH 43:1-7, 19-21

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³ For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶ I will say to the north, ‘Give them up’,
and to the south, ‘Do not withhold’;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.’ ...
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,

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rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

One: Churches are birthed in communities as people come together. Each congregation brings light into places of darkness and to people who need hope.

Many: We celebrate where lives have been transformed, communities have been shaped, and God's kingdom has been realized in these churches. We give thanks to God for all those who have known Jesus, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and grown closer to God through these communities.

One: We will all be changed, beloved. Let us give thanks to God and remember. God's love will remain with us.

Many: We remember as people of hope and resurrection, that signs of new life are all around us. May God's love lead us forward in hope.

The Tradition

As we gather each year for Annual Conference sessions, we recognize that ministry ends in one location, continues in another, and is birthed in yet another. We read aloud the name of the church that has closed, and we give thanks for its ministries. As we read the name and sound the bell, we invite you to stand in honor of any church that you have served or attended.

The Ritual

To all those who have worshipped, served, and loved in this church: we welcome you. As we read the name of the church and sing our prayer response, we will bring our mosaics together to form one cross, representing the presence of Christ in the faith communities that make up Christ's own body.

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SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE – "BE STILL, MY SOUL"

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

*CLOSING PRAYER

Enduring God, who invites us to remember and be changed. We pause to recognize that today is bittersweet. There are sweet memories in calling to mind memories of loved ones, and grief in our collective loss. Draw us closer together with the sacred ties with communion of saints who run the race before us. May we be inspired and empowered by their examples of faith and fellowship. We will not all die, but we will all be changed. Let us serve faithfully and hope, with resurrection hope, that we, too may know the full realization of God's presence. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

One: The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
be among you and remain with you always

*SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth excelling in the work of the Lord,
living like you are you are dying,
and spreading the contagion of the encounter of the Risen Christ.

Many: Amen.

*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE – “WE’LL UNDERSTAND IT BETTER BY AND BY”

1. We are tossed and driven on the restless sea of time;
somber skies and howling tempests oft succeed a bright sunshine;
in that land of perfect day, when the mists have rolled away,
we will understand it better by and by.

Refrain:

By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.

2. We are often destitute of the things that life demands,
want of food and want of shelter, thirsty hills and barren lands;
we are trusting in the Lord, and according to God's word,
we ill understand it better by and by.
(Refrain)

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3. Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand
all the ways that God would lead us to that blessed promised land;
but he guides us with his eye, and we'll follow till we die,
for we'll understand it better by and by.
(Refrain)

4. Temptations, hidden snares, often take us unawares,
and our hearts are made to bleed for a thoughtless word or deed;
and we wonder why the test when we try to do our best,
but we'll understand it better by and by.
(Refrain)

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Words: George Bennard, 1913

Music: George Bennard, 1913

John 11:1 –4, 20–27, 32–35, 38–44

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“All My Days”

Words: Laurie Zelman, 2003

Music: Mark A. Miller, 2003

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

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Special Music

“Be Still, My Soul”

Words: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. by Jane Borthwick, 1855

Music: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933

Isaiah 43:1-7, 19-21

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“We’ll Understand It Better By and By”

Words: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906

Music: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906

Words of Gathering and Grace, Opening Prayer, Litany of Remembrance and Change, Closing Prayer,
Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Monica Beth Guepet, 2018

Celebration of Years of Ministry

*HYMN – “O BREATH OF LIFE”

1. O Breath of Life, come sweeping through,
revive your church with power.
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew,
that we may meet this hour.

On April 23, 1968, at the Uniting Conference in Dallas, Texas, Rev. Dr. Albert C. Outler – preaching on the scriptural story of Pentecost – said:

Clearly, though, that first Pentecost was less significant for what happened *then* than for what came after. Pentecost *was the day when the real work of the church began*, when the Christian people accepted the agenda of their unfinished business in the world and began to get on with it! ... This is the day when *the real work of the UMC begins*. It is a day when doors are opened that heretofore were closed, when new possibilities of reformation and renewal are literally “at hand.”

Fifty years later, as United Methodists of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, we celebrate those who have faithfully carried out this “real work of the UMC.”

One: We celebrate those who, throughout these fifty years, have offered themselves to the real work of ministry: the work of blessing and baptizing, the work of helping and feeding, the work of praying and celebrating, the work of preaching and teaching, the work of inviting and inspiring and igniting. Let us pray to the Lord:

Many: Lord, we give thanks for faithful servants!

One: Today, we celebrate those who, throughout these fifty years, have devoted themselves to the real work of justice, those who have shown us what it means to stand up and sit in and march forward and speak out for the sake of the gospel. Let us pray to the Lord:

Many: Lord, we give thanks for courageous prophets!

One: Today, we celebrate those who, throughout these fifty years, have given themselves to the real work of raising up new leaders, those who have led others to a life-giving faith in Christ, those who have served as wise guides and faithful mentors, those who have nurtured the next generation as they have discerned God’s call to ministry. Let us pray to the Lord:

Many: Lord, we give thanks for wise guides!

One: Today, we celebrate those who, some fifty years ago, came together as people of different denominations and conferences, people with different stories and experiences, people who joined together to form this United Methodist Church and led us through an uncertain present and into a hopeful future.

We ask those who were members of our predecessor denominations – those who were once part of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and The Methodist Church, those once segregated in the former Delaware Conference and other conferences of the Central Jurisdiction – to please stand.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Many: Lord, we recall the great joys and enduring struggles of our United Methodist story. We give thanks for your presence in The United Methodist Church throughout these fifty years!

One: Today, as we mark the fiftieth anniversary of our United Methodist Church, we celebrate those who will lead us through this uncertain present and into a new and hopeful future. Will all of you, the people of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, please stand?

Let us pray to the Lord:

Many: Lord, we seek your guidance in an uncertain present. We seek your vision for a hopeful future!

*HYMN – “O BREATH OF LIFE”

2. O Wind of God, come, move once more,
till we confess our need.
Then in your tenderness, restore,
remake, revive, we plead.

In that same sermon preached at the Uniting Conference, Outler said:

Now is the time, as at that first Pentecost, for young [women and] men to see visions and for old men [and women] to dream dreams – visions and dreams that ask more of the [United] Methodist people than we have ever asked before, visions and dreams that offer a richer, fuller life for all God’s people, visions and dreams that see this “new” church re-newed yet again and again... This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us really rejoice and be glad in it – glad for the new chance God now gives us: to be a church united in order to be uniting, a church repentant in order to be a church redemptive, a church cruciform in order to manifest God’s triumphant agony for [human]kind.

May these words speak to The United Methodist Church once more!

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*CLOSING LITANY

One: Sprit of the living God, visit The United Methodist Church as on the day of Pentecost.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

Many: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With tongues of fire to set our hearts aflame,

Many: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

Many: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With love that overleaps the boundaries of race and nation,

Many: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With power from above to make our weakness strong,

Many: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: That we may be a Church united to be Uniting,

Many: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: That we may be a Church repentant to be redemptive,

Many: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: That we may be a Church cruciform in order to make plain God's triumphant agony for everyone, everywhere.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

*HYMN – "O BREATH OF LIFE"

3. O Breath of Love, come breathe within,
renewing will and heart.
Come, love of Christ, revive your church
in each and every part.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

“O Breath of Life”

Words: Bessie Porter Head, 1920, adapted by Rev. Candy LaBar, 2018

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

“Dreams and Visions”

Sermon for the *Service of Union, EUB and MC*

April 23, 1968

Prayers of Celebration

Rev. Candy LaBar, 2018

Closing Litany

Rev. Alfred T. Day, III, 2018

inspired by *The Handbook for the Christian Year* (James White, et al) and “Dreams and Visions” (sermon by Albert Outler for the *Service of Union, EUB and MC*, April 23, 1968)