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*Please rise as you are able for the acts of worship marked with a cross †.
All congregational responses will be on the screens.*



† PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

UMH 302

Up From the Grave He Arose

UMH 322

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

The Faith We Sing 2158



GATHERING

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Monica J. Chafinhofer

Leader: Called out of grief to recognize the risen Christ.

People: We come to worship God in Spirit and in truth.

Leader: Called from the breaking of bread to a new way of life.

People: We become witnesses of the risen Lord.

RECOGNITION OF OUR SHARED MINISTRY &
REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

Bishop: Ministry is the work of God, done by the people of God. Through our baptisms all Christians share in Christ's ministry of love and service. Therefore, in celebration of our common ministry, I call upon all God's people gathered here: Remember your baptism, and be thankful.

**People: We reaffirm our baptism and our common call to ministry.
Thanks be to God.**

† OPENING SONG

I Love to Tell the Story

UMH 156



RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

Rev. Jessie Colwell & Rev. Mike Mayton

Edward Scott Barnett	Raymond L. McGarr
Clyde Leon Basham Jr.	Linda H. Monroe
Denise Parcelles Bates	Kenneth Wayne Newsome
William D. Bearden	Delia Mills Parrish
Andy Lindsey Brock	James R. Rodden
Susan Kay Carlson	Lydia Esther Rodriguez
Edwin Minter Childress	Mark V. Rooks
Penny Duke Cory	Joseph A. Shoop
David L. Cunningham	Donna Brown Smith
Gary George Denette	Marion R. Sortore
Garey Eakes	Claudia Holmes Stallings
Robert W. Gochenour	Charles Matthew Stribula
Charles Ellsworth Johnson Jr.	Lisa Karen Sykes
Diana L. Johnson	Ken Thrasher
Michelle Dee Louk	Reginald David Tuck
Candace Lynn Martin	

INTRODUCTION TO PASSING OF THE MANTLE

Rev. Jessie Colwell & Rev. Mike Mayton

We ask the retirees of the class of 2024 to pray for all those being recognized today.

Retirees: We pray for a double portion of the Holy Spirit to fall afresh on all who are leading us forward in ministry today. May God strengthen them and envelop them in grace. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE TO PASSING OF THE MANTLE

O Spirit of the Living God

UMH 539

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:13-35 *Youth Delegation Reenactment*

SERMON “We Had Hoped” *Bishop Tom Berlin*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†The Apostles’ Creed Traditional Version *Rev. Darcey Johnson*

RECOGNITION OF THE CALL OF THE LAITY

Rev. Crystal Sygeel & Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

Certified Lay Ministers, Class of 2024

Aurora G. Concepcion	Laura Summers Maher
James Arthur Granger	Tricia O’Hara
Gloria Jeannie Hearn	Gary Franklin Riley
Virginia Ruth Jones	Jennifer Ann Secki Shields
Lauren K. Leggett	Wanda Gail Von Mosch

Lay Supply Pastors, Class of 2024

Louis Joseph Berkeszi	Sadie Cabaniss Hawthorne
Catherine Berry	Tyrek Person
Penny Dollar	Benjamin Smith
Angela Renee Dickerson	Brandon Zobel
Bobby Joe Gardner	

Commissioning of Deaconess Amy Purdom

Bishop: Friend in Christ, we rejoice that you responded to God’s call to servant ministry as a deaconess of The United Methodist Church. In your ministry you continue a tradition of service that is as vital today as it was in 1888 when the Office of Deaconess was first authorized in the Methodist tradition. In your consecration, you publicly declared your commitment to the servant ministry of Jesus Christ: Do you now affirm these commitments for a lifetime of loving and supporting your sisters and brothers as part of the world diaconate?

Deaconess: I do so publicly affirm these declarations with God being my helper.

Bishop: I commission you to the ministry of the deaconess at Staunton High School as a Special Education teacher on behalf of The United Methodist Church. Today, we send you forth with our blessings and support. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE RECOGNIZED
AND ORDAINED

Bishop: Who presents these candidates to be ordained, commissioned and licensed?

All Laity, led by Conference Lay Leader, Martha Stokes:

**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 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 and 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 ordination and commissioning as elders. We present them with our prayers and support.

All Local Pastors and Associate Members, led by Rev. David Edinger:

We present these persons for licensing as local pastors. We present them with our prayers and support.

Bishop: These persons are set apart for ministry in Christ's Holy Church, 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, recognized, commissioned, or licensed?

People: We do! Thanks be to God!

Bishop: Will you uphold them in their ministry?

People: With God's help, we will.

RECOGNITION OF OTHER FELLOWSHIP AND TRANSFERS

Rev. David Bonney

Today we ask those to stand who are newly in the status of other fellowship, and those who have transferred their membership in the Virginia Conference UMC this year. While we have already recognized them in the clergy session, we welcome them before you as our new clergy members of the Virginia Conference UMC and we thank them for their ministry.

Other Fellowship, Class of 2024

Daniel Andersen

Transfers, Class of 2024

Jae Wuk Cho from the Presbyterian Church USA
Jeongseung Lee from the Korean Methodist Church

THE GENERAL EXAMINATION

Bishop: My sisters and brothers in Christ, please stand today as I examine you. Those who will be ordained, commissioned, recognized, or licensed 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, lay supply ministers, and certified lay ministers—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, commissioned or licensed ministry?

I do so believe.

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

I do so believe and confess.

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

I am so persuaded, by God's grace.

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

I will, with the help of God.

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

I will, with the help of God.

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?

I will, with the help of God.

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?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission, covenant to participate in the life of the order, fellowship, or membership into which you are ordained, commissioned, received or recognized?

Will you give yourself to God through this connection in 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?

I will, with the help of God.

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.
Amen.

SONG OF PREPARATION (Instrumental)

EXAMINATION OF LICENSED LOCAL PASTORS

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

Bishop: The licensed local pastor is called to share in the ministry of Christ and of the whole church and authorized by the bishop: to preach and teach the Word of God, shepherd the local congregation, and faithfully administer the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion while appointed to a particular charge.

Do you believe you are moved by the Holy Spirit to serve as a licensed local pastor?

I do.

Will you strive to live a life in keeping with what you preach and teach?

I will, with the help of God.

The congregation prays for them in silence.

Bishop: Almighty God, may the grace of ministry rest upon these your servants and may the opportunity to serve lead them into the fullness of your calling. Bless them in their proclamation, their leadership, their care, and their mission in their communities. Equip them and encourage them that they may honor you with faithful service, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Licensing of Local Pastors, Class of 2024

Martha Arullia Allen	Joseph Lennox Moseray
Pamela Becker Bentley	Annette Northan-Austin
Dinah Bondzie	Kwame Owusu Ansah
Steven Wayne Carr	Stephen Blake Poore
Jason Michael Corron	Justin Bradley Robins
Michael Anthony Cuffee Jr.	Katie Ann Rolka
Sean Michael Gray	Michael Frank Russell
Ritchie Keith Jordan	Andrew Jeremiah Ryu
Benjamin C. Kent	Jair Serrano
Chanmi Lee	Timothy J. Stark
Sangjung Lee	Jacob Edward Thomasson
Yoonsik Lee	Donna R. Tucker
Leah Michelle McGlynn	Meredith Dean Webb

Bishop: Brothers and sisters, you are hereby authorized to serve as a licensed local pastor in the ministry settings and congregations to which you are appointed. Take care that you perform these duties faithfully as you are able, the Lord being your helper. **Amen.**

EXAMINATION OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

Bishop: These provisional members (elders and deacons) now begin their residency towards ordination. They are urged on by the love of Christ and strengthened by the Holy Spirit. They come to declare in public their desire to live out the covenant made at their baptism by binding themselves to the service of God under the supervision of the bishop and the guidance of colleagues in full connection and by being appointed to share as servant leaders in the body of Christ.

Today we commission them to service as they continue to prepare for ordained ministry among us.

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of a commissioned minister?

I do so believe.

Will you give yourself fully to the work of leadership and service among the people of God?

I will, with the help of God.

Bishop: I now invite you to kneel, taking the posture of Christ's servant in ministry.

The candidates kneel, the congregation prays for them in silence.

Bishop: God of the apostles and prophets, of the martyrs and teachers, you raise up men and women to be apostolic leaders in your church. By your Holy Spirit help these, your servants, to understand and live the mystery of your love with boldness and joy.

Deepen their sense of purpose as they exercise commissioned ministry. Empower them, and those who will walk with them to guide their ministry, together with all of your people, to heal the sick, love the outcast, resist evil, preach the Word, and give themselves freely for your name's sake. **Amen.**

THE COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

Provisional Deacons

Bradley Dean Duty
Laura Rose Fanizza
Joseph Henry Plemmons

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon *Name*. Send *her/him* 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. **Amen.**

Provisional Elders

Madison Long Ailinger
Donovan Hector Archie
Timothy Matthew Blake
Lauren Leigh Geraghty
Betsy Taylor Hudson
Hyungkyun Kim

Eric D. Kleppinger
Jae Seong Lee
Ashley Nicole Oliver-Thomas
Blaine Hunter Oliver-Thomas
Yosvany Pereira Proenza

The bishop, laying both hands upon the shoulders of each candidate, prays:

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. **Amen.**

THE CALL OF ORDAINED DEACONS AND ELDERS

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

Bishop: A deacon is called to connect the church to the world. They are called to the four-fold ministry of word, service, compassion, and justice. This is the rule of life and work of a deacon. Those being presented for full membership and ordination as a deacon please rise.

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

I do so believe.

Bishop: An elder is called to share in the ministry of Christ and of the whole church. They are called to the four-fold ministry of word, service, sacraments, and order. This is the rule of life and work of an elder. Those being presented for full membership and ordination as an elder please rise.

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

I do so believe.

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

The congregation prays for them in silence.

The Ordination of Deacons

Renée Kiger Delgado
Andrew Christian LaBar-Dietz

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

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. **Amen.**

The Ordination of Elders

MiRhang Baek	Jonathan Steven Greer
Chad Thomas Beck	Patrick Stevens Pillow
Robin Garman BeMiller	Keith Lee Vernon
Brian Thomas Boettcher	Han Yi
Daniel Harrison Burch	

Bishop: Almighty God, pour upon Name the Holy Spirit for the office and work of an elder in Christ's holy church. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

THE BISHOP'S CALL

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

Servant Song

UMH 307

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

Worship & Song 3122

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

The Faith We Sing 2109

Holy Manna

†CLOSING SONG

Christ Has Risen

The Faith We Sing 2115

SENDING FORTH

†BENEDICTION

Bishop Sue Haupert-Johnson



Are you Feeling Called to Mission and/or Ministry in The United Methodist Church? Fill out this Jotform with the QR code below and Clergy Excellence will be in touch with you soon to aid in your continued discernment.



Musicians

Kyungsuk Cho, Drew Dunbar, Madison Elliot, Aaron Miller, Jeff Rothman, Drew Willson, and Kimberly Young

Service Participants

Bishop Tom Berlin, Resident Bishop of the Florida Conference UMC
Rev. David Bonney, Chair of the Transfer Committee
Rev. Lyndsie Blakely, Chair of the Order of Deacons
Ms. Monica J. Chafinhofer
Rev. Jessie Colwell, Director of Clergy Excellence
Rev. David Edinger, Chair of Associate Members and Licensed Local Pastors
Rev. Tammy Estep, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry
Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, Resident Bishop, VAUMC
Rev. Darcey Johnson, Order of Elders
Rev Mike Mayton, Chair of the Retirement Committee
Mrs. Martha Stokes, Conference Lay Leader
Rev. Crystal Sygeel, Associate Director of Call and Candidacy

Worship Design

A special thank you to Rev. Kathleen Haynes who designed the worship space for this service.

Stoles were lovingly created by Karen McElfish

I take great joy in my ministry of stole-making! The fabrics I pick for the ordinands' stoles reflect a diversity of reds, and the prints evoke the movement of the Holy Spirit and the growth of discipleship. I pray for the recipients of the stoles as I make each one. My hope is that my artwork will enhance their ministries.

Instruments and Sign Acts for the Service of Call & 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.

Ministry of the Laity

What is a Deaconess?

Deaconesses and Home Missioners are laypeople who are called by God to be in a lifetime relationship in The United Methodist Church for engagement with a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice, and service.

Deaconesses and Home Missioners function through diverse forms of service directed toward the world to make Jesus Christ known in the fullness of his ministry and mission, which mandate that his followers:

- Alleviate suffering
- Eradicate causes of injustice and all that robs life of dignity and worth
- Facilitate the development of full human potential
- Share in the building global community through the church universal

In 2016, General Conference recognized deaconesses and home missioners as an order. Members are consecrated, but unlike deacons, they are not ordained. The order is part of United Women in Faith.

Certified Lay Ministers

The certified lay minister is “called and equipped to conduct public worship, care for the congregation, assist in program leadership, develop

new and existing faith communities, preach the word, lead small groups, or establish community outreach ministries as part of a ministry team with the supervision and support of a clergy person.” (2016 BOD ¶268.1)

Lay Supply

¶205.4 (2016 *Book of Discipline*) states “When a pastoral charge is not able to be served by an ordained or licensed minister, the bishop, upon recommendation of the cabinet, may assign a qualified and trained layperson, lay minister or lay missionary to do the work of ministry in that charge. The lay person is accountable to the district superintendent or another ordained or licensed minister appointed to oversee the charge, who will make provision for sacramental ministry and provide guidance and mentoring to the layperson assigned. The layperson assigned is also accountable to the policies and procedures of the annual conference where assigned.”

**These are 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 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.*

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

