

AC 2023

WORSHIP PROGRAM

OPENING WORSHIP

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

A MEMORIAL SERVICE

OF WORD AND TABLE

MORNING WORSHIP

FRIDAY MORNING

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR CELEBRATING RETIREMENT,
COMMISSIONING AND ORDINATION

OPENING WORSHIP

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

GATHERING MUSIC. *House Band*

WELCOME AND GREETING. *Justin Williams*

Leader: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

SONG. *Welcome*

PSALM 121. *Shannon Spencer & Rev. Kima Cunningham*

SONG. **Prayers of the People: For All Who Labor Without End**

SCRIPTURE READING. **Hebrews 10:23-25**
Rev. Darryl Fairchild

HYMN. **O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing**
House Band

SENDING FORTH TO THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE. *Rev. Darryl Fairchild*

Leader: Sisters and brothers, beloved ones, let us begin the work that is set before us abiding in the love of God, depending on the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and sustained by the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

The people are invited to exchange greetings of peace as the conference transitions to the business of the day

PARTICIPANTS

Shannon Spencer, Conference Lay Leader,
Liturgist

Rev. Kima Cunningham, Liturgist

Rev. Darryl Fairchild, Liturgist

Rev. Justin Williams, Annual Conference
Worship Chair

Andy Clingman, House Band, Guitar/Vocalist

Vincent Richardson, House Band, Percussion

Nate Hopkins, House Band, Bass

Michael Cunningham, House Band,
Organist/Keyboard

Barbara Cooper, House Band, Piano

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Johnetta Moore, House Band, Vocalist

Samuel Alatorre, House Band, Vocalist

A MEMORIAL SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

GATHERING MUSIC. *House Band*

WELCOME *Justin Williams*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN. **Holy, Holy, Holy**
House Band

CALL TO WORSHIP. *Rev. Dominic Mejia*

Leader: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER *Rev. Dominic Mejia*

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,
bringing new life out of destruction,
hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.
We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole.
Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives,
and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit,
that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.**

(Ruth Duck, U.S.A. 20th C.; UM Book of Worship 464)

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION *Bishop Gregory V. Palmer*

A WORD FROM THE WORLD *Rev. Linda Middelberg*

THE KYRIE

THE PSALM (UNISON) Rev. Linda Middelberg

All: *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
 He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
 for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk
 through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;
 Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou prepest a table before me
 in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil;
 my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life:
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC. Be Not Afraid by Craig Courtney

Annual Conference Choir & Dr. James Tipps, Director

THE ROLL OF THE VICTORIOUS Chris Clough & Rev. Steven Putka

The congregation is invited to stand briefly when the name of a loved one or friend is read

THE CLERGY

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| Richard Kuhn | Robert Warner | Georgianna Rymer | Dwight Bowers | Debra Holder |
| Henry Brooks | Richard North | Richard Rothemich | Daniel Culbertson | Jerry Hill |
| George Campbell | Robert Kimes | David Buckey | Henry Lee | Pascal King |
| Michael Johnson | Harold Black | Edwin Pellett | Morgan Phillips | Glenn Gault |
| Barbara Nolin | Raymond Sharritts | James Steele | Nancy Raypholtz | Charles Imhoff |
| Earnest Perkins | Jack Witherspoon | Dennis Daley | David Ashworth | Gary Batey |
| Charles Selby | Kenneth Galdeen | Edward Wallen | Thomas England | Gloria Brooks |

RESPONSE For All the Saints

(Stanza 1)

THE SPOUSES OF CLERGY

| | | | | |
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| Norma Sattler | Kay Ladd | Margaret Hanover | Anna Roach | Billie Bumgarner |
| Irene Rainsberger | Margery Rodeheffer | Charles Kernitz | Jeanne Kampel | |
| Dorothy McOmber | Delores Ann Montgomery | Betty Hill | Helen Summers | |
| Nyla Sharp | Margaret Hayden | Margaret Vance | Lorene Simmons | |
| Louise Beckett | Kathleen Corbitt | Bernice Smith | Mildred Lacy | |

RESPONSE For All the Saints
(Stanza 2)

THE CHILDREN OF CLERGY

RESPONSE For All the Saints
(Stanza 4)

THE LAITY

Capital Area North

Capital Area South

Foothills

Miami Valley

Northwest Plains

Ohio River Valley

Shawnee Valley

RESPONSE For All the Saints
(Stanza 6)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

THE SCRIPTURE Hebrews 12:2-3
Maya Fairchild

THE SERMON. God will Provide (Hebrews 12:1-2)
Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble

COMMUNION HYMN Come to the Table of Grace

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION Bishop Gregory V. Palmer
& Rev. Hannah VanMeter**

*Bishop: Christ our Lord invites to this table all who love him,
Who earnestly repent of sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore let us confess our sharing in the sins of the world before
God and one another:*

All Pray in silence

All (pray responsively):

*Bishop: Holy God,
Your light has filled our lives,
but we have not shared it with others.*

All: Lord, have mercy on us.

*Bishop: You have marked us as your own in baptism,
but we have not lived as your faithful people.*

All: Christ, have mercy on us.

*Bishop: You have called us to be a light to the nations,
but we have hidden our light under a bushel.*

All: Lord, have mercy on us.

*Bishop: Transform us by the power of your Holy Spirit
so that we may live out our baptism
as your new creation,
forgiven and made whole by your matchless love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Rev. Hannah VanMeter:

*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 your Spirit moved over the face of the waters.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers,
anointing them to speak your Word.*

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

**All Sing: 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!

Rev. Hannah VanMeter:

*Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ.
At his baptism in the Jordan, your Spirit descended upon him
and declared him your beloved son.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.*

*He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the Day of Pentecost.*

*Bishop: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:*

Hannah will lift the bread.

*Bishop: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."*

*When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:*

Hannah will lift the cup.

*Bishop: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

*On the day you raised him from the dead
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.*

***All: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.***

All Sing: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

*Bishop: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood and empowered by the gifts of the Spirit.*

*Bishop: By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
showing forth the fruit of the Spirit until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God now and for ever.*

All Sing: Amen, Amen, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE. Taste and See

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Dominic Mejia

Leader: Let us pray

All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we might go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC. Total Praise
Annual Conference Choir

BENEDICTION Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

POSTLUDE House Band

PARTICIPANTS

Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer, *Resident Bishop of West Ohio Conference, UMC*

Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble, *Resident Bishop of the Indiana Conference, UMC*

Rev. Linda Middelberg, *Clergy Assistant to the Bishop*

Ms. Chris Clough, *Conference Secretary*

Rev. Steven Putka, *Board of Ordained Ministry*

Mitchell Harper, *Conference Lay Leader, Candle Bearer*

Mrs. Cynthia Palmer, *Candle Bearer*

Rev. Hannah VanMeter, *Liturgist*

Rev. Dominic Mejia, *Liturgist*

Maya Fairchild, *Liturgist & Candle Bearer*

Emily Thomas, *West Ohio Conference Intern*

Rev. Barbara Cooper, *Handbell Ringer*

Andy Clingman, *House Band, Guitar/Vocalist*

Vincent Richardson, *House Band, Percussion*

Nate Hopkins, *House Band, Bass*

Michael Cunningham, *House Band, Organist/Keyboard*

Barbara Cooper, *House Band, Piano*

Elise Cooper, *House Band, Flute*

Johnetta Moore, *House Band, Vocalist*

Samuel Alatorre, *House Band, Vocalist*

Altar Design, Cynthia Lockhart

Liturgy Design, Rev. Dr. Deborah K. Stevens

Rev. Justin Williams, *Annual Conference Worship Chairperson,*

MORNING WORSHIP

FRIDAY MORNING

GATHERING MUSIC. **Way Maker**
House Band

WELCOME Justin Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP. Jody Stevens & Marcia Florkey (lecturn)

Jody: We come this day committed, but to what?

People: **We have been grasping for reminders. We are committed to nestling our unwavering hope in the promises of God.**

Marcia: We come this day connected, but why?

People: **We have succumbed to distance in proximity, in politics, and in relationship; yet we are connected to God's witness of love through Jesus Christ and God's story still unfolding in this world.**

Jody: We come this day in community, but how?

People: **We have found it easy to grow in sameness; yet we are each called to serve each other in unique and diverse ways.**

Marcia: God, in your faithfulness, provoke us!

People: **Provoke us to love! Provoke us to serve! Let the faithfulness in which you hold us allow us to love each of your beloved as well.**

OPENING MUSIC House Band

Great Are You Lord

Build My Life

How Great Is Our God with How Great Thou Art Chorus

OPENING PRAYER Beth Vanoli

O God whose promises to sustain us throughout all times and seasons, we ask this day that you remind us not only of where we have been, but also to center us here as we look for reminders of the directions in which you deploy us to journey. Just as you demonstrate relationship and community in the beautiful dance of creation, redemption, and sustenance, help us to dance in rhythm with your Spirit in the midst of all creation. We pray this in and through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, in whom our unwavering hope is found. Amen.

SCRIPTURE *Landon Balmos-Ruddock*

WITNESS *Kris Frantz-Shoaf*

SONG **Spirit of the Living God**
House Band

DEACONESS AND HOME MISSIONER CELEBRATION (VIDEO)

COMMISSIONING OF DEACONESS *Bobbi Ruddock*

SONG **Spirit of the Living God**
House Band

INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING *Bishop Gregory V. Palmer*

OFFERING **Move**
House Band

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Katelin Hansen*

CLOSING SONG **Send Me Out**
House Band

BENEDICTION *Kris Frantz-Shoaf*

*Leader: As we journey from this time of worship, may we always find in our commitments,
in our connection, and in our communities the hope of God which is and always
will be...*

People: unwavering. Amen!

GOING FORTH INSTRUCTIONS *Bishop Gregory V. Palmer*

TRANSITION MUSIC *House Band*

PARTICIPANTS

*Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer, Resident
Bishop of West Ohio Conference, UMC*

Marcia Florkey, Deaconess, Liturgist

Beth Vanoli, Deaconess, Liturgist

Jody Stephens, Deaconess, Liturgist

Landon Balmos-Ruddock, Liturgist

Katelin Hansen, Deaconess, Liturgist

Kris Frantz-Shoaf, Deaconess, Speaker

*Rev. Justin Williams, Annual Conference
Worship Chair*

Andy Clingman, House Band, Guitar/Vocalist

Vincent Richardson, House Band, Percussion

Nate Hopkins, House Band, Bass

*Michael Cunningham, House Band,
Organist/Keyboard*

Barbara Cooper, House Band, Piano

Elise Cooper, House Band, Flute

Johnetta Moore, House Band, Vocalist

Samuel Alatorre, House Band, Vocalist

Anna Guillozet, Liturgy Design

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR CELEBRATING RETIREMENT,
COMMISSIONING AND ORDINATION

GATHERING AND GREETING

PRELUDE *Jazz Ensemble*

WELCOME *Rev. Justin Williams*

PROCESSIONAL **Praise to the Lord Almighty**
Jazz Ensemble

OPENING HYMN **Lift High the Cross**
Jazz Ensemble

GREETING *Bishop Gregory V. Palmer*

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

All: **And also with you.**

Bishop Palmer: The Holy Spirit is among us.

All: **Move us, Holy Spirit!**

Bishop Palmer: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit**
you gave to your apostles and all your church many excellent gifts.
Come upon us gathered here as we celebrate and bless persons
who have faithfully led among us,
and as we consecrate and ordain persons to continue serving among us.
Grant that your Holy Spirit be poured out upon us all, calling and equipping us
to fulfill your desire that we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.
We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF COMMON MINISTRY AND REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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

*The same Spirit who enlivens us
empowers us with many and diverse gifts
to serve as new creatures,
renouncing evil,
embracing and submitting to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
and joining together as his body
to serve as his representatives in the world.*

*We all start here. The Spirit leads us all. Remember you are baptized and
be thankful.*

All: We reaffirm our baptism and our common call to ministry.

RESPONSE The Summons
Verses 1-2

CELEBRATION OF RETIREMENT

Lisa Wachenfeld, Lay person, Board of Ordained Ministry:

*Beloved children of God, we celebrate the faithful service of the hundreds of years
of ministry offered by the 2023 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
led us to walk in trust beyond our fears, and all you have done to invite us into God's
assurance, hope, and love.*

Rev. Suzanne Allen, Chairperson, Board of Ordained 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 this Conference year, we honor and present these clergy who are entering
the retired relationship with our Annual Conference.*

HONORING OF THE RETIREMENT CLASS *Rev. Dr. Suzanne Allen & Rev. Meschach Kanyion*

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|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Jay Anderson | Chris Farmer | James Lillibridge | Joseph Payne | Cecelia Sledge |
| Alan Bolte | Frederick Gillenwater | Lindy Maurice- Saum | Dean Penrod | Thurlow “Chip” Steffy |
| Pamela Brater | Sheryl Goble | Paul McCullough | Victoria Powers-Smith | Dawn Trapp |
| Aaron Brown | Clark Hess | Robert McDowell | Steven Rodgers | Linda Troy |
| Tom Brunstrup | Floyd Hubbell | David Meredith | Jean Schafer | Carol Williams-Young |
| Laura Clark | Phillip Jarrells | Frederick Merkes | Charles Schmunk | Paul Wymer |
| Greg Crabtree | John Kay | Erma Metzger | Craig Schneider | |
| Maurice Dunn | Susan Kronbach | Keith Norwalk | Willard Shaffer | |

Bishop Palmer: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, your journey began in local congregations where the Spirit of God was upon you; you were called, affirmed, and sent to preach to the brokenhearted, to visit the captive, to anoint those who were bruised.

At your ordination or by your licensing you received the authority to read the Holy Scriptures in the Church of God, to preach the Word, to celebrate the Sacraments, to Order the life of the church, and to lead God’s people in ministries of compassion and justice, following God’s call to lead the church into the world.

*By God’s grace you did many things that were beyond your power.
Never think lightly of the great good that God has wrought through you.
Continue to be true to your calling.
May God’s love and power be with you always.*

Let us pray:

***All: God of grace, it is you who fill your servants with vision
and empower them with your Spirit.
We give thanks for the ministry of these women and men
and for the ways you have ministered to congregations,
communities and to the world through them.
Give them now a sense of your abiding presence,
that they may continue in love and service to you, and ever grow in the grace
and knowledge of Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit abides, one
God, now and forever. Amen***

Mitchell Harper: Let us give thanks to God for the gifts of ministry

HYMN **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION *Rev. Donnetta Peaks*

Leader: Beloved community, as we turn from celebrating ministry fulfilled to celebrating ministry just beginning, let us pray together for our common ministry:

That we may proclaim the gospel boldly:

All: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: That we may offer your healing for all who are sick, and people who are torn and weary:

All: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: That we may be channels of your mercy over all your works, in earth, and sky and sea:

All: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: That all who this hour have been set apart for specialized ministries may lead, learn, and teach among us with wisdom and compassion:

All: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: That many dead and left for dead may be raised, and death itself vanquished

All: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: That all who are possessed, oppressed, distressed, depressed, and downcast may be set free at last.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Hear our prayer, Lord, in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Donnetta: Will the candidates for Commissioning and ordination please rise.

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

Mitchell Harper: These candidates began their journeys in their local congregations, demonstrating their gifts, graces and call to set-apart ministry were made evident.

The lay members of Annual Conference affirm this:

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

Rev. Dr. Suzanne Allen:

We have examined these candidates according to the standards of our Discipline and The West Ohio Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

We present them with our prayers and support.

PRESENTATION OF PROVISIONAL ELDERS *Lisa Wachenfeld & Rev. Dr. Suzanne Allen*

*Lisa Wachenfeld: We present these persons
for commissioning as provisional members
preparing for ordained ministry as elders*

Mary Katherine Collins

Sungyoon Park

Daniel Wells

Henry Antonio Folgoso Jaramillo

Carrie Schwab

Jennifer L. Miller

Shin Sung

PRESENTATION OF PROVISIONAL DEACONS *Rev. April Casperson*

*April Casperson: We present these persons preparing for provisional ministry as deacons.
We present them with our prayers and support.*

Seonyoung K. Chang

Lucy Kelly

Ashley Wynn

PRESENTATION OF DEACONS FOR ORDINATION *Rev. Jean Shaffer*

*Rev. Jean Shaffer: On behalf of the Order of Deacons, I present these persons
for ordination as deacon.
We present them with our prayers and support.*

Angela Schroder

Hannah VanMeter

PRESENTATION OF ELDERS FOR ORDINATION *Rev. Chris Farmer*

*Rev. Chris Farmer:
We present these persons for ordination as elder.
We present them with our prayers and support.*

Mary Beth Cheeseman

Caleb Henry

Gregory Miller

Joseph Graves

James Jennings

Dominic Mejia

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

*These persons are by God's grace
to be commissioned or ordained 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, commissioning, and reception of these persons.
Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace,
to be ordained, commissioned, and received?*

All: We do! Thanks be to God!

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

All: With God's help, we will.

RESPONSE The Summons
(Verse 3)

THE GENERAL EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

My sisters and brothers 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.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

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.

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?

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?

Candidates: I will, with the help of God.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

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

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, 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.*

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

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.*

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

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 or commissioned? Will you give yourself to God through the 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.*

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.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

RESPONSE The Summons
(Verses 4-5)

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST BISHOP Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

GREETINGS FROM NORTHWEST SYNOD, ELCA Bishop Daniel Beaudoin

SCRIPTURE Bishop Daniel Beaudoin

SERMON Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

MINISTRY OF MUSIC. Jazz Ensemble

THE COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer:

*A provisional member
is bound to the service of God
appointed and supervised by the bishop,
and guided by of ordained and lay colleagues
in the Board of Ordained Ministry,
as they continue to grow in grace
and to practice and perfect their skills in the ministries
o which they may later be ordained
as deacon or elder.*

*This is the way of life and work of a provisional member.
Do you believe that God has called you
to continue your preparation toward ordained ministry in this way?*

Candidates: *I do so believe.*

Bishop: Let us Pray. The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Bishop: Holy Spirit, move among us! Come, Holy Spirit!

People: *Come, Holy Spirit!*

Bishop: Come upon these, your servants.

People: *Come upon them each and all, Holy Spirit.*

*Bishop: Send them among us to serve and learn the way of
life of the order into which they may be ordained.*

People: *Send them Holy Spirit!*

Bishop: In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

People: *All glory and praise are yours, now and forever!*

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

PROVISIONAL ELDERS

Mary Katherine Collins

Be Thou My Vision

Henry Antonio Folgoso Jaramillo

On Eagle's Wings

Jennifer Leigh Miller

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With your Love

Sungkyoon Park

How Great Thou Art

Carrie Jo Schwab

The Servant Song

Shin Sung

I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace

Dan Wells

Come Thou Fount

PROVISIONAL DEACONS

Seonyoung K. Chang
Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

Lucy Kelly
For Everyone Born

Ashley Wynn
It is Well with My Soul

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.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon [FULL 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.

Bishop: Let us bless and send these commissioned persons into ministry among us:

Bishop: As you have placed yourselves into the hands of God

People: And as we have prayed for the Holy Spirit to empower you for your continuing growth in ministry among us,

Bishop: We now send you forth to announce the good news of God's kingdom, and equip disciples of Jesus for ministry.

People: Lead us to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Bishop to commissioned persons:

Go now to serve and learn among the people of God.

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE. Be Thou My Vision
Jazz Ensemble

THE BLESSING AND ORDINATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

EXAMINATION OF DEACONS

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

*A deacon
is called to share in Christ's ministry of servanthood,
to relate the life of the community to its service in the world,
to lead others into Christian discipleship,
to nurture disciples for witness and service,
to lead in worship,
to teach and proclaim God's Word,
to assist elders and appointed local pastors at Holy Baptism
and Holy Communion,
to interpret to the church the world's hurts and hopes,
to serve all people, particularly the poor, the sick, and the oppressed,
and to lead Christ's people in ministries of compassion and justice,
liberation and reconciliation,*

especially in the face of hardship and personal sacrifice.

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

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

Candidates: *I do so believe.*

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR DEACONS

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

*As these persons are recognized or ordained by God and the church
for the ministry of deacons
to which we believe they have been called by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray for them.*

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Bishop: Holy Spirit, move among us! Come, Holy Spirit!

People: *Come, Holy Spirit!*

Bishop: Come upon these, your servants.

People: *Come upon them each and all, Holy Spirit.*

Bishop: Fill them with every good and perfect gift for the office and work of an Deacon.

People: *Fill them, Holy Spirit!*

Bishop: In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

People: *All glory and praise are yours, now and forever!*

Angela Schroder
It is Well with My Soul

Hannah VanMeter
I Surrender/What Wondrous Love is This

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Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

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

Candidates: *Amen.*

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

*Full 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.

Candidates: Amen.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

Let us bless and receive these Deacons in the Church:

Bishop: As you have placed yourselves into the hands of God

People: And as we have prayed for the Holy Spirit to empower you for your ministry among us.

*Bishop: And as you have been given authority as deacons in Christ's holy Church to
proclaim the word of God, and lead us in ministries of compassion and justice.*

People: Lead us to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Bishop to new Deacons:

Go now and be Deacons among the people of God.

BE THOU MY VISIONVerse 1

EXAMINATION OF ELDERS

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

*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 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.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

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

Candidates: *I do so believe.*

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR ELDERS

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

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

Bishop: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you.*

Bishop: *Holy Spirit, move among us! Come, Holy Spirit!*

People: *Come, Holy Spirit!*

Bishop: *Come upon these, your servants.*

People: *Come upon them each and all, Holy Spirit.*

Bishop: *Fill them with every good and perfect gift for the office and work of an elder.*

People: *Fill them Holy Spirit!*

Bishop: *In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,*

People: *All glory and praise are yours, now and forever!*

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Mary Beth Cheeseman

I Love to Tell the Story

Joseph Graves

Father, Hear the Prayer we Offer

Caleb Henry

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

James Jennings

Be Thou My Vision

Gregory Miller

Lord of the Dance

Dominic Mejia

And Are We Yet Alive

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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.*

Candidates: *Amen.*

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

*Full 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.*

Candidates: Amen.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

Let us together bless and receive these Elders in the Church:

Bishop (to elders):

As you have placed yourselves into the hands of God;

People: And as we have prayed for the Holy Spirit to empower you for your ministry among us,

Bishop: As you have been given authority to proclaim the word of God, administer the sacraments, and order the life of the church, go now, and be elders among the people of God.

People: Lead us to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Bishop: Go now, and be elders among the people of God.

BE THOU MY VISIONVerse 2

THE BESTOWING OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

Susan Kronbach: 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 retiring, 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 to recognize and claim Your presence for the living of each day. May your preaching and living reflect God's word of hope to all.

Aaron Brown presents Bible to Joseph Graves

Susan Kronbach: 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 that "we should be called children of God."

David Meredith presents Platen and Chalice to Mary Cheeseman

Susan Kronbach: 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 continues to stand against fear and offer hope, and point to God's presence in the world, demonstrating the kingdom reality that God is with us always. May your administration and teaching further God's work in the world.

Chris Farmer presents BOD to Greg Miller

Susan Kronbach: 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 allow us to become God’s love embodied in the world!

Jean Schaffer presents bowl and towel to Angela Schroder

BE THOU MY VISIONVerse 3

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bishop: Let us Pray:

*We thank you God for raising up among us
faithful servants for ministry in your church.
Clothe them with your righteousness
And grant that we, with them,
May glorify you by giving ourselves to others;
Through Jesus Christ our Savior,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. Amen.*

THE SENDING FORTH FOR MINISTRY IN THE WORLD

BISHOP’S REMARKSBishop Gregory V. Palmer

CLOSING HYMNI’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

BENEDICTION

Caleb Henry: Go forth to serve God and neighbor, bearing witness to the love of God in the world, so that those to whom love is a stranger will find in you generous friends.

James Jennings: Go in peace.

*The blessing of God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, be with you always.
Amen.*

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