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

Entrance

†Processional Hymn | *Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

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

1. Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

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

4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.

5. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!

†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 Commissioned

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 commissioning 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 commissioning 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.

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!

Song of Preparation | *Spirit of the Living God*

IVERSON

Response to the Word

Special Music

†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 Commissioning of Provisional Members

Joshua Kendell Blakely
Chad Thomas Beck
Jonathan Steven Greer
Joshua Martin Hagstrom
Claire Burgess Miller
Robert Norman Riggles
Glenn Paul Riggs
Keith Lee Vernon
Bertina J.H. Westley
Han Yi

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 | A Charge to Keep I Have

BOYLSTON

A charge to keep I have, A God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save, And fit it for the sky.
To serve the present age, My calling to fulfill;
Oh, may it all my pow'rs engage To do my Master's will!
Arm me with watchful care As in Thy sight to live,
And now Thy servant, Lord, prepare A strict account to give!
Help me to watch and pray, And still on Thee rely,
Oh, let me not my trust betray, But press to realms on high.

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 Board of Ordained Ministry: Rev. Tammy 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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