

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY
Tuesday May 19, 2026- 7:00 PM

**A Service Celebrating the Fullness of our Calling:
From our Baptismal Vows to Retirement
Commissioning & Ordination**

GATHERING & OPENING

Prelude

"Lugar Secreto"

Aixa Preston and Ana Santiago, Liturgical Dancers
of New Creation UMC, Lancaster PA

Tolling of the Cokesbury Bell

***Processional Hymns**

Lift High the Cross

UM Hymnal 159

REFRAIN:

Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name

Come Christians follow this triumphant sign
The hosts of God in unity combine

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died

O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree
as thou hast promised draw the world to thee

So shall our song of triumphant ever be
Praise to the Crucified for victory

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
(Sung in English, Spanish & Korean - verses 1,2,4)

UMH 64

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

SPANISH

Santo santo santo, Señor omnipotente
siempre el labio mío loores te dará
Santo santo santo te adoro reverente
Dios en tres personas bendita Trinidad

KOREAN

거룩 거룩 거룩 전능하신 주님
이른 아침 우리 주를 찬송합니다
거룩 거룩 거룩 자비하신 주님
성삼위 일체 우리 주로다

VERSE 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 and art
and evermore shalt be

VERSE 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

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing **Worship & Song 3001**
(Charles Wesley; Tune: AZMON'S GHOST; Musci: Mark Miller)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise
the glories ever echoing, the triumphs of God's grace
the triumphs of God's grace

My gracious Master and my God assist me to proclaim
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name
the honors of thy name

O for a thousand tongues to sing (O for a thousand tongues to sing)
O for a thousand tongues to sing (O for a thousand tongues to sing)
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O for a thousand tongues to sing (O for a thousand tongues to sing)

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
'tis life and health and peace

Glory to God and love and praise be ever ever giv'n
by all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heav'n
the church in earth and heav'n

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise
the glories ever echoing, the triumphs of God's grace
the triumphs of God's grace

Opening Video

Native American Land Acknowledgment

Call to Worship

Rev. Stacey Jones-Anderson

Leader: Come, all who thirst all who long for justice, dignity, and life.

People: We come seeking the waters that restore the weary and the oppressed.

Leader: Come, you who have been pushed to the margins
you who hunger for a world made right.

**People: We come to the One who offers life freely
without price and without exclusion.**

Leader: Why do we spend our lives sustaining systems that do not nourish us?
Why do we invest our labor in what leaves our neighbors hungry?

People: We turn toward God's vision of abundance for all people.

Leader: Listen closely: the Holy One calls us into a covenant of justice,
a community where bread is shared and dignity restored.

People: We gather to be renewed for the work of love, mercy, and liberation.

Leader: Seek the Holy One while justice can still be born among us.
Call upon God, who is near to the brokenhearted and the struggling.

**People: With hopeful hearts and committed spirits, we gather to worship and
to be sent into the work of justice.**

All: Let us worship the God who calls us to living water and a living faith.

Prayer

Open Unto Me

BY REV. HOWARD THURMAN

Open unto me, light for my darkness
Open unto me, courage for my fear
Open unto me, hope for my despair
Open unto me, peace for my turmoil
Open unto me, joy for my sorrow
Open unto me, strength for my weakness
Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion
Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins
Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness
Open unto me, love for my hates
Open unto me, Thy Self for myself
Lord, Lord, open unto me!

Song of Praise

I Will Search

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(Israel Houghton, Meleasa Houghton)

(SUNG IN ENGLISH & KOREAN)

VERSE 1 (ENG/KOR)

How precious how lovely are
Your thoughts oh Lord toward me
날 향한 귀하고 멋진 주님의 계획들

How truly amazing Is the grace
that You have shown
베푸신 주 은혜 놀랍고 진실하네

Oh Majesty I live to see Your face
오 왕 되신 주님 얼굴 보네

CHORUS (ENG/KOR)

I will search for You and I will find You
I will find You with all my heart
나 주님 찾으리 주 찾으리 주 찾으리 온 맘 다해

I will lift my hands to You in worship
and I will worship with all my heart
주님께 손을 들어 경배해 나 경배하리 온 맘 다해

VERSE 2 (ENG)

How gracious relentless is God's love toward us
Breath-taking the beauty and the radiance of You
Oh Majesty I live to see Your face
and be transformed into Your image

CHORUS (ENG/KOR)

I will search for You and I will find You
I will find You with all my heart
나 주님 찾으리 주 찾으리 주 찾으리 온 맘 다해

BRIDGE (ENG)

Use me now to bring Your peace
Use us now to build Your kin-dom
We will worship You with all our heart
Use me now to bring Your justice
Use us now to spread Your love
We will worship You with all our heart

BAPTISM AND REAFFIRMATION

INTRODUCTION TO BAPTISM

Bishop Cynthia Moore Koikoi:

Siblings in Christ:
through the sacrament of baptism
God's Spirit initiates us into Christ's holy church,
puts us on the stage of God's saving drama,
and gives us new birth through water and the Spirit.

So, come to the water,
water poured over and immersing us,
water flowing freely for all who will receive it,
water from the streams of God's saving power and justice,
water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,
water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Here we come to the waters,
to celebrate the sacrament of baptism and to renew our commitments to Christ
who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator
who is making all things new.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDIDATE

*Rev. Kunwoo Park & Miyeon Kwon,
along with their daughter Somi Park
present Yina Park for Holy Baptism.*

St. Mark's UMC Representative:

It is my pleasure to present today for baptism Yina Park, a child of God already, created in God's image. On behalf of the family of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Broomall we are blessed to become the community of faith that will support Yina with love and kindness as a new disciple of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Bishop asks & the Parents & Sponsors reply:

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?
Reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I will.

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be? Accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I will.

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth? Confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I will.

Bishop addresses the congregation gathered:

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

All: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Bishop: Will you nurture one another in living the faith of the church and include Yina Park in your care?

All: With God's help we will live the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will embody faith, hope and love so that Yina Park will grow to learn to trust God and live Love's service in the world. We will pray for her on her journey of discipleship among us.

Bishop: Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**All: We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:**

**who created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others by the Spirit
We trust in God. We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve everyone,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Bishop:

Eternal God, your mighty acts of salvation have been made known through water, from the moving of your Spirit upon the waters of creation, to the deliverance of your people through the flood and through the Red Sea.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of the womb, baptized by John, and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and they who receive it, and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives. Amen.

Yina Park, I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Beloved, let us welcome our new sibling in Christ.

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as a member of Christ's church.

BAPTISMAL RENEWAL AND RE-COMMITMENT

Bishop to the people:

The Holy Spirit is at work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit you too may
continue to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.
Remember your baptism and be thankful.

All: We remember and affirm our common faith and calling.

Musical Response

Water, River, Spirit, Grace

The Faith We Sing 2253

Water River Spirit Grace
Sweep over me sweep over me
Re-carve the depths your fingers traced
In sculpting me in sculpting me

Thank you Lord
Thank you Lord
Thank you Lord
I just want to thank you Lord

CELEBRATION OF RETIREES

INTRODUCTION

Rev. Dr. Andrew L. Foster III
Dean of the Cabinet

The Holy Spirit has been at work among us in Eastern Pennsylvania as Christ's disciples continue to respond to God's call in their lives, through the ministries of laity and clergy in our churches and communities.

As we prepare to celebrate the commissioning and ordination of new clergy, we pause to give thanks for those who have walked this path before them.

Today we celebrate the clergy who are retiring from active service. From the waters of baptism, they responded to God's call, seeking God in prayer, listening for the Spirit's leading, and faithfully serving Christ's church as pastors, teachers, and guides.

With gratitude, we give thanks for the many ways God's love has been shared through their lives and ministries.

NAMING OF RETIREES

Rev. Tracy A. Duncan
Co-Chair of Board of Ordained Ministry

Rev. Mark Beideman
Rev. Janice Bowers
Rev. Myung Hoon Cha
Rev. Byung Woo Cho
Rev. Paul Crikelair
Rev. J. Timothy Fisher
Rev. Lorraine Foster
Rev. David P. Harris
Rev. Robin Hynicka
Rev. Julian Milewski
Rev. David T. Ryan
Rev. Shelly M. Scheibeler
Rev. Shellie Sterner

Please join me as we pray for our retirees.

PRAYER FOR RETIREES

All: God of every season, we lift our hearts in praise and thanksgiving for the ministry of these faithful servants and for all the ways you have ministered to us through them. In this season of transition, may they feel your abiding presence and continue to listen for your call to love and serve you, and all your people. May a spirit of praise continue to flow from them, and from us in response to their faithful ministry. In Christ's holy name we pray, Amen.

Bishop addresses the retirees:

Thank you for your faithful service. Your leadership has guided many to listen for God's voice and to respond to that call in their own lives. Our prayers go with you as you enter this new season, trusting that the God you have sought and served will continue to lead you. May God draw near to you, renew your spirit, and open new ways for you to listen, serve, and share God's grace in the days ahead.

Liturgical Dance

Aixa Preston and Ana Santiago,
Liturgical Dancers of
New Creation UMC, Lancaster PA

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

Bishop:

We turn now with a spirit of anticipation to welcome and bless our incoming clergy candidates who have prayerfully responded to Christ's call to ordained ministry in their lives.

Who presents these candidates to be ordained, recognized, or commissioned?

Conference Lay Leader: Mr. William Thompson

We, the Body of Christ here in Eastern Pennsylvania, have recommended them in our local congregations. We present them with our prayers and support.

Co-Chair of Board of Ordained Ministry: Rev. Dorry Newcomer

We, the Board of Ordained Ministry, 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.

Registrar of the Board of Ordained Ministry: Rev. Deborah Gildart-Hanks

For ordination as an Elder, we present:

**Rev. Heather Hammel
Rev. Jeong Gyun Hong
Rev. Jared Stoltzfus**

For commissioning as Provisional Members preparing for ordained ministry as a Deacon, we present:

**Rev. Jessica Greene
Rev. Carmen O'Shea**

For commissioning as Provisional Members preparing for ordained ministry as an Elder we present:

**Rev. Connor Felty
Rev. Sophy Driscoll Gamber
Rev. Derrick Gutierrez
Rev. Marcus Simmons
Rev. Jack Tironi
Rev. Stephen Whitehead**

We present them with our prayers and support.

Bishop:

These persons are by God's grace
to be ordained, recognized 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, recognition 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 and praise be to God!

Bishop: Will you uphold them in their ministry?

All: With God's help, we will.

THE GENERAL EXAMINATION

Bishop:

My siblings in Christ,
you have been called to an ordained, commissioned,
or recognized 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?

Candidates: 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?

Candidates: 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?

Candidates: 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?

Candidates: I will, with the help of God.

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

Candidates: 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?

Candidates: 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?

Candidates: 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?
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?

Candidates: 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.

OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Darryl Stephens
Chair of the Order of Deacons

One of the significant reasons we are able to celebrate these persons coming forward to be commissioned, ordained and recognized in their calls to ministry is because of the incredible support you have offered them over time. Today's offering continues to support those in discernment and currently pursuing ministerial education through the Board of Ordained Ministry's Scholarship Fund. This fund provides scholarship assistance for ministerial students. Checks may be made out to the Eastern PA Conference with memo line: BOOM Scholarships. To give electronically, please see the QR code or TEXT TO GIVE info on the slide.

Choral Anthem

Mourning into Dancing
(Written by John Tirro; CCLI Song 5673520)

Conference Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-6

English
Korean
Spanish

Ms. Susan Dzuik
Rev. Myung Hoon Cha
Pastor Joaquin De Jesus

(NRSVUE, REVISED NEW KOREAN STANDARD VERSION, NUEVA VERSIÓN INTERNACIONAL)

English: Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters;
Korean: and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Spanish: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
English: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Korean: Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
Spanish: Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
English: I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
Korean: See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
Spanish: Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
English: because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
Korean: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.
Spanish: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.
English: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.

Message

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi

Song of Response

Show us How to Love
(Text by Lindy Thompson, music by Mark A. Miller)

COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

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.

Those before us know our Savior's concern for God's people,
see the plentiful harvest,
and are 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 servant leaders
in the body of Christ.

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

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

Bishop:

God of the apostles and prophets, of the martyrs and teachers,
you raise up apostolic leaders in your church.
By your Holy Spirit,
help these, your servants,
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 themselves freely for your name's sake.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

AS THE BISHOP LAYS HANDS UPON THE SHOULDERS OF THE COMMISSIONING CANDIDATES, WE INVITE THE GATHERED BODY, INCLUDING FAMILY AND FRIENDS, TO OFFER SILENT PRAYER FOR THAT CANDIDATE.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon (Name of each candidate).

Send (Name) 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: Amen.

Bishop: Let us greet our newly Commissioned members

Song *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* The Faith We Sing 2153

I'm gonna live* so God can use me
anywhere Lord anytime
I'm gonna live* so God can use me
anywhere Lord anytime

*work, pray, sing, dance

ORDINATION

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.

EXAMINATION OF ELDERS

Bishop:

An elder is called to share in the ministry of Christ
and of the whole church:
to preach and teach the Word of God
and to faithfully administer the sacraments of
Holy Baptism and Holy Communion;
to lead the people of God in worship and prayer;
to lead persons to faith in Jesus Christ;
to exercise pastoral supervision,
to order the life of the congregation and the connection,
to counsel the troubled,
and declare the forgiveness of sin;
to lead the people of God
in obedience to Christ's mission in the world;
to seek justice, peace, and freedom for all people;
and to take a responsible place in the government of the Church
and in service in and to the community.

This is the rule of life and work of an elder.

Do you believe that God has called you
to the life and work of an elder?

Candidates: I do so believe.

PRAYER FOR ELDERS AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

Bishop:

As these persons are ordained by the church
for the office and work of an elder
to which we believe they have been called by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray for them.

We praise you, eternal God,
because you have called us to be a priestly people,
offering to you acceptable worship through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Apostle and High Priest, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.
We thank you that, by dying, Christ has overcome death
and, having ascended into heaven,
has poured forth gifts abundantly on your people,
making some apostles, some prophets,
some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,
to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
to build up Christ's body,
and to fulfill your gracious purpose in the world.

Give to your servants the grace and power they need
to serve you in this ministry.

Make them faithful pastors, patient teachers, and wise counselors.
Enable them to serve without reproach,
to proclaim the gospel of salvation,
to administer the sacraments of the new covenant,
and to offer with all your people
spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

*FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO STAND WHERE THEY ARE FOR SILENT PRAYER DURING THE
LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR EACH ORDINAND.*

Almighty God, pour upon (**Name**) the Holy Spirit,
for the office and work of an elder in Christ's holy church.

All: Amen.

(**Name**) take authority as an elder
to preach the Word of God,
to administer the Holy Sacraments
and to order the life of the Church;
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Bishop: Let's greet our newly ordained Elders.

Song

When Jesus Say Yes

Nigerian Gospel Song

CHORUS

When Jesus say yes nobody can say no
when Jesus say yes nobody can say no

VERSE

I'm not worried 'bout a thing
'cause I know You are guiding me
Where you lead me Lord I will go
I have no fear 'cause I know who's in control

PRE-CHORUS

There's no limit to what you can do
'cause it all belongs to you
Yes it all belongs to You
You're almighty and all powerful
and it all belongs to You
Yes it all belongs to you

[Repeat *CHORUS*]

**SERVICE OF PASSAGE:
PASSING THE MANTLE AND ANOINTING**

Bishop:

Throughout scripture, God's call moves from one generation to the next. When Elijah's ministry was coming to completion, he placed his mantle upon Elisha, and the Spirit continued its work in new ways.

Tonight we witness a similar moment in the life of the church. As some beloved servants enter a new season of retired ministry, others step forward to take up new responsibilities in Christ's church.

As the mantle of leadership is passed, our retiring clergy will pass the mantle to those who are being commissioned and ordained, offering their blessing and their prayers. In this sign of grace, we remember that the Spirit who has guided their ministries continues to lead the church today.

After receiving this blessing, our newly commissioned and ordained leaders will share an oil anointing with our newly licensed Local Pastors, who will then anoint our newly approved Certified Lay Ministers, reminding us that God's call flows through the whole body of Christ.

As we seek the Holy One together - listening, praying, and responding - may the Spirit be multiplied among us, strengthening each of these servants for the ministry to which they are called.

Song**Anointing Fall On Me**

CCLI Song 859126

CHORUS

Anointing fall on me, anointing fall on me
Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me,
anointing fall on me

VERSE

Teach my hands, my mouth and my heart
fill my life Lord, ev'ry part
Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me,
anointing fall on me

**THE BISHOP'S INVITATION
TO RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL****Bishop:**

God continues to call people into lives of love and service.

Perhaps through this evening of worship and prayer you have sensed God drawing near, inviting you to listen more deeply, to seek God's heart, and to respond in a new way.

If you feel that stirring within you tonight, we invite you to come forward. Clergy will meet you here to pray with you and anoint you, asking God to guide you, strengthen you, and help you discern the path ahead.

As the prophet reminds us, "Seek the Holy One while God may be found; call upon God while God is near." Come, that we may pray together and listen for God's call.

Songs**Holy Spirit**

CCLI Song 6087919

VERSE 1

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence

VERSE 2

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

CHORUS

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

BRIDGE

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

Here I Am Lord

UMH 593

VERSE 2

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 word to them. Whom shall I send?

REFRAIN:

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.

BENEDICTION

Bishop:

Friends, tonight we have celebrated the journey of ministry, from the waters of baptism, to the nudges of the spirit, to our prayerful response in answering God's call on our lives. May we now go into the world, inspired and transformed by this night, always seeking the Holy One who is surely near.

Go with hearts open in prayer, ready to listen, ready to be changed, ready to respond.
May God guide your steps and shape your lives in love.
May Christ strengthen you for the work of ministry.
And may the Holy Spirit lead you, again and again, to seek God's heart and to share God's mercy with the world.

Go in peace, to love and serve. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

This Is the Day

CCLI Song 7204988

VERSE 1

There's a light that shines with hope and grace
Fills the sky with new mercy each day
We're alive let your glory pour out Jesus

VERSE 2

There's a joy that overwhelms our souls
'Cause we know our God is in control
Overflow let your favor pour out Jesus (Jesus)

CHORUS

This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day that the Lord has made
We'll rejoice we'll rejoice and be glad in it
We'll rejoice we'll rejoice and be glad in it

BRIDGE

Leave behind what happened yesterday
'Cause today there's a new thing happening
Leave behind what happened yesterday
'Cause today there's a good thing happening

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Provisional Deacon: Jessica Greene

Spouse: Hassan Greene Sr.
Children: Jessy Greene and Hassan Greene Jr.,
Home Church: St. Daniel's UMC (Chester)
Churches Served: St. Daniel's UMC (Chester)
College/University: Rutgers University (BMus); Temple University (MA, Dance); Rowan University (MA, Music Edu); Purdue University Global (EdD)
Seminary: Palmer Theological Seminary (MDiv)

Provisional Deacon: Carmen O'Shea

Spouse: Brian O'Shea
Children: Madison and Dylan O'Shea
Home Church: Stroudsburg UMC
Ministry Location: Director, Pocono Plateau Camp & Retreat Center
College/University: James Madison University (BBA, Accounting); New York University (MBA)
Seminary: Drew Theological Seminary (MATM)

Provisional Elder: Connor Felty

Family: Roger, Tonya, Devin, Vanessa, and Logan Felty; Kelsy Hillesheim
Home Church: United Methodist Church of the Good Shepherd (Lebanon)
Churches Served: New Holland: Friendship Church and New Holland: Ranck's UMC
College/University: Messiah College (BA, Biblical & Rel Studies)
Seminary: Candler School of Theology (MDiv)

Provisional Elder: Sophy Driscoll Gamber

Family: Suzanne Driscoll, David Gamber, Olivia Gamber, Elijah Gamber, Mohan Seshadri
Home Church: First UMC of Germantown (Philadelphia)
Churches Served: Golden Hill UMC (Bridgeport CT); New Milford UMC (CT);
Bensalem UMC (Bensalem PA)
College/University: Ursinus College (BA, Rel Studies/Sociology)
Seminary: Yale Divinity School (MDiv)

Provisional Elder: Derrick Gutierrez

Spouse: Jezerel Gutierrez
Home Church: New Creation (Lancaster)
Churches Served: Covenant UMC (Lancaster); Colemanville, Community (Lancaster);
St. Paul's UMC (Terre Hill)
College/University: Franklin and Marshall College, University of Maryland, Global
Campus
Seminary: Lancaster Theological Seminary (MDiv)

Provisional Elder: Dr. Marcus Simmons

Spouse: Jessica Simmons; Children: MarieLynn, MarKendrick, Zemirah
Other Family: Maurice Simmons, Vicki Baker, Shaun Simmons
Home Church: Tindley Temple UMC
Churches Served: St. Matthew UMC (Trevose); Tindley Temple UMC (Philadelphia);
Prospect Park UMC (Minneapolis MN); Camphor Memorial UMC (St. Paul, MN);
Fairview UMC (Bloomington, IN)
College/University: Univ of Maryland (BA, Mus Edu & BA, Mus Perf); Miami University
(MMus, Voice Perf); Indiana University, Jacobs School of Music (DM, Voice Perf,
Pedagogy & Lit)
Seminary: Luther Seminary (MDiv)

Provisional Elder: Jack Tironi

Parents: Mike Tironi and Jenna Maxman; Sister: (Alexa Tironi
Home Church: First UMC (Blairstown, NJ).
Sponsoring Church: Wesley UMC (Bethlehem)
Churches Served: Morristown UMC (NJ); Sparta UMC (NJ); Faith UMC (Stroudsburg)
College: Drew University (Bachelor's of Sociology, Religion)
Seminary: Drew Theological School, MDiv

Provisional Elder: Stephen Whitehead

Spouse: Katlyn Whitehead; Son: Sebastian Whitehead
Home Church: St John's UMC Ivyland
Churches: Emmanuel UMC (Allentown)
College/University: University of Dundee (MA(Hons)/MLitt/PhD)
Seminary: Moravian Theological Seminary (MDiv)

Elder in Full Connection: Jeong Gyun Hong

Spouse: Ji Sun Hong

Children: James Juho Hong, Jessica Juha Hong

Family: Chung Ja Lee (Mother), Chung A Hong (Elder Sister)

Home Church: Korean Community Church of NJ (Englewood, NJ)

Sponsoring Church for Candidacy: First Korean UMC of Philadelphia (Prospectville)

Churches Served: Korean Community Church (Englewood NJ); Downer UMC
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First Korean UMC of Philadelphia (Prospectville)

College/University: Hyupsung Theological Seminary, South Korea (B.Th., M.A.);

Seminary: Drew Theological Seminary (M.Div.)

Sponsors: Rev. Bum Koo Chung & Rev. Myung Hoon Cha

Elder in Full Connection: Heather E. Hammel

Spouse: Matthew Hammel

Children: James and Michael Hammel

Home Church: First UMC (Geneva, Ohio)

Sponsoring Church for Candidacy: Hempfield UMC (Lancaster PA)

Churches Served: Hempfield UMC (Lancaster); Annville UMC;

Glossbrenner UMC (Mount Joy)

College/University: Ohio Wesleyan University (BA, Theatre & English)

Seminary: Evangelical Seminary (M.Div.)

Sponsors: Rev. Andrea Haldeman & Rev. Greg Impink

Elder in Full Connection: Jared Kent Stoltzfus

Spouse: Elizabeth Stoltzfus

Home Church: Covenant UMC (Lebanon)

Churches Served: Bethany UMC (Palmyra); Ironville UMC (Columbia)

and Newtown UMC; St. Mark's UMC (Mount Joy)

College/University: Eastern University (M.Div.)

Seminary: Eastern Mennonite Seminary

Sponsors: Rev. Joshua King & Rev. David Williams

Service Notes

It is the tradition of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference to use three items of historic significance at the Annual Conference. They are: the Wesley Chalice, the Asbury Bible and the Cokesbury Bell

The Wesley Chalice was sent to St. George's in 1785, the year after the Methodist Episcopal Church was formed. Wesley authorized the formation of a church based on the practical need for the sacraments. The Bishop of London, who had had oversight over the American Churches of England, refused to send priests following the war as it was no longer England. At the time Wesley sent two items, the Sunday Service for Methodists in North America, (a Book of Worship) which was an abridgment of the Book of Common Prayer. He abridged it by eliminating all services that did not include the sacrament of Holy Communion. To emphasise his point he included the chalice to be used for communion. This is the chalice we still use.

The Asbury Bible was brought to America in 1771 by Francis Asbury for use as the pulpit Bible at St. George's. Historically the Bible was used during ordination services with the ordinands placing their hands on the Bible as the Bishop laid hands on them. The Bible was restored at a cost of approximately \$5,000 in the late 1990's. Since its restoration, the Bible is still present for each year's service but is rather lifted, for all to see and view, from its place on the altar during the reading of the ordinands' names. Given the age (255 years) and fragile condition, it is no longer handled by every ordinand.

The Cokesbury Bell is the only one of the three items that is not original. It is a replica of the bell that hung at Cokesbury College in Abingdon, MD (first College of the former Methodist Episcopal Church). During the Methodist Bicentennial (1984) replica bells were produced and given to each of the Annual Conferences or a historic church within the conference. With the various mergers of conferences some should now have 2 bells. Eastern Pennsylvania is privileged to have two, as one was given to St. George's as the Oldest Methodist Church building in continuous use (since 1769 - with the congregation formed in 1767 as a Methodist Society) and the other to Mother African Zoar as the oldest African American Congregation in the United Methodist Connection. The St. George's Bell is the bell present for today's worship.

The Passing of the Mantle is also a long standing tradition of the Eastern PA Annual Conference. It has taken many forms over the years and taken place during different services or "set apart" times over the years. It has almost always included the scriptural reference of Elijah's passing on of the work to Elisha, and a double portion blessing. The mantle has been historically signified by the gift of Prayer Shawls, which today are passed from Retirees to Ordinands. The mantle passing continues with Anointing with Oil - from Ordinands and Commissioned to newly Licensed Local Pastor (LLPs), and then finally to newly Certified Lay Ministers (CLMs).

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