Dear Ones in Christ Jesus,

Welcome to Lakeside and welcome to our worshipful work. In this booklet, you will find the order for a number of the services that will be a part of our time together this week. You will see lots of names of the planners and participants of these services. I am grateful to and for each and every one of them. Their collaborative labors in the power of the Holy Spirit bode well for the experience of God that will be ours. And that is really the point, is it not? When we offer ourselves to God in worship, we are seeking to deepen our connection to God. When that connection is deepened, we see the mission more clearly and are empowered to go, tell and do. When our God connection is enriched, we care more deeply what and whom God cares about.

I intend to worship with you in great hope and expectation that, together, we will "see Jesus more clearly, love Jesus more dearly and follow Jesus more nearly." May our worship help us to brim to overflowing in the hope of the gospel.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

†Gregory Vaughn Palmer
Resident Bishop,
Ohio West Episcopal Area

Romans 15:13 (CEB)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Cokesbury Book Store

Cokesbury is located in the Aigler Room at the Fountain Inn, and is open Sunday from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM, Monday & Tuesday from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, and Wednesday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

### Conference Chancellor Consultations

Conference Chancellor Chris Hogan is making himself available for consultation with pastors of local churches needing legal advice concerning their churches. Office hours for these free consultations are: Monday from 12:30 to 2:30 PM in the Lakeside Boardroom located in the Lakeside Chautauqua office at 236 Walnut Avenue.

### Daily Announcements / Emergencies

Announcements and emergencies can be posted on the Kiosk, which is the outside message center directly in front of Hoover Auditorium.

### Food Court

Lakeside food vendors will have stations set up on Walnut Avenue to enable you to purchase a lunch very quickly with no waiting for tables or in long lines. Monday through Thursday from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

### Medical Emergencies-First Aid Station

A wheelchair and an AED defibrillator are located at the northwest corner of Hoover Auditorium. This service is for minimum assistance; referral will be made to off-site medical care.

Emergency assistance is available from the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department Emergency Squad. If you need this service please dial 419-734-9700.

### Lakeside Insurance

Lakeside does not maintain insurance covering personal property brought onto or stored on its premises by West Ohio Conference members or guests.

### South Gate Parking Lot

Parking is limited on the grounds of Lakeside Chautauqua; therefore, to assure your vehicle has a parking space, Annual Conference members and guests are asked to park in the South Gate Parking Lot (off State Route 163). Read below to find out about shuttle service to and from the South Gate Parking Lot.
Lakeside Parking Lots
Small parking lots located throughout Lakeside: two lots near the downtown business district, one lot north of Bradley Temple at Cedar Avenue and Third Street, and another lot south of Hoover Auditorium at Central Avenue and Fourth Street.

Hotel Parking
Limited parking is available for Fountain Inn and Hotel Lakeside guests; therefore, it is recommended that guests unload belongings, then park at the South Gate Parking Lot and use the shuttle service. While most cottages have space for at least one vehicle, many do not have driveways or have only on-street parking available.

Free Shuttle Service
Lakeside Chautauqua provides a free golf cart shuttle service to all Annual Conference members and guests. The shuttles run a continuous route from the South Gate Parking Lot, to Hotel Lakeside and the Fountain Inn, to Hoover Auditorium, to Chautauqua Park (upon request) and back to the South Gate Parking Lot. There is no need to call for a shuttle; simply go to one of the stops and catch a shuttle as it makes its rounds. All shuttles are marked with an orange flag.

Daily hours for shuttle service:
7:00am to 11:00pm

Spouses of Clergy/Laity and Visitor Attendance
Spouses and visitors are welcome to attend all general sessions and worship services.

Hearing Assistance in Hoover Auditorium
Small wireless headsets designed to enhance the audio are available for you to use during any of the sessions of Annual Conference. The headsets may be picked up free of charge at the information table in the northeast corner of the auditorium. We ask that you return them to the information table when you leave the auditorium each day. Thank you for your cooperation.

United Methodist Financial Credit Union
The credit union office is located at the Women’s Club on 161 Walnut Avenue across from the Patio Restaurant.

Hours of operation:
Monday and Tuesday 9:30am – 1:30pm and 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Wednesday 9:30am – 11:30am and 1:30pm – 5:00pm

Mack Mobile – Limited-Mobility Shuttle Service
The Mack Mobile golf cart provides a free door-to-door service for Annual Conference members and guests who have limited-mobility issues.

Service runs from:
7:00am to 11:00pm
To request service call 419-341-8247.
Bishop Mande Muyombo

Bishop Mande Muyombo is the Resident Bishop of the North Katanga Area, which includes North Katanga, Tanganyika and Tanzania conferences in the Congo Central Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Bishop Muyombo was born in a poor family in Kambove village in Haut Katanga province. His father had two wives and 16 children.

Bishop Muyombo was an executive of the General Board of Global Ministries when he was elected on the fourth ballot during the Congo Central Conference in 2017. He is the first graduate of Africa University to be elected bishop and the youngest episcopal leader in the central conference.

Bishop Muyombo holds a Bachelor’s (Department of Theology) and master’s Degree (IPLG) from Africa University as well as master’s Degree in Theology and Doctor of Ministry from Saint Paul School of Theology, Leawood, Kansas.

After working as President of Kamina Methodist University, he served as the Executive Secretary for Africa at the General Board of Global Ministries and was subsequently promoted to Assistant General Secretary in the Missions and Evangelism Department.

Bishop Muyombo is married to Blandine Mujinga, an Africa University alumna, and they have three daughters and a son.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer was assigned as Episcopal Leader of the Ohio West Episcopal Area of The United Methodist Church on Sept. 1, 2012. He received his undergraduate degree from George Washington University and Master of Divinity from Duke University Divinity School. Ordained a deacon and probationary member in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference in 1977, Bishop Gregory V. Palmer was ordained an elder in full connection in the East Ohio Conference in 1981. In 2000, Bishop Gregory V. Palmer was elected to the episcopacy by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference. He was assigned to the Iowa Area, where he served until assuming responsibilities in the Illinois Area in 2008. Bishop Gregory V. Palmer served as president of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry from 2004 to 2008 and president of the Council of Bishops from April 2008 to May 2010. Bishop Gregory V. Palmer and his wife, Cynthia, are the parents of two adult children.
Rev. Laura Bensman

Rev. Laura Bensman was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and moved to Perrysburg, Ohio, when she was in fifth grade. She graduated from The Ohio State University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work degree. After college, Laura served as a US-2 Missionary from 2005-2007 at the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. designing educational seminars on a broad spectrum of topics ranging from immigration to homelessness. Following her time as a US-2 Missionary, she attended Wesley Theological Seminary where in 2011 she earned her Master of Divinity degree. Since 2012 Laura has served as the pastor of Church of St. Andrew United Methodist in Toledo, OH, where she has been instrumental in creating a faith partnership between the church and Toledo Public Schools. Laura is currently serving as the Chair of the West Ohio Conference Nomination Committee. Laura has been married to her husband Rich since 2006. They are proud parents to two young and energetic girls, Cora and Paige.

Mr. Chuck Bell

Chuck Bell will return as the Worship Leader for the 2019 Annual Conference. At 5 years old, he began studying piano which lasted through college where he graduated from Webster University with a degree in Commercial Music. In 1996 he began working full-time with United Methodist churches planning and producing traditional and contemporary corporate worship experiences. Currently, he is a full-time Worship Consultant assisting churches with their Music and Arts Ministry as well as visioning for all worship styles.

He served as the Coordinator of Musicians for the 2012 General Conference of The United Methodist Church which involved three years of planning and 27 worship services over the 10-day period.
7:00pm – Opening Worship with Memorial Service

Worship Leaders

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, Resident Bishop, Ohio West Area
Rev. Laura Bensman, Guest Preacher, 2019 West Ohio Annual Conference; Pastor, Church of St. Andrew UMC, Toledo
Rev. Amy Haines, Conference Secretary
Rev. Peter Matthews, Liturgist
Rev. Christopher Wiseman, Liturgist
Rev. Seth Evans, Liturgist
Mr. Andrew Willis, Conference Organist, King Avenue UMC
Mr. Chuck Bell, Guest Worship Leader for 2019 Annual Conference
Rev. Deborah Stevens, Head Communion Steward
Rev. Justin Williams, Communion Steward
Rev. Lynn Pease, Hand Bell Ringer
Rev. Susan Kronbach, Liturgy Design
Rev. Mark Chow, Chair, Annual Conference Worship Committee
Rev. Wendy Lybarger, Altar Design
Dr. Cynthia Lockhart, Altar Design

Processional Participants

Rev. Sarah Moon, Provisional Elder
Rev. Jason Sharp, Provisional Elder
Mr. Grant Palma, WOC Intern
Ms. Kathryn McCarty, WOC Intern

Gathering Music

“Festive Gloria”
Andrew Willis, Organist

Welcome

Rev. Mark Chow

Opening of the Annual Conference

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
(Romans 15:13 NRSV)
Processional

“God of Creation” (to the tune of “National Hymn”)

God of creation, Who by word and hand
Made all that is, the sea and skies and land
Praise now, and honor, thanks be unto You
Hear now our song, our praise to You accrue.

God of salvation, by Your saving word
Gave of Yourself, and hope to all the world
Turn now our hearts, to follow in Your way
Be our resolve, each moment, every day

God, Holy Spirit, Who by breath and wind
Fills us with strength, inspires us within
Blow through our lives, revive our souls anew
Be now our wisdom, grace for all we do.

God of the ages, through all time and space
With all Your people, and in every place
We hear your call … we shall not be afraid
Thanks be to You … all glory, honor, praise!

Invocation

Rev. Christopher Wiseman

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Leader: Let us pray:

All: O God of all wisdom and grace; We gather once again in holy community, for the purpose of holy conferencing. We come together … called to be one church in Your name. We come together … with one mission – to invite all people everywhere to know Your grace, Your mercy, Your love, Your hope. We come together in conversation and conferencing, prayer and worship … to hear Your voice, to seek to know Your will, to continue to further the work of Your church. We come with our joys … our celebrations for ministries accomplished and persons who have offered to You their lives; we come with our sorrows … our grief for those who have died; our concern for our church, and our fears for what the future may bring.

Yet, we come, also, with the certainty that Your word to us in this day, and every day, is “Be Not Afraid … Hope” for You are a God of hope – hope which can overcome all hesitation, all fear, all despair. May it be, through these days, we will be given the grace to remember … we are Your people, by the hope in which we live, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (UMH #117)

By Isaac Watts, William Croft, Public Domain.
Leader: “Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for God, who has promised, is faithful.” (Hebrews 10:23 NRSV)

All: We believe in God, our Creator, 
    maker of heaven and earth, all that is seen and unseen, 
    giver of all good things, and source of all wisdom and grace, 
    cause of our hope unwavering.

We believe in God in Jesus Christ, our Lord, 
the Word incarnate, redeemer and Savior, 
through Whom we know forgiveness and mercy, 
by Whom we know grace and love … and hope.

We believe in the resurrection and the life, 
Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and ascended, 
by which mercy we are granted new birth 
into a living hope, now and forever.

We believe in God, the Holy Spirit, 
present among us, in and through every moment, 
source of guidance and strength, comfort and peace 
in all times … even these … providing hope.

We believe in God’s holy church, through all the world 
the community of faith, seeking justice and resisting evil 
together with all God’s people, even in our differences 
that all might come to know Christ … and hope.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, 
and the reality of new life, lived in reconciliation and community 
that life may be lived in love and prayer, 
that even in the midst of struggle, there is hope.

We believe in the coming of the Kingdom of God, 
in life lived in God’s way … in hope … 
hope abounding and spilling over, abundant and gracious, 
hope poured out, overflowing, and filling every heart.

For we believe … in our God of hope! Amen.

Remembrance of Bishop Judith Craig

The Roll Call of the Victorious

Family and friends are invited to stand when names are read. At the conclusion of the service, families are invited to the stage to receive a memorial candle that has been lit in memory of their loved one.
The Clergy (as of May 14, 2019)

6/5/18  Ernest L. Bein  1/14/19  Ruth M. Stambach  2/28/19  Fredrick L. Lippiatt
7/30/18 Charles A. Rader  2/5/19 Norman O. Williams  4/8/19  Robert D. Baer
8/21/18 Doris J. Shover  2/7/19 David W. Howell  4/11/19  Ronald P. Ricard
12/26/18 Verra M. Gales  2/12/19 Gerald L. Duecker  4/26/19  Ralph V. Hudson
1/13/19  James H. Sanders  2/16/19  Martha L. Matteson

The Clergy Spouses (as of May 14, 2019)

7/17/18  Shirley Brown  11/24/18  Beesigye Fulani  3/10/19  Winifred Riley
9/12/18  Mary Jane Frazer  12/3/18  Margaret Dixon  3/26/19  Carol Lee Anderson
10/2/18  Mary Anne Schamaun  12/5/18  Nancy Heininger  4/6/19  Meritie Opal Pringle
10/12/18 Mary Louise Smith  1/19/19  Walter Murphree  4/9/19  Joseph Havlovic
10/14/18 Armetha Delp  1/23/19  Claudia Damschroder
10/30/18 Margaret “Peggy” Clarke  1/28/19  Doris Wilcher

The Children of Clergy
A candle is lit for the children of clergy who have died in the past year.

The Laity
A candle is lit for the laity of each district who have died in the past year. As the district is named, all persons from that district are invited to stand.

Our Mission Partners
A candle is lit for our mission partners who have died in the past year.

Prayer of Commendation

Leader:  O God, all that You have given us is Yours – in all the days of our lives,
and in each of these, our saints in the faith, our great cloud of witnesses.

People:  As first You gave them to us, now we give them back to You,
with thanksgiving for all they have been in our lives,
and in the sure and certain hope of eternal life with all Your saints,
in Your holy presence.

Leader:  Receive these beloved and blessed ones, O God,
into the arms of Your mercy and grace.

People:  Comfort us in our grief, giving us strength for the days to come,
that we, too, may know eternal life at the end of our days.

Leader:  Into Your hands, O merciful God, we commend these, Your servants,
whom You have formed and made, called by name and claimed in baptism,
walked beside through all their days, and gathered back into Your heart.

People:  Receive them into the arms of Your love, into the heart of Your holy peace,
and into the glorious company of all the saints, forever and ever. Amen.
Response Song

“How Great Thou Art” Mr. Chuck Bell

Scripture

Ephesians 2:8-10 Rev. Peter Matthews

Sermon

“Gifts” Rev. Laura Bensman

Hymn of Response

“Jesus Loves Me” (UMH #191 v.1) Public Domain

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Response to the Message

Rev. Christopher Wiseman

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Prayer of Confession

Rev. Peter Matthews

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Leader: O God of all hope,
As we gather to approach Your table, we hear Your invitation, but we know our hearts.
Despite Your faithfulness, we have lived as if we have only ourselves to trust. Frightened
by the future, we have believed we have to find our own way. Unwilling to trust in Your
promise, we have relied upon ourselves. We confess now our sins …

(Pause for Silent Reflection)

Forgive us, we pray …
Make us to know the abundance of Your wisdom and compassion, present in each one; remind us of Your mercy
and grace overflowing, enough to restore us to community; renew us for the living of these days; that we may
abound in the hope You offer.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving (with sung responses)

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer & Rev. Seth Evans

Liturgy and Sung Responses written by Susan J. Kronbach and Chuck Bell

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. In the beginning, You spoke Your word and all that is came into being, giving us all we need and more … food and shelter, community and hope. And even as we fail to live in obedience and love, You continue to provide all we need, and to call us to Your love and grace … giving us hope.

And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

People: 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!

Leader: Yet, even as we praise Your holy name, we know there are other moments we have struggled to find hope. Times we have been lost in despair, and longed to see Your face. Times we have failed to trust, and found ourselves in the desolation of the desert. Times we have deliberately turned away from Your promise, and Your hope.

Still You called … this time in Jesus … coming among us into the world. Jesus, who was and is, the hope of the world. Jesus, who spoke hope to all He encountered, by His words and by His actions. Jesus, who fed the hungry and healed the suffering, and made manifest the hope in which we live because we are Your people. Jesus, whose life, and death, and resurrection, offered again Your hope to the world.

On that night before He died, Jesus shared a meal with His friends. He took bread, offered a blessing over it, broke it, and shared it around the table, saying “Take, eat, this is My body which is given for you.”

As the meal was coming to an end, Jesus took a cup. Again, He offered a blessing over it, and shared it with His friends, saying, “Take this, and drink from it, all of you, for this is the cup of a new covenant, made as I give My life for you – a covenant of forgiveness and grace for all people.” And He left them with a reminder, “Do this always – in remembrance of Me.”

And so, we do remember – as we gather at the table, as we set aside our fears in the reassurance of Jesus’ words “Be not afraid”; and as we hear ourselves reminded of the hope which is ours in the Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. We remember this powerful work of God in coming among us, and providing for us through all our days, that we too, in holy mystery, might offer the gift of hope, and the gift of God’s presence with us, through all the world.

All this we remember, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

Leader: Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us all that Jesus offered – forgiveness and mercy, love and grace, hope abounding … God’s own self for each of us.

By Your Spirit, O God, make us one with Christ – the living hope of our faith; one with each other, that we might share the one hope to which we have been called; and one in ministry to all the world, that all people everywhere might hear Your words of assurance “Be not afraid – hope abounds!”

Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy church, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.
The Lord’s Prayer

Leader: And now, with the confidence of the people of God, living in hope, let us pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Break the Bread / Lift the Cup

Communion will be served throughout the auditorium. Servers will direct you to receive the elements by intinction.

Invitation

Prayer After Communion

Rev. Seth Evans  
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Leader: O God of all hope, we thank You for the holy gift of this sacrament, and for the ways we are made able to live in hope, through even the most difficult of times. We hear Your word “Be not afraid!” We know Your faithfulness. We trust Your grace. Send us now, we pray, into all the world, to face the future unafraid, sharing this, Your hope, with all we meet.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Precious Name” (UMH #536)  
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Benediction

Rev. Laura Bensman

Leader: Go now in peace …

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Postlude

“Toccata on Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
Mr. Andrew Willis

By Michael Burkhardt; arr. A Willis
10:00am – Morning Worship Service

Worship Leaders

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, Resident Bishop, Ohio West Area
Rev. Sara McSwords, Liturgist
Mr. Chuck Bell, Annual Conference Worship Leader
Rev. Deborah Stevens, Liturgy Design
Rev. Mark Chow, Chair, Annual Conference Worship Committee
Rev. Wendy Lybarger, Altar Design
Dr. Cynthia Lockhart, Altar Design

Gathering Music/Meditation

Mr. Chuck Bell

Welcome

Rev. Mark Chow

Morning Prayer

Mr. Chuck Bell

Centering Music

“Mighty to Save”

By Natalie Sleeth, ©1986 Hope Publishing Company

Call to Worship

Rev. Sara McSwords

Based on Isaiah 11 and Romans 15

Leader: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

All: The root of Jesse breaks through the earth, growing a tree tall enough for everyone to see and take hope!

Leader: Our God grows hope, like a gardener grows produce.

All: Hope produces a harvest of joy, enough for everyone!

Leader: Our God grows hope deeply rooted, with strong branches and green leaves.

All: Hope produces a canopy of peace, broad and wide to shelter everyone!

Leader: Our God grows hope, green and alive, full of knowledge and goodness.

All: Jesus Christ is the hope of the world, and we belong to Christ.

Leader: Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

All: Let us abound in hope, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Song

“Hope of the Nations”

By Brian Doerksen, ©2002 Integrity’s Hosanna! Music—Capitol CMG Publishing

Scripture

Romans 15:1-7,13

Rev. Sara McSwords
Centering & Silence

Song Response  
“The Risen Christ” (vs 1 and 3)
By Keith Getty and Phil Madeira, © 2003 Capitol CMG Publishing, Fun Attic Music, LLC

Collective Prayer Response  
Rev. Sara McSwords

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.

All: God of hope, grant that as we meet this day face to face, we might grasp more firmly Your grace in one another. Remind us that each face bears Your image, and when we grow weary in this work, help us lay aside all that separates us from You, and lean upon Christ, who is ever and always enough and more to sustain us. Dispel the darkness of sin that separates, and grant that this day might be a bright hour of fellowship with You. In the name of Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit abides, one God now and evermore. Amen.

Sending Forth to the Work of the Conference  
Rev. Sara McSwords

Leader: Friends, by the grace of God, we have been made siblings together in Christ, and there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. As we work together this day, let us be quick to listen, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For the God of fresh, new, green, growing hope is with us and will not forsake us.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

The people are invited to exchange greetings of peace as the conference transitions to the business of the day.
# 7:00pm – Episcopal Address

## Worship Leaders

- Mr. Chuck Bell, 2019 AC Worship Leader
- Mr. Andrew Willis, 2019 Conference Organist
- Rev. Karen Cook, Episcopal Committee

## Prelude

**“Many Gifts, One Spirit” (UMH #114)**

By Al Carmines; arranged by Andrew Willis

## Episcopacy Committee Report

Rev. Karen Cook

## Hymn

**“Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus” (UMH #462)**

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## Introducing Bishop & Mrs. Palmer

Rev. Karen Cook

## Prayer for the Bishop & Mrs. Palmer

Rev. Karen Cook

## Scripture Texts

Psalm 11:1-4; Matthew 7:24-29

Rev. Karen Cook

## Episcopal Address

**“How Firm A Foundation”**

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

## Closing Hymn

**“How Firm A Foundation” (UMH #529)**

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## Sending Forth

Rev. Karen Cook

## Postlude

**“Improvisation”**

Andrew Willis, Organist
8:30am – Morning Worship & Mission Service

Worship Leaders

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, Resident Bishop, Ohio West Area
Bishop Mande Muyombo, 2019 Guest Preacher, West Ohio Annual Conference; Resident Bishop, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Mr. George Howard, Liturgist
Rev. Julie Alsip, Liturgist
Mr. Tom Hofmann, Co-Chair of the WOC Light the Way Campaign
Rev. Doug Johns, Co-Chair of the WOC Light the Way Campaign
Mr. Chuck Bell, Annual Conference Worship Leader
Mr. Chris Ciampa, Bass Guitarist, Church for All People UMC
Mrs. Sam Ciampa, Vocalist, Church for All People UMC
Mr. Devin Mitchell, Drummer, Hoffman UMC
Ms. Johnetta Moore, Vocalist, Ginghamsburg UMC
Mr. Justin Rigsby, Vocalist/Guitarist, First UMC, Ada
Mr. Andy Clingman, Electric Guitarist, Stonybrook UMC, Gahanna
Rev. Susan Kronbach, Liturgy Design
Rev. Deborah Stevens, Liturgy Design
Rev. Mark Chow, Chair, Annual Conference Worship Committee
Rev. Wendy Lybarger, Altar Design
Dr. Cynthia Lockhart, Altar Design

Gathering Music

AC Worship Band

Welcome

Rev. Mark Chow

Centering / Call to Worship

Mr. George Howard

Leader: We are called to share, to give of what we have
to feed the hungry, to shelter the homeless,
but really … we are sharing hope
in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ,
we can light the way for peoples everywhere,
we can begin new ministries, here and beyond,
and we can offer hope to the world.

Leader: But God says … over and over … Be not afraid!
Together, we can face the future.
Together, we have enough.
Together, we can share hope with the world.

All: For God is with us …
here in this place and beyond
now in the time and in all our days
that all might know hope.

Thanks be to God!
Opening Music

“My Hope is You”
By Brad Avery, David Carr, Mac Powell, Mark D. Lee, and Tai Anderson,

“Great Things”
By Jonas Myrin, and Phil Wickham, ©Capitol CMG Publishing, All Fair Trade Music Publishing

“Revelation Song”
By Jennie Lee Riddle, ©2004 Gateway Create Publishing—Capitol CMG Publishing

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray:

All: O God of every grace, fill us now with Your word. Speak hope into our hearts and souls, our days and our lives, that we cannot help but overflow … spilling out Your presence and hope over all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Hebrews 11:6 (CEB)  
Rev. Julie Alsip

Message

*Keep Your Faith*  
Bishop Mande Muyombo

Explanation of Offering

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

Call for Offering

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

Receiving the Offering

Mr. Tom Hofmann & Rev. Doug Johns

Offertory

AC Worship Band

“Walking in the Light of God” (Traditional Zulu)  
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“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises” (Traditional South African)  

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mr. George Howard

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O God of all hope, we give You thanks for the many blessings we can share – the wealth and resources we give, the grace and care we offer. We are privileged to hear Your call to give – to light the way, and to spread Your gospel. Bless now these gifts; make them be for us the means by which we offer hope to the despairing corners of our world, and shine Your light into places near and far, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Closing Song

“We Are Marching - Siyahamba” (Traditional South African)  

Benediction

Bishop Mande Muyombo

Leader: Be not afraid!

Go now … and offer hope to the world.
In the name of the One who is the hope of the world,
indeed, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.
9:00am — Morning Worship & Healing Service

Worship Leaders

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, Resident Bishop, Ohio West Area
Rev. Robert Guyton, Liturgist
Rev. Lyndsey Stearns, Liturgist
Mr. Chuck Bell, Annual Conference Worship Leader
Mr. Chris Ciampa, Bass Guitarist, Church for All People UMC
Mrs. Sam Ciampa, Vocalist, Church for All People UMC
Mr. Devin Mitchell, Drummer, Hoffman UMC
Ms. Johnetta Moore, Vocalist, Ginghambsurg UMC
Mr. Justin Rigsby, Vocalist/Guitarist, First UMC, Ada
Mr. Andy Clingman, Electric Guitarist, Stonybrook UMC, Gahanna
Rev. Susan Kronbach, Liturgy Design
Rev. Deborah Stevens, Liturgy Design
Rev. Mark Chow, Chair, Annual Conference Worship Committee
Rev. Wendy Lybarger, Altar Design
Dr. Cynthia Lockhart, Altar Design

Gathering Music

AC Worship Band

Welcome

Rev. Mark Chow

Gathering Words

Rev. Lyndsey Stearns

Leader: The grace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of Confession and Lament

Rev. Lyndsey Stearns

Leader: Let us pray:

All: God, if we are honest, we confess that the world is not as You would have it be, the church is not what You would long for it to be, and we are not the people You have created us to be. Therefore, we long for your comfort, we search for Your wisdom, we thirst for Your righteousness and hunger for Your justice.

Leader: The Lord made all that is and called it good. Jesus the Christ inhabits all that is created and it is the light that is the life of all people.

All: How long, O Lord, will You leave us struggling for hope, searching for light, and longing to hear words that heal in a world of words and actions that hurt?

Music

“So Will I”
Prayer for God's Presence

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to You, O LORD.

All: Hear us!

Leader: When we are weakened by the realities of life.

All: Strengthen us!

Leader: When hope is a distant dream and fainting memory.

All: Sustain us!

Leader: When the sacrifices of life are neither holy nor acceptable in Your sight.

All: Convict us!

Leader: When our personal ideas of humanity exclude the humanity of others.

All: Humble us!

Leader: When we refuse to seek justice, peace, and reconciliation.

All: Judge us!

Leader: When we refuse to raise our voices in protest of the world's evil.

All: Speak to us!

Leader: When we are blind to need.

All: Awaken us!

Scripture

Romans 12:1-18

Response to Scripture

Leader: Friends, the Scriptures tell us to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. As your friend in Christ, I ask you now, are you at peace with God?

(Pause for Silent Reflection)

Are you at peace with others? Have you hurt someone? Have you been hurt by someone?

(Pause for Silent Reflection)

Is there anything in your life that
causes you to feel separated from God?
Are you unable to seek forgiveness?
Are you unable to grant forgiveness?

(Pause for Silent Reflection)

Are you less than the full person God calls you to be?
Has your heart been broken?
Has your heart become hardened to the pain of others?

(Pause for Silent Reflection)


Silent Response

Music  “Here’s My Heart”

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During the music, the following is spoken by a worship leader:

Friends, brokenheartedness and sin separate us from one another, and even from ourselves. But we cannot be separated from the love of God, which is always seeking to find us, to restore us to one another and to our own beloved selves.

God is like a shepherd, searching for the lost.

God is like a sweeper-woman, seeking that which is lost.

The sheep is restored to the flock.

The treasure is restored to the family.

God’s deepest desire is to find us, restore us, reunite us.

God’s love is for all people. God’s love is for you.

God’s peace is beyond all understanding.

God’s peace is for you and for us all.

The Word of Hope  Rev. Lyndsey Stearns

Leader:  Hear this word of Hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God’s mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.
Great is your faithfulness.

All:  The Lord is my portion, therefore I will hope!

Prayer of Hope and Restoration  Rev. Lyndsey Stearns
Leader: Let us pray:

All: Creator God, day by day create in us new hearts, mending all that is broken.
Jesus, in Your life, death and resurrection we are forgiven and restored.
Thanks be to God!
Spirit, by Your lively presence you make us one and sustain us in the peace that
passes understanding. Peace be among us now and always!

Leader: And now let us continue toward reconciliation, healing and hope as we pray together the prayer that Jesus teaches:

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

Sending

Rev. Robert Guyton

Leader: As God’s forgiven and forgiving people; as those who were brokenhearted and have been healed, as those who were
lost and have been found; as those who once walked in darkness but now walk in God’s marvelous light, as those
who were without hope but now have hope; let us go forth to heal the broken, to seek the lost, to be the light, to
share the hope.

All: Amen!

Closing Hymn

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You are invited to exchange greetings of peace with one another.
Those desiring spiritual counsel or words of comfort are invited to move to the front of the auditorium
for prayer with one of the pastors.
4:30pm – Celebration of Ministry with Commissioning, Ordination & Retirement

Worship Leaders

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, Resident Bishop, Ohio West Area
Rev. Kathy Brown, Director, Office of Ministry
Rev. Dr. Brian Law, Chair, Board of Ministry
Mr. Mitchell Harper, Conference Lay Leader
Rev. Benjl Sayre, Chair, Order of Deacons
Rev. Jon Ferguson, Chair, Order of Elders
Rev. Sherri Blackwell, Board of Ministry
Rev. Jonathan Kollmann, Board of Ministry
Rev. Anna Guillozet, Board of Ministry
Rev. Carrie Jena, Board of Ministry
Rev. Rachel Miller, Board of Ministry
Rev. Roger Grace, Board of Ministry
Ms. Cerssandra McPherson, Lay Member, Board of Ministry
Rev. Miran K. Lee, 2019 Retirement Class
Mr. Chuck Bell, 2019 Guest Worship Leader
Mr. Andrew Willis, 2019 Conference Organist
Rev. Susan Kronbach, Liturgy Design
Rev. Wendy Lybarger, Altar Design
Dr. Cynthia Lockhart, Altar Design
Rev. Mark Chow, Chair, Annual Conference Worship Committee

Processional:
Grant Palma, WOC Intern
Kathryn McCarty, WOC Intern

Prelude

“Trumpet Tune” (by Aaron David Miller)
Andrew Willis, Organist

Words of Welcome

Rev. Mark Chow

Processional Hymn

“Lift High the Cross” (UMH #159)
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“Lift High the Cross”

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.

Refrain

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

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

Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain

Those being commissioned and ordained, along with their families, banner-bearers, and stole-bearers, will process down the east center aisle starting from the back of Hoover Auditorium.

Elders and Deacons participating in the laying on of hands will process from the west mid-side entrance using the west side aisle.

The retirees and their spouses will process down the west center aisle starting from the back of Hoover Auditorium.

Members of the Cabinet will process directly onto the stage from the west side-stage entrance.

*Greeting and Prayer

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

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:

All: Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit You gave to Your apostles many excellent gifts. Give Your grace to all servants of Your church, that we may with diligence and faithfulness fulfill our various ministries. Grant that we Your people may follow where you lead, perfect our ministries, and live in joyful obedience to Your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*Recognition of Common Ministry and Reaffirmation of Baptism

The Bishop, standing near a baptismal vessel of water, begins:

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

Ministry is the work of God, done by the people of God. Through baptism all Christians are made part of the priesthood of all believers, the church, Christ’s body, made visible in the world. We all share in Christ’s ministry of love and service for the redemption of the human family and the whole of creation. Therefore, in celebration of our common ministry, I call upon all God’s people gathered here:

The Bishop may scoop and pour water from the vessel and say:

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

All: We remember our baptism and affirm our common ministry.
The Recognition of Retirees

Conference Lay Leader:

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we celebrate the faithful service of the hundreds of years of ministry offered by this retirement class and their spouses. On behalf of all those in our local congregations, and the many other places of your service outside the local church, we thank you for your faith-filled leadership; for the ways you have shown us how to walk in trust beyond our fears, and all you have done to invite us into God’s assurance, hope, and love.

Chair of the Board of Ministry:

On behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry, which has received the requests of these persons, and on behalf of the Clergy Session, which has granted their requests on May 13, 2019, we honor and present these clergy who are entering the retired relationship with our Annual Conference.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, you were called to teach the Scriptures and proclaim the Word; to participate in the life and work of your community and the world; and to seek peace, justice and freedom for all people. You were set apart to lead God’s people, helping them to grow in their love for God, and for their neighbors. And to this call, you said yes, day after day, year after year. Despite your own hesitations, and perhaps even your fears; beyond even the all-too-real, and all-too-frequent, disappointments – of yourselves, of others, perhaps even of God – you continued to say yes, hearing clearly for yourself, and sometimes even for us, God’s words “Be not afraid … claim the hope of your faith.”

All: We give thanks for your faithful response to God’s call:
for your willingness to enter into the joys and the sorrows of our lives,
for your insistence on calling us to journey with you,
for your persistent “yes” to God and to us.

Conference Lay Leader:

Day after day, year after year, you offered the gifts of your ministry – reaching deeply into your own hearts and faith to share God’s love and hope with those around you, in their joy and in their sorrow, in their certainty and in their confusion, in their satisfaction and in their frustration, in their trust and in their fear. You insisted on connecting life in the church with life beyond the church walls, helping God’s people claim the world as their parish. You continued to speak God’s word of grace into all of life – from the greatest joy to the deepest despair. And you joined your life with the lives of those entrusted to your care – rejoicing in their celebrations, and aching with them in their sorrow.

All: It was you who helped us when we were discouraged by life and the world around us, and afraid of what the future might bring. You showed us the gifts that are ours when we open our hearts to God. When the hard questions came, you steadfastly offered to us the presence of the living Christ. You shared all the seasons of our lives – celebrating with us … the births and adoptions of our children, our baptisms, graduations, weddings, and funerals. You held candles with us on Christmas Eve, wept with us on Good Friday, and sang triumphantly with us on Easter morning. Together, we agreed and disagreed, laughed and cried. For all this, and more, we give you thanks.
Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

We do, indeed, give thanks to all of you, for all this and more …
for countless hours of prayer,
for the presence you have been, and the comfort you have offered,
for your steadfast faithfulness through good times and bad,
for the great good that God has accomplished through your ministries,
and for that which God will continue to do in your lives in the days to come.
Let us pray …

All: O God of grace, You have overflowed these, Your servants, with Your great love and grace. You have filled them with Your Holy Spirit, and sent them into all the world for the sake of Your kingdom. We give thanks for the ministry of these men and women, and for the ways in which You have ministered to us through them. We trust Your abiding presence with them, that they may continue to love and serve You, forever growing in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Honoring of the Retirement Class

As each retiree is honored, family and friends in the congregation may stand.

Sandra A. Apgar
Donald Archer
Jeff T. Belt
Thomas Bolton
Roger K. Braun
Kathleen Clinger Brown
Rita K. Brown
Richard J. Caddell
Patricia Anderson Cook
Carol B. Cooley
George D. Cooper
Clarence M. Dinnen
Benjamin M. Foulk
Cheryl Foulk
Edward W. Fugate
Charles Glover
Rebecca Gray
Thomas Hoover
Valerie Johnson
Richard D. Jones
Donald Krieger
John Larsen
Miran K. Lee
Robert O. Mesnard Jr.
Roland Moore
Lee Ortman
Susan M. Palmquist
Carolyn Peacock

Nilsa P. Saliceti
Diane Schaffner
Will E. Slater Jr.
Ruth A. Solo
Susan St. Peter
Dillon Staas III
Douglas E. Stockton
Jerry Sutton
Richard W. Thomas
Bruce Tumblin
Bruce Vincent
Brent Watson
Judy Williams
Garry Yarbrough

*Doxology*

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (UMH #94)

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Scripture Lesson

Titus 1:1-5
Rev. Miran K. Lee

The Scripture Lesson

Ministry of Music
The Sermon

“For This Cause…” Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

Receiving the Offering

The Offertory

“Festival Toccata on St. Anne” Andrew Willis, organist

By Frederick Swann

The Presentation of Candidates

Candidates stand, facing the congregation.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, these women and men stand here today, elected into conference membership and recommended for commissioning and ordination. The Church has discerned that they are persons of sound learning and of Christian character, possessing the necessary gifts and signs of God’s grace for this ministry. This day, we acknowledge and affirm God’s call to them, and their response to that call. I ask you, people of God, do you trust that they are called by God’s grace to be commissioned, ordained, and received as clergy members of the annual conference?

All: We do trust! Thanks be to God.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

All: With God’s help, we will!

The General Examination of the Candidates

All are seated except the Candidates, who stand facing the Bishop; the Bishop addresses the Candidates.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

Dear Friends, this is a sacred hour in each of your lives and in the life of the church. You have shared in the ministry of all baptized and you have experienced the call from Christ into representative ministry. The Church has affirmed your calling. Now we ask you to make these affirmations of your faith:

Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

All Candidates: I do so believe and confess.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

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

All Candidates: I am so persuaded, by God’s grace.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

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

All Candidates: I will, with the help of God.

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Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

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

All Candidates: I will, with the help of God.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

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

All Candidates: I will, with the help of God.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

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

All Candidates: I will, with the help of God.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

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.

Candidates for Commissioning

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

These questions are asked of those being commissioned: Do you believe that you are called to the work of leadership and service among the people of God?

Candidates: I do so believe.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

Will you give yourself fully to the work of God in the world and to servant leadership in the life and work of Christ’s church?

Candidates: I will, with the help of God.

Deacon Candidates

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

These questions are addressed to those being ordained to a lifetime ministry of Word and Service as a Deacon: Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of a Deacon?

Candidates: I do so believe.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

Will you, for the sake of the Church’s life and mission, covenant to participate in the Order of Deacons? Will you give yourself to God through the Order of Deacons in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship and service?

Candidates: I will, with the help of God, and with the help of my sisters and brothers in the Order of Deacons.
Elder Candidates

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:
These questions are addressed to those being ordained to a lifetime ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service as an Elder: Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of an Elder?

Candidates: I do so believe.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:
Will you, for the sake of the Church’s life and mission, covenant to participate in the Order of Elders? Will you give yourself to God through the Order of Elders in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship, and service?

Candidates: I will, with the help of God, and with the help of my sisters and brothers in the Order of Elders.

The Bishop’s Prayer

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:
Let us pray: (The Bishop, with hands extended prays for all the candidates)
We praise You, living God, that You came among us in Jesus Christ –
to be the way, the truth, and the life;
to call us all to follow, thus transforming the world;
and to leave with us this great commission to make disciples of all the world.
These persons have responded to Your call upon their lives –
stepped beyond their hesitation and fear, heard Your promise of hope,
and entered into a holy covenant with You, and with all the clergy;
to lead and serve Your people, sharing with them the transforming grace of Jesus Christ.
We give thanks for the many and diverse gifts You have given,
for the myriad of different ministries that are being offered,
and for the ways in which You are at work in each of these, Your servants,
to fulfill Your purposes in the world.

O God of hope, in the days to come, may You grant to each of these
the joy of boldly living into the good news of the gospel,
the patience and wisdom to accomplish the tasks before them,
and the grace and peace which exceeds all understanding,
but by which You will sustain them through all their days,
that all they do may be to Your honor and glory,
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Hymn

“Here I Am, Lord” (UMH #593 vs 1 & 3)
The Commissioning

Provisional Deacons
Robert E. Guyton          Tesia L. Mallory

Provisional Elders
Julie Ann Alsip           Heather Eileen Grace Husted  Steven R. North
Jennifer Leskovic Bass    Clara H. Kwon                  Victoria M. Robinson
Jessica Lynn Cavinee      Peter E. Matthews              Jason Sharp
Zachary W. Holler         Sarah Moon                    Lyndsey Ann Stearns

Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the laying on of hands for each candidate. The Bishop alone lays both hands on those to be commissioned, saying:

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer: 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: Amen.

The Hymn
“Be Thou My Vision” (UMH #451, vs. 1)  
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The Ordination of Deacons

Deacons
Seth Eric Evans           Kirstin Brennan Shrom-Rhoads
Kara Susan Jones          Debra K. Roth

Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the laying on of hands for each candidate. Representatives from the Order of Deacon who are to join in the laying on of hands stand with the Bishop. The Bishop and other Deacons lay both hands on each of those to be ordained; the Bishop says:

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer: Almighty God, pour upon [NAME] the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a Deacon in God’s holy church.

All: Amen.

Immediately, the candidate places hands on a Bible, as the Bishop says:

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer: [NAME], take authority as a Deacon to proclaim the Word of God and to lead God’s people in ministries of compassion and justice; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

A Deacon’s stole and pin are given to each Deacon.

The Hymn
“Be Thou My Vision” (UMH #451, vs. 2)  
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The Ordination of Elders

Elders

Jennifer Applegate Casey  John E. Ma  Margaret Dumper Sykes
Jeremiah P. Diegel  Sara Ann McSwords  Dawn R. Trapp
Peter James Elliott  Raymond Scott Miller  Bridget D. Weatherspoon
Joshua Paul Freshour  Elizabeth Hutchinson Reed  Vera A. Welker
Daniel Lee Fuchs  Lori L. Reiber  David Tyler Williams
Wendy Lee Hansen-Smith  John Riddle  Kimberly Ann Wisecup
Gregory Eugene Kendrick Jr.  Laurie Kay Steele  Christopher W. Wiseman

Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the laying on of hands for each candidate. Representatives from the Order of Elder who are to join in the laying on of hands stand with the Bishop. The Bishop and other Elders lay both hands on each of those to be ordained; the Bishop says:

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:
Almighty God, pour upon [NAME] the Holy Spirit for the office and work of an Elder in Christ’s holy church.

All: Amen.

Immediately, the candidate places hands on a Bible, as the Bishop says:

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:
[NAME], take authority as an Elder to preach the Word of God, the 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.

A Elder’s stole is given to each Elder.

Recognition of Orders

Emory H. Clark

The bishop addresses those whose orders are to be recognized.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:
You first received your call and ministry in another fellowship of Christ's holy Church. You have affirmed the vows of your ordination and embraced our own, committing yourself to accept and uphold the doctrine of The United Methodist Church.

The Bishop shakes the hand of the candidate, with these words:

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:
[Full Name], we recognize and welcome you to serve among us as an elder in full connection in The United Methodist Church.

A Bible is given to the candidate.

The Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision” (UMH #451 v. 3)

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The Bestowing of Symbols of Ministry

Retiree: As a further witness to the work of the Holy Spirit in ordination, we share these symbols of ministry – given by one who is now retired, to one who is newly ordained – making visible both the continuing nature of ministry, and the work of Christ in the world, to which you are called.

We give you this Bible, as a symbol of God’s holy Word, speaking truth to fear, and assurance in every season, to a world seeking hope and truth for the living of each day. May your preaching and living reflect God’s word of hope to all.

We give you this cup and plate as symbols of the body of Christ, and the covenant of forgiveness and grace shared in the ministries of Sacrament. May your worship and celebration of the sacraments be God’s love made visible – God’s grace offered – God’s word heard again … “Be not afraid … Hope abounds!”

We give you this Book of Discipline as a symbol of the ongoing work of the church in the world through the ministry of order – that the church continue to stand against fear and offer hope, demonstrating the kingdom reality that God is with us always. May your administration and teaching further God’s work in the world.

We give you this bowl and towel as a symbol of the many ways we offer our gifts – and ourselves – to the world, sharing healing and hope through our ministries of service. May your service and mission continue to say to those who are afraid – “Do not fear – God has called even you by name – and hope in abundance is yours!”

Retiree: Let us pray:

Holy and gracious God, by Your call many persons have come; by the power of Your Holy Spirit many have served; by Your grace all are held in life, in ministry, and even in death. In this moment we remember again, with gratitude, all who have come before us, all who walk beside us, and all who will come after us – the great cloud of witnesses who speak Your presence and hope through all our days. We give You thanks for these particular set-apart ministries, and these holy symbols – reminders of that to which You have called each of these, Your servants. Grant that they, and we, may go from this place, to be given to others, for the sake of Your work in the world.

All: Amen.

The Closing Hymn*

“Lord You Give the Great Commission” (UMH #584 vs 1, 2, 5)


The Dismissal with Blessing

Newly Ordained Deacon:

Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all you do.

Newly Ordained Elder:

Go in grace to become the beloved community in the world.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Postlude

“Fantasy on Hyfrydol” (Mark Thallander; arr. Andrew Willis)

Andrew Willis, Organist
8:30am — Morning Worship

Worship Leaders

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, Resident Bishop, Ohio West Area
Rev. Vera Welker, Liturgist
Mr. Chuck Bell, Annual Conference Worship Leader
Mr. Chris Ciampa, Bass Guitarist, Church for All People UMC
Mrs. Sam Ciampa, Vocalist, Church for All People UMC
Mr. Devin Mitchell, Drummer, Hoffman UMC
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Rev. Mark Chow, Chair, Annual Conference Worship Committee
Rev. Wendy Lybarger, Altar Design
Dr. Cynthia Lockhart, Altar Design

Gathering Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: By God’s mercy, we are born anew into a living hope …

People: through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Leader: Therefore, we ground all our hope in the grace of Jesus Christ …

People: hearing still and again … “Be not afraid – Hope abounds!”

Opening Songs


“You Know My Name” By Brenton Brown, and Tasha Cobbs Leonard, © 2017 Capitol CMG Publishing
Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Gracious and holy God, in Your presence we stand, sometimes encouraged and emboldened, sometimes hesitant and uncertain. Yet we always stand reminded – Your steadfast love is upon us, and our hope is in You. In all we do, guide us with Your word. In all we say, may Your grace prevail. In our life together, may we share the hope that is ours, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Consecration of Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences

Delegates to be in front of the congregation as we begin.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:
I present to you the delegates and alternates you have elected for the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences of the United Methodist Church. These persons are charged with caring for the work of the conferences, to further the work of the church in the world.

(To the delegates)

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:
Do you promise to seek God in all you do? To listen for God’s voice … to receive God’s wisdom … to act in ways that are in keeping with the building up of God’s kingdom?

Delegates: We do, by the grace of God!

(To the congregation)

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:
Do you promise to uphold these persons as they attend the General and Jurisdictional Conferences, to pray for them as they seek to hear God, and to support them with your wisdom and counsel?

Congregation: We will, by the grace of God!

Prayer of Blessing

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

Closing Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation” (UMH #545)

Public Domain.

Benediction

Rev. Vera Welker

Leader: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. And may the blessings of Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be upon you and remain with you always!
Closing Worship

Worship Leaders

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, Resident Bishop, Ohio West Area
Rev. Jeremiah Diegel, Liturgist
Mr. Chuck Bell, Annual Conference Worship Leader
Rev. Susan Kronbach, Liturgy Design
Rev. Deborah Stevens, Liturgy Design
Rev. Mark Chow, Chair, Annual Conference Worship Committee
Rev. Wendy Lybarger, Altar Design
Dr. Cynthia Lockhart, Altar Design

Greeting  

Leader: Let us celebrate the mission and ministry to which we are called.

All: Let us remember the mission and ministry to which we are sent.

Leader: The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by proclaiming the good news of God’s grace and by exemplifying Jesus’ command to love God and neighbor. Jesus' words in Matthew provide the Church with our mission:

All: “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Leader: And, “You must love the Lord your God with all your being, and with all your mind…”

All: “You must love your neighbor as yourself.”

Leader: All Christians are called through baptism to a ministry of servanthood in the world for the glory of God and for human fulfillment. The forms of this ministry are diverse in locale, in interest, and in denominational accent.

All: We give thanks to God for the ministries of each local congregation, each seeker after the heart of God, each baptized member, each elder, each deacon, each local pastor. We give thanks for the ministry of women and men, children and the aged. We give thanks that we have been entrusted with such a sacred gift as this.

Opening Prayer  

Leader: Let us pray:

All: God of hope, grant that by this time we have shared together we might be strengthened in our resolve to be the Body of Christ in the world, so that those to whom love is a stranger would find in us generous friends, and those to whom despair is a constant presence would find in us reason to hope. Heal us that we might become healers. Feed us that we might nourish others. Accompany us that we might accompany one another. You are the God of hope, and in Your creating love there are never-ending possibilities for new life, and so we pray in the name of the Holy Three in One, who is and was and shall be forevermore. Amen.
Leader: We have remembered. We have mourned. We have celebrated. We have chosen leaders. We have worshipped and prayed. We have been broken and we have been healed. We have been blessed and we have been inspired.

The agenda is complete, appointments are fixed, and we go forth together, individual in our gifts, united into one body and with a common mission. We do not know all that will be known, but we do know these things:

All: God is Love!
Christ is Risen!
The Spirit is Alive!
The Church is of God and will be preserved until the end of time.
Therefore, we hope.

Leader: O! May the God of green hope fill you up with joy, fill you up with peace, so that your believing lives, filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over with hope! (Romans 15:13 The Message; Eugene Peterson)

All: Amen!

Closing Remarks

Benediction

Closing Song

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

Mr. Chuck Bell