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*Please rise as you are able for the acts of worship marked with a cross †.*

## Entrance

†Processional Hymn | *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty, Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's Destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

†Greeting and Prayer

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis

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

**Congregation: And also with you.**

†Recognition of our Shared Ministry & Reaffirmation of Baptism

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis: 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:

Remember you are baptized, and be thankful.

**Congregation: We reaffirm our baptism**

**and our common call to ministry.  
Thanks be to God!**

Presentation of Persons to be Recognized and Ordained  
**All Laity**

**led by Rev. Lindsey Baynham Freeman**

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

**Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry**

**led by Rev. Tammy L. Estep**

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

**All Deacons in Full Connection**

**led by Rev. Lyndsie Blakely**

We present these persons for ordination as deacons.  
We present them with our prayers and support.

**All Elders in Full Connection**

**led by Rev. Darcey Johnson**

We present these persons for ordination and recognition of orders as elders.  
We present them with our prayers and support.

... We ask you, people of God,  
to declare your assent  
to the set apart ministry of these persons.

Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace, to be ordained or recognized?  
**Congregation: We do! Thanks be to God!**

Will you uphold them in their ministry?  
**Congregation: With God's help, we will.**

Song of Preparation | *Walk with Me*

GLASER

Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:28-31

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:1-6

† Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

Reader: The Word of God, for us, the people of God.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

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Message

“Let Them Know You Love Them”

Bishop David Graves

Response to the Word

Special Music | *Order My Steps*

IN YOUR WORD

†The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Lindsey Baynham Freeman

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

The General Examination

**The Recognition of Associate Member**

David Paul Edinger

**The Recognition of Orders**

James Philemon Bowers

Yun Goo Kang

**The Ordination of Elders**

Mi Sook Ahn

Genevieve Mitchell Bowles

Dawn McGahee Compton

Barbara Ann Cousar

Arum Kim

Minoo William Kim

Jonathan Jennings Lamb

David Ryan McWilliams

Yosub Namgung

Sarah Elizabeth Payne

Sending Forth

†Dismissal with Blessing

Bishop Sharma Lewis

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

Rev. Lyndsie Blakely: Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

**Congregation: We are sent in Christ's name. Thanks be to God!**

Closing Hymn | *Go To The World*

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**Worship Leaders**

*Presiding Bishop, Richmond Episcopal Area  
Bishop Sharma D. Lewis*

*Preacher: Bishop David Graves  
Alabama- West Florida Annual Conference*

*Chair of the Order of Deacons: Rev. Lyndsie Blakely*

*Chair of the Order of Elders: Rev. Darcey Johnson*

*Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry: Rev. Tammy L. Estep*

*Registrar for the Board of Ordained Ministry: Rev. Lindsey Baynham Freeman*

*Worship Leader: Mr. Gerald Lee Ricks*

*Accompanist: Mr. Rod Vester*

*Percussionist: Mr. Wes Watkins*

*Bassist: Mr. Jerome Stephens*

*Vocalists: Mrs. Tasheina Canty-White, soprano, Mrs. Ashley Herring Broadwater, alto, Mr. Lucan James, Jr. Tenor*

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

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

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

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

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## **The Historic Questions Asked of These Candidates at the Clergy Executive Session:**

*(from The Book of Discipline, ¶336)*

### **Historic Examination for Admission into Full Connection\***

1. Have you faith in Christ?
2. Are you going on to perfection?
3. Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?
4. Are you earnestly striving after it?
5. Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and his work?
6. Do you know the General Rules of our Church?
7. Will you keep them?
8. Have you studied the doctrines of The United Methodist Church?
9. After full examination, do you believe that our doctrines are in harmony with the Holy Scriptures?
10. Will you preach and maintain them?
11. Have you studied our form of Church discipline and polity?
12. Do you approve of our Church government and polity?
13. Will you support and maintain them?
14. Will you diligently instruct the children in every place?
15. Will you visit from house to house?
16. Will you recommend fasting or abstinence, both by precept and example?
17. Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God?
18. Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in your work?
19. Will you observe the following directions?
  - a) Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed. Never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at any one place than is strictly necessary.
  - b) Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time. And do not mend our rules, but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience' sake.

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