

**Service of Commissioning and Ordination**  
Olivet United Methodist Church  
Coatesville, Pennsylvania  
May 22, 2021, 2:00 PM

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*The Board of Ordained Ministry welcomes you to this Service of Commissioning and Ordination. This worship service is a time of celebration and reverence. We ask that you honor those who are commissioned and ordained not with your applause but with your prayer. Please **silence your phones.***

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Inspired by Acts 8:26-40)*

ONE: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us;

**MANY: With an invitation to come to the water.**

ONE: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us;

**MANY: Urging us to get up and go!**

ONE: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us.

**MANY: Let us worship the One who calls us, "Come to the Water."**

## PROCESSIONAL



## GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

*Bishop:* The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

*Bishop:* We come together to praise God,  
to hear the Holy Word,  
and to seek for ourselves and others  
the power, presence, and direction of the Holy Spirit.  
Let us pray.

**People: Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit  
you gave to your apostles many excellent gifts.  
Come upon us gathered here to set apart those who will lead among us  
by calling and equipping us to fulfill your desire  
that we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.  
We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

*Johnson*

*Bishop*

Sisters and brothers in Christ, we are all made one with the death of Jesus Christ and raised with him to walk in newness of life in the gift of baptism by water and the Spirit.

The same Spirit who enlivens us empowers us with many and diverse gifts to serve as new creatures, renouncing evil, embracing and submitting to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and joining together in one body to serve as God's representatives in the world. We all start here. The Spirit leads us all. Remember you are baptized and be thankful.

**ALL: We remember our baptism and affirm our common ministry.  
Thanks be to God!**



**PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE ORDAINED,  
COMMISSIONED, OR RECOGNIZED**

Bishop: Who presents these candidates to be ordained or commissioned? (*motions to the commissionands where they are seated*)

**ALL: We have recommended them in our local congregations. We present them with our prayers and support.**

Mr. David Koch, Conference Lay Leader:

We have examined these candidates according to the standards of our Discipline and this annual conference of The United Methodist Church. We present them with our prayers and support.

Rev. Johnson Dodla, Co-Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry:

For ordination as a deacon we present Jane Dutton. (*she stands*)

We present her with our prayers and support.

Rev. Michael Remel, Co-Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry:

For commissioning as a provisional member preparing for ordained ministry as deacon we present Coreen Russo. (*she stands*)

For commissioning as a provisional member preparing for ordained ministry as an elder, we present Karen E. Bartkowski, Noe Gabriel Lopez, Jason Perkowski and Mark Salvacion. (*they stand*)

We present them with our prayers and support.

*After all the candidates have been presented, they remain standing.*

Bishop: These persons are by God's grace

to be ordained or commissioned for set apart ministry  
in Christ's Holy Church.

Those authorized by the Church to inquire about them

have discerned that they are persons

of sound learning and of Christian character,

possess the necessary signs of God's grace,

and have demonstrated a profound commitment to serve Jesus Christ.

Therefore, they believe them to be duly called to serve God.

We ask you, people of God,

to declare your assent  
to the ordination or commissioning of these persons.

Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace,  
to be ordained, commissioned, received or recognized?

**All: We do! Thanks be to God!**

Bishop: Will you uphold them in their ministry?

**All: With God's help, we will.**

*Candidates for ministry remain standing.*



## **THE GENERAL EXAMINATION**

My sisters and brothers in Christ,  
you have been called  
to an ordained and commissioned status in set apart ministry.  
The church now confirms your calling.

As ordained or commissioned ministers,  
you are to be coworkers with all the people of God:  
With laity, bishops, elders, deacons, local pastors,  
provisional members, diaconal ministers,  
deaconesses, home missionaries, supply pastors,  
with all who serve God in the Church.

Remember you are called  
to serve rather than to be served,  
to proclaim the faith of the church and no other,  
to look after the concerns of God above all.

So we may know you believe yourselves  
to be called by God  
and that you profess the Christian faith,  
we ask you:

Do you believe that God has called you  
to the life and work of ordained or licensed ministry?

**I do so believe.**

Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

**I do so believe and confess.**

Are you persuaded  
that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments  
contain all things necessary for salvation  
through faith in Jesus Christ  
and are the unique and authoritative standard  
for the church's faith and life?

**I am so persuaded, by God's grace.**

Will you be faithful in prayer,  
in the study of the Holy Scriptures,  
and with the help of the Holy Spirit  
continually rekindle the gift of God that is in you?

**I will, with the help of God.**

Will you do your best to pattern your life  
in accordance with the teachings of Christ?

**I will, with the help of God.**

Will you, in the exercise of your ministry,  
lead the people of God  
to faith in Jesus Christ,  
to participate in the life and work of the community, and  
to seek peace, justice, and freedom for all people?

**I will, with the help of God.**

Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church,  
accepting and upholding its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline,  
defending it against all doctrines contrary to God's Holy Word,  
and committing yourself to be accountable with those serving with you,  
and to the Bishop and those who are appointed to supervise your ministry?

**I will, with the help of God.**

Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission,  
covenant to participate in the life of the order,  
into which you are ordained, commissioned, received or recognized?

**I will, with the help of God.**

Will you give yourself to God through the order [or fellowship]  
in order to sustain and build each other up  
in prayer, study, worship and service  
under the rule of life set forth in the vows you take this day?

**I will, with the help of God.**

May God,  
who has given you the will to do these things,  
give you grace to perform them,  
that the work begun in you may be brought to perfection.

**All: Amen.**

*All are seated*



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 41:1-10

Listen to me in silence, O coastlands;  
let the peoples renew their strength;  
let them approach, then let them speak;  
let us together draw near for judgment.  
Who has roused a victor from the east,  
summoned him to his service?  
He delivers up nations to him,  
and tramples kings under foot;  
he makes them like dust with his sword,  
like driven stubble with his bow.  
He pursues them and passes on safely,  
scarcely touching the path with his feet.  
Who has performed and done this,  
calling the generations from the beginning?  
I, the Lord, am first,  
and will be with the last.  
The coastlands have seen and are afraid,  
the ends of the earth tremble;  
they have drawn near and come.  
Each one helps the other,  
saying to one another, "Take courage!"  
The artisan encourages the goldsmith,  
and the one who smooths with the hammer encourages the one who strikes the anvil,  
saying of the soldering, "It is good";  
and they fasten it with nails so that it cannot be moved.  
But you, Israel, my servant,

Jacob, whom I have chosen,  
the offspring of Abraham, my friend;  
you whom I took from the ends of the earth,  
and called from its farthest corners,  
saying to you, "You are my servant,  
I have chosen you and not cast you off";  
do not fear, for I am with you,  
do not be afraid, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

## **GOSPEL READING**

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

## **MESSAGE**

*"Positioning for Ministry"*  
*Bishop Mark J. Webb*



## **OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS**

Today's offering will go towards the Board of Ordained Ministry's Scholarship Fund which provides scholarship assistance for ministerial students.  
There is an offering plate available upon exit at Olivet UMC.

Send a check to Eastern PA AC at PO Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482 (write: BOM in the memo line) OR Use website "giving page" on conference website: [www.epaumc.org](http://www.epaumc.org) (choose "BOM" in the menu)

## **SPECIAL MUSIC** *Fountain"*

*"There is a*

*The Philadelphia United Methodist Mass Choir*

## **COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS**

*Rev. Johnson Dodla introduces the candidates for commissioning. As their names are called, they may rise, come to the kneelers, and face the congregation.*

*To Be Commissioned to Perform the Duties of the Ministry of the Deacon:*

**CORREEN M. RUSSO**

**Spouse:** Dr. Marc S. Russo

**Children:** Benjamin Russo and Dr. Daniel Russo

**Home Church:** Lancaster First UMC

**Churches Served/ Ministry Location:** LUMINA, Lancaster First UMC, Ross Street UMC, Lititz UMC

**College/ University:** Penn State University, BS, 1982

**Seminary:** Lancaster Theological Seminary, MAR., 2011

*To Be Commissioned to Perform the Duties of the Ministry of the Elder:*

**KAREN E. BARTKOWSKI**

**Spouse:** Frank Bartkowski

**Children:** Joshua, Jacob, Mandy, and Kelsey

**Home Church:** Lima UMC

**Churches Served/ Ministry Locations:** Maris Grove- Extension Ministry, Lima UMC

**College/ University:** Ithaca College, BS, 1993

**Seminary:** Palmer Theological Seminary, M.Div., 2020

**Additional Graduate School:** Widener University, M.Ed., 2002

**NOE GABRIEL LOPEZ**

**Churches Served:** First UMC of Germantown

**College/ University:** Malone University, BA, 2013

**Seminary:** Duke Divinity School, M.Div., 2016

**JASON BRANT ROLLINS PERKOWSKI**

**Spouse:** Julie Perkowski

**Children:** Maria Rodriguez

**Home Church:** Long Memorial UMC (Neffsville)

**Churches Served/ Ministry Locations:** Faith UMC & Oregon Community UMC (Lititz), Long Memorial UMC (Neffsville), Wiley Church (Marlton, NJ)

**College/ University:** Millersville University, BS, 1999

**Seminary:** Wesley Theological Seminary, M. Div., 2020

**Additional Graduate School:** University of Connecticut, M.Ed., 2008

**MARK IGNATIUS SALVACION**



**Spouse:** Frances Salvacion  
**Children:** Maya Ruth Salvacion  
**Home Church:** Historic St. George's UMC  
**Churches Served/ Ministry Locations:** Historic St. George's UMC  
**College/ University:** Bucknell University, BA, 1986  
**Seminary:** Drew Theological Seminary, M.Div., 2020  
**Additional Graduate School:** Northeastern University School of Law, Juris Doctor, 1991

*The Bishop addresses the congregation.*

*Bishop:* By affirming the covenant of baptism,  
all members of Christ's holy church pledge  
to serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Christ gave all of us this command:  
"Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest."  
We have asked, and the Lord has answered.  
These persons know our Savior's concern for God's people,  
sees the plentiful harvest,  
and is ready to respond generously to the Lord  
in the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Here I am, send me."

Urged on by the love of Christ and strengthened by the Holy Spirit,  
they now come to declare in public  
their desire to live out the covenant made at their baptism  
by binding themselves to the service of God  
under the supervision of the bishop  
and the guidance of colleagues in full connection  
and by being appointed to share as a servant leader  
in the body of Christ.

Today we commission them to service  
as they continue to prepare for ordained ministry among us.



## **PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING AND LAYING ON OF HANDS**

*All candidates kneel.*

*The Bishop, facing the congregation and extending arms over all of the candidates, prays:*

God of the apostles and prophets, of the martyrs and teachers,  
you raise up men and women as apostolic leaders in your church.  
By your Holy Spirit,

help these, your servant,  
to understand and live the mystery of your love with boldness and joy.  
Deepen their sense of purpose  
as they exercise commissioned ministry.  
Empower them, and those who will walk with them  
to guide their ministry,  
together with all of your people,  
to heal the sick,  
love the outcast,  
resist evil,  
preach the Word,  
and give himself freely for your name's sake.

*As the bishop lays hands upon the shoulders of the **commissioning** candidate, we invite the gathered body, including family and friends, to remain seated as you offer silent prayer for that candidate.*

*Later in the service, as the bishop lays hands upon the head of each **ordination** candidate, we invite the gathered body to offer silent prayer for the candidate, and invite family members and friends to stand in silent prayer.*

*The Bishop, laying both hands upon the shoulders of each candidate, prays:*

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon *name*.  
Send *him/her* now to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,  
to announce the reign of God,  
and to equip the church for ministry,  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All audibly affirm the action, saying, **Amen.***

Let's greet our new class of commissioned elders and deacon.

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

*"We Praise Your Name"*  
*The Philadelphia United Methodist Mass Choir*



## ORDINATION

*Rev. Michael Remel introduces the candidate for ordination as deacon. She may rise, stand at the floor level kneeler, and face the Bishop.*

In The United Methodist Church, those who are called and ordained to set-apart ministry find covenantal relationship in one of two distinct and equally vital clergy orders:  
the Order of Deacons and the Order of Elders.

## THE ORDINATION OF DEACON

### **JANE ELIZABETH RUPERT DUTTON**

**Spouse:** Allan Dutton

**Children:** Jenna and Peter

**Home Church:** West Willow UMC

**Churches Served/ Ministry Location:** Grandview Church, Penn State Hershey Medical Center

**College/ University:** Lebanon Valley College, BS, 1985

**Seminary:** Lancaster Theological Seminary, M.Div, 2018

**Graduate School:** Temple University, MSW, 1991

**Sponsors:** Rev. Dr. Catherine Williams, Rev. Dr. Darryl Stephens

## EXAMINATION OF DEACON

A deacon

is called to share in Christ's ministry of servanthood,  
to relate the life of the community to its service in the world,  
to lead others into Christian discipleship,  
to nurture disciples for witness and service,

*Here a large Bible may be lifted by an assistant.*

to lead in worship,  
to teach and proclaim God's Word,  
to assist elders and appointed local pastors at Holy Baptism and Holy Communion,

*Here a towel and basin with pitcher may be lifted by an assistant.*

to interpret to the church the world's hurts and hopes,  
to serve all people, particularly the poor, the sick, and the oppressed,  
and to lead Christ's people in ministries of compassion and justice,  
liberation and reconciliation,  
especially in the face of hardship and personal sacrifice.

This is the rule of life and work of a deacon.

Do you believe that God has called you  
to the life and work of a deacon?

**I do so believe.**

## **LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR DEACON**

As this person is ordained by God and the church  
for the ministry of deacon  
to which we believe she has been called by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray for her.

*The people pray for her in silence.*

*Ordinand remains standing during the prayer.*

*The Bishop, with hands extended over the one being ordained, prays:*

We thank you, Living God,  
that in your great love  
you sent Jesus Christ  
to take the form of a servant,  
becoming obedient even to death on the cross,  
and now resurrected and exalted in the heavens.  
You have taught us, by his word and example,  
that whoever would be great among us must be servant of all.

Give this servant grace to be faithful to her promises,  
constant in her discipleship,  
and always ready for works of loving service.  
Make her modest and humble, gentle and strong,  
rooted and grounded in love.  
Give her a share in the ministry of Jesus Christ,  
who came not to be served but to serve. **Amen.**

*The sponsors join the ordinand at the floor level kneeler for private prayer.*

*After a time of prayer, the ordinand moves to the top kneeler.*

*Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are in a prayerful attitude during the laying on of hands.*

*The Bishop lays both hands on the head of the ordinand, praying:*

Almighty God, pour upon *JANE DUTTON* the Holy Spirit,  
for the office and work of a deacon,  
in Christ's holy church.

*All audibly affirm the action, saying, **Amen.***

*Immediately the candidate places hands on a Bible as the Bishop lays hands on the hands of the ordained and says:*

*JANE DUTTON*, take authority as a deacon  
to proclaim the Word of God,  
and to lead God's people to serve the world  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All audibly affirm the action, saying, Amen.*

*The newly ordained deacon is immediately clothed with the shoulder stole.*

Bishop: Let's greet our newest deacon.



## **THE BISHOP'S INVITATION TO RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL**

If you are experiencing a call to ministry, join members of the Board of Ordained Ministry and DCOM chairs on a Zoom call immediately following our Bishop's invitation. They will offer prayer and support on your journey. Go to [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) and type in the following:

Meeting ID: 924 2812 6129

Passcode: 587345

Or you can call 1-646-558-8656.

## **SENDING FORTH**

*Bishop:* Let us pray.

**People:** We thank you, gracious God,  
for your waters of Baptism which bind us together as one  
and for the Holy Spirit  
which empowers each of us with unique gifts for ministry.  
Empower your faithful servants who have said yes to your call this day,  
to get up and go,  
and proclaim the good news of your kingdom  
and grant that we all may glorify you by giving of ourselves to others.  
**Amen.**

*Bishop: (to those commissioned and ordained)*

May the God of all grace,  
who has claimed and called you as commissioned or ordained ministers,  
now equip and empower you  
for the work of ministry in God's world.  
*(to the full gathered body)*

The grace of Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you always.

Deacon: We have come to the water, remembering who we are and to whom we belong.

And now may you get up and go forth,  
sharing the good news of Jesus,  
and inviting all of God's children to, "Come to the Water."

**People: We will go forth in Christ's name.  
Thanks be to God!**

**\*RECESSIONAL**

**\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

## **MANY MINISTERS, ONE MINISTRY**

### **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DIFFERENT ORDERS AND OFFICES OF CLERGY**

#### **LICENSED LOCAL PASTORS**

Persons coming to be licensed as local pastors have been examined and recommended by their district committee on ordained ministry. They must have at least a high school diploma, have been a member of The United Methodist Church for at least one year and served in leadership in the local church, certified as a candidate for ministry, and attended the 10-day Licensing School, sponsored by the Board of Ordained Ministry. Finally the Board of Ordained Ministry recommends to the executive session those to be licensed. Licensed local pastors may serve part-time or full-time and are renewed annually by the district committee. Licensed local pastors may perform all the duties of a pastor as defined in The Book of Discipline, including the sacraments, marriage, burial, confirmation, and membership reception, while appointed to a particular charge; their authority is limited to the people within or related to the community they are appointed to serve. The license and authority are valid only so long as the appointment continues.

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Persons who are elected to associate membership by the clergy executive session have been examined and recommended by the district committee on ordained ministry and the Board of Ordained Ministry. They must have reached the age of forty, served as a full-time local pastor for at least four years (or been granted equivalency by the Board of Ordained Ministry), completed the five-year Course of Study, and completed a minimum of sixty semester hours toward the Bachelor of Arts degree. Associate members are in the itinerant ministry and are available on a continuing basis for appointment by the bishop. They are amenable to the annual conference in the performance of their ministry and are granted the same security of appointment as provisional members and members in full connection.

#### **COMMISSIONED PROVISIONAL MEMBERS**

Persons who are commissioned and elected to provisional membership have been examined and recommended by the district committee on ordained ministry and the Board of Ordained Ministry. They must have been a certified candidate for ministry for at least one year and completed the educational requirements for provisional membership which usually require both an undergraduate degree and a graduate theological degree. Upon recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, they are elected to provisional membership by the executive session. Commissioned provisional members planning to give their lives as elders are in ministries of Word, Sacrament, Order and Service and are licensed for pastoral ministry. They may perform all the duties of a pastor as defined in The Book of Discipline, including the sacraments, marriage, burial, confirmation, and membership reception, while appointed to a particular charge; their authority is limited to the people within or related to the community they are appointed to serve. Commissioned provisional members planning to give their lives as deacons are in ministries of Word, Service, Compassion, and Justice and are licensed for the practice of ministry. Commissioned provisional members must serve for three years in a full-time appointment prior to ordination and full conference membership.

#### **ORDAINED DEACON**

Persons who are ordained deacon have been examined and recommended by the Board of Ordained Ministry and elected to full membership by the executive session. Persons being ordained deacon have been appointed at least two years full-time as a provisional deacon. Deacons are ordained to Word, Service, Compassion, and Justice. Deacons fulfill servant ministry in the world and lead the church in relating the gathered life of Christians to their ministries in the world, inter-relating worship in the gathered community with service to God in the world. The Discipline charges deacons to give leadership in the church's life: in the teaching and proclamation of the Word; in worship, and in assisting the elders in the administration of the sacraments; in forming and nurturing disciples; in conducting marriages and burying the dead; in the congregation's mission to the world; and in leading the congregation in interpreting the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. As members of the Order of Deacon, all deacons are in covenant with all other deacons in the annual conference and participate in the life of their Order. While deacons are appointed by the bishop, they do not itinerate nor have the same security of appointment as elders. Deacons are appointed to serve in local churches and beyond the local church.

### **ORDAINED ELDER**

Persons who are ordained elder have been examined and recommended by the Board of Ordained Ministry and elected to full membership by the executive session. Persons being ordained elder have been appointed at least two years full-time as a provisional elder. Elders are ordained to Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service. Elders are authorized to preach and teach the Word of God, to administer the sacraments, and to order the life of the church for mission and ministry. The servant leadership of the elder is expressed by leading the people of God in worship and prayer, by leading persons to faith in Jesus Christ, by exercising pastoral supervision in the congregation, and by leading the church in obedience to mission in the world. As members of the Order of Elder, all elders are in covenant with all other elders in the annual conference and participate in the life of their Order. Elders are appointed as pastors of churches and to extension ministries.

### **RECOGNITION OF ORDERS**

When a candidate has been ordained in another denomination and they seek to enter a United Methodist order, their ordination is recognized. They are not re-ordained. They are elected to full membership in the annual conference by the clergy executive session.



### **These are the Historic Questions asked of these candidates at the Clergy Executive Session:**

(from The Book of Discipline, ¶336)

Historic Examination for Admission into Full Connection

1. Have you faith in Christ?
2. Are you going on to perfection?
3. Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?
4. Are you earnestly striving after it?
5. Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and his work?
6. Do you know the General Rules of our Church?
7. Will you keep them?
8. Have you studied the doctrines of The United Methodist Church?



9. After full examination, do you believe that our doctrines are in harmony with the Holy Scriptures?
10. Will you preach and maintain them?
11. Have you studied our form of Church discipline and polity?
12. Do you approve our Church government and polity?
13. Will you support and maintain them?
14. Will you diligently instruct the children in every place?
15. Will you visit from house to house?
16. Will you recommend fasting or abstinence, both by precept and example?
17. Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God?
18. Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in your work?
19. Will you observe the following directions?
  - a) Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed. Never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at any one place than is strictly necessary.
  - b) Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time. And do not mend our rules, but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience' sake.\*

\* These questions were formulated by John Wesley and have been little changed throughout the years.

#### Instruments and Sign Acts for the Ordering of Ministry

Ordinations ritualize the distinctiveness of the different orders. Thus, not only what is said, but what is done and the signs and instruments by which ordination is enacted is significant. Clear signs and instruments related to the ministry of diaconal ministers and deacons, and the ministry of elders point to and convey the identity and work of each order.

For diaconal ministers, a stole is worn over the left shoulder and hangs straight down to the waist as a towel over the shoulder. The instrument to signify this order is the towel, pitcher, and basin.

For deacons, a stole is worn over the left shoulder and fastened under the right arm. The instrument to signify this order is the towel, pitcher, and basin.

For elders, a stole is worn, yoked at the back of the neck, hanging straight down from the shoulders. The instrument to signify this order is the paten and chalice.

Local Pastors and Certified Lay Ministers may wear robes but may not wear a stole.

**WORSHIP NOTES:**

Call to Worship, Sending Forth

written by Rev. Nina Patton-Semerod , 2021.

“There Is A Fountain” by Dynamic Praise.

Order of Service prepared by The General Board of Discipleship, The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and The Office of Christian Unity and Inter-religious Relationships, in collaboration with the Council of Bishops. Revised by Action of the 2016 General Conference.

“We Praise Your Name” by Dr. F. James Clark, The Shalom Church City of Peace Mass Choir.