Welcome

Prelude

Greetings to Families

Call to Worship

Leader: In the midst of life we are in death; from whom can we seek help?

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Friends, we gather this day to praise God and to witness to our faith as we celebrate those who have run the race with perseverance, and have joined the great cloud of witnesses by which we are lovingly surrounded.

All: May God grant us grace that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope, and in death resurrection.

Leader: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture

Hebrews 12: 1-3

Jacob Hams

Introduction of Speaker

Bishop Palmer

Sermon

Rev. Jenn Lucas

Special Music

“Wie lieblich sind denine Wohrungen” from Ein deutsches Requiem

Dr. Brenda Portman and Ben Owen (piano)

Hymn

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Katie Riederer, Vocalist

Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7

Andrew Cunningham, Vocalist

Dr. Brenda Portman, Organist

Prayer

Leader: Almighty God, our Creator from whom we come and to whom our spirits return: You are our dwelling place in all generations, our refuge and our strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

Grant us your blessing in this hour and enable us to put our trust in you that our spirits may grow calm and our hearts be comforted. Lift our eyes beyond the shadows of earth and help us see the light of eternity that we may receive grace and strength for this and every time of need; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit abides, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.
Roll Call of the Victorious During the 2019-2020 Conference Year

Introduction

Let us remember those members of our Annual Conference who have died, and give thanks to God for the lives of these faithful servants. Family members and friends are invited to stand in memory as the name of their loved one is read.

The Clergy

Names:
John T. Ball
Lowell D. Crabtree
Kenneth S. Lee
Raymond Lanham
Robert Hayden
Samuel Fillmore
Hughey L. Jones
Phillip D. Malone
James B. Duvall
Konrad C. Modschiedler
William Hanlon
Leonard Mann
Harold R. Sturm
James B. Recob
Calvin C. Rodeheffer
Barbara D. Sanders
George T. Hubbell Jr.
John Hoover
Harriette G. Zoller
Merrill D. Braymer
Wesley Clarke
Helen E. Kline
W. Thomas Beckett
Everett H. Aldstadt
Russell C. Sawmiller Jr.
Richard Royalty
Delmer Dodrill
Larry Poling

The Spouses of Clergy

Gary Carmean
Sallie Mann
Rosalie Pyles
Rosemary Robbins
Doris Kottke
Thelma Pike
Susan McGlade
Karen Heck
Sharon Bein
Rhoda Quick
Mary Martha Dowson
Barbara Vorpe
William Casto Jr.
Stephen Hayes
Ruth E Burk
Iva Bailey
Helen Gebhard
Patricia Bell
Betty Smith
Olive Depew
Dorothy Minter
Verna Crofoot

The Children of Clergy for the 2019-2020 Conference Year

The Laity for the 2019-2020 Conference Year

Capital Area North
Capital Area South
Foothills
Maumee Watershed
Miami Valley
Northwest Plains
Ohio River Valley
Shawnee Valley
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The Clergy
Leonard Confar
Frederick Heath Jr.
John Wallace
Samuel Cooper
W. Bruce Harris
Paul Chastain
Benjamin Edwards
George Brown
James Mussman
Rebecca Gray
Charles Parham Jr.
Ruby Hill
Roland Fierce
Marvin Mulford
J. Paul Jones Jr.
Susan Roads
Richard Maurer
Jon Barker
Floyd Miller
R. Frederic Kinne
G. Keith Nash
Paul Minus Jr.
Keun Sang Lee
George Sidwell
Paul Stuckey

The Spouses of Clergy
Shirley Robinson
Martha Watson Holtz
Ruth Drake
Nancy Confar
Julia Cordle
Dolores Dunham
Lois Hughes
Beverly Rowe
Margaret Hoff
Beverly Webb
C. Jeannine Mowery
Marilyn Cattran
Kay Grotsky
Grace Rounsley
Janet Martin

Licensed Local Pastors and Diaconal Ministers
Howie Price
Allen William Darby
Marilyn Murphree
Donald Fruechtemeyer
Michael Smith
Robert Z Carlisle

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Prayer for the Saints

Bishop Palmer
The Lord be with you. Let us pray:

O God, whether we live or whether we die, you are our God, and our home is ever and always with you.

We praise you for these lives remembered and for all who have faithfully lived and died.

We thank you for the sacred ties that bind us to those unseen who encircle us as a cloud of witnesses. We thank you that in your love, our love for them never ends.

Grant that encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship we may diligently persevere in faith, that we might abide forever, one with you and one with each other, in the unity of the Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.
COVID Remembrance  
Bishop Palmer

Brothers and Sisters, this past year has brought the struggle, trouble, and loss of a global pandemic. Hardly one among us has been spared the grief and pain of loss.

Let us now observe a silence in remembrance of those who have been lost to COVID 19. Through there are too many to name, they are each known to God.

“Death” by Paul Laurence Dunbar  
Bishop Palmer

Storm and strife and stress,  
Lost in a wilderness,  
Groping to find a way,  
Forth to the haunts of day  
Sudden a vista peeps,  
Out of the tangled deeps,  
Only a point--the ray  
But at the end is day.  
Dark is the dawn and chill,  
Daylight is on the hill,  
Night is the flitting breath,  
Day rides the hills of death.

Moment of Silence

Closing Medley

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me  
Lift Every Voice and Sing  
Guide My Feet

Benediction

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso from Sonata No. 2 - Felix Mendelssohn  
Brenda Portman