

A Service of Celebration

ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF

SUE HAUPERT-JOHNSON

as Resident Bishop of the Richmond Area

The United Methodist Church



Woodlake United Methodist Church

Chesterfield, Virginia

Saturday, February 11, 2023

10:30 in the morning





GATHERING

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Micah Kim

† PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

UMH 89
UMH 400

† GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Gordon Pruitt

Today we are gathered to worship God and to witness to our common faith and ministry as we welcome the new bishop of the Virginia Conference, Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson.

To God be all glory, honor and praise.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

Eternal God, by your grace you have set us together in your Church, whose foundation is your Son Jesus Christ. Grant your continuing grace, we pray, to all who exercise leadership in your Church, that they may with diligence and faithfulness fulfill their various ministries; and grant that we your people may follow them where you lead and minister faithfully in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“You Are Good”
Israel Houghton

Conference Choir

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Melanie Fleischer

God our Good Shepherd, your sheep know the sound of your voice and you call each of us by name. Open our ears and our hearts that as scripture is read and Christ is proclaimed we may hear what you have to say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Rev. Camille Pentsil

† PSALTER

Psalms 100
UMH 821

Monica J. Chafinhofer

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Titus 1:7-9

Rev. Hungsu Lim

† HYMN

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

UMH 399

† GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-7

Hannah Doty

INTRODUCTION OF THE BISHOP

Warren Harper & Rev. Lindsey B. Freeman, *SEJ VA*
Representatives of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy

Bishop Hauptert-Johnson, you have been consecrated to be a shepherd and a servant, and you have now been assigned as bishop of the Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church.

We, the Virginia Conference representatives of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Committee on the Episcopacy, do certify that Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson has been assigned by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy to the Virginia Conference.

We, therefore, present to this congregation Bishop Hauptert-Johnson to be welcomed to the area to which she has been assigned.

INTRODUCTION OF BISHOP HAUPERT-JOHNSON'S FAMILY

Martha Stokes
Conference Lay Leader

SOLO

"He Wants it All"
Forever Jones

Madison Elliott

THE COVENANT SERVICE

Warren Harper
Chair of the Committee on Episcopacy

The Church is the community of those called by God,
justified by grace, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

We who are baptized into Christ's death
and raised with Christ in the resurrection
are living members of the body of Christ
who return thanksgiving to God
in ministries of worship, nurture, witness, and service.

Bishop Hasbrouck Hughes:

A bishop has been ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament;
and to represent Christ's servanthood
in a special ministry of oversight.

A bishop is called to guard the faith, to seek the unity,
and to exercise the discipline of the whole Church;
and to supervise and support the Church's life, work,
and mission throughout the world.

As a servant of the whole Church,
the bishop is called to preach and teach
the truth of the Gospel to all God's people;
to lead people in worship,
in the celebration of the Sacraments,
and in their mission of witness and service in the world,
and so participate in the gospel command
to make disciples of all nations.

The bishop is to lead and guide
all persons entrusted to her supervision;
join in the consecrations of bishops,
ordain deacons and elders,

consecrate diaconal ministers,
and commission other ministers
for service to the Church and to the world;
and provide for the ministry of Word and Sacrament
in the congregations committed to her care.

Warren Harper, Chair of the Committee on the Episcopacy:

Let the shepherd who has been called
now affirm these ministries in our midst.

Bishop Hupert-Johnson:

With God's help,
I promise faithfully to hear and to proclaim God's Word,
and rightly administer the Sacraments, as your pastor and servant.

People:

**With God's help,
we promise to join with you in the life of praise and thanksgiving
and in the faithful use of the means of grace which God has given us.**

Bishop Hupert-Johnson:

By the grace of Christ,
I promise to be among you as a teacher of the faith,
a pastor of souls, and a means to the unity of the body of Christ.

People:

**By the grace of Christ,
we promise to join with you in the life of learning,
in the nurturing of God's people,
and in the seeking of that oneness in Christ
which is Christ's gift to us.**

Bishop Hupert-Johnson:

In the power of the Holy Spirit,
I promise to be for you a means of reconciliation and healing,
that all those who are burdened or oppressed may be made whole,
and be able to rejoice in new life in Jesus Christ.

People:

**In the power of the Holy Spirit,
we promise to be, with you, faithful witnesses,
serving justice, showing mercy,
and in all things proclaiming the acceptable year of the Lord.**

Warren Harper, Chair of the Committee on the Episcopacy:

Let the people say, "Amen."

People:

Amen and amen!

CHARGE TO THE BISHOP

Bishop Ray Chamberlain

PRESENTATION OF SIGNS OF EPISCOPAL MINISTRY

Bishop Hauptert-Johnson, take this pastoral staff,
and be upheld and sustained by Christ the Good Shepherd
as you exercise the ministry of a shepherd among us in Christ's name. **Amen.** Bishop Peter Weaver

Bishop Hauptert-Johnson, take this Bible,
and proclaim fearlessly the prophetic Word
in the cause of justice and peace for all people. **Amen.** Rev. Marcela Jarman

Bishop Hauptert-Johnson, take this water,
be renewed in your baptism and renew us in ours. **Amen.** River Blackmonson

Bishop Hauptert-Johnson, take this bread and cup,
and keep us in communion with Christ and his Church. **Amen.** Rev. Peter Kwon

Bishop Hauptert-Johnson, take this towel and basin,
and be among us as one who serves. **Amen.** Rev. Megan Collins

Bishop Hauptert-Johnson, take this stole,
and be our pastor, preacher, and teacher;
encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries,
and pray for them without ceasing. **Amen.** Rev. Dr. Steve Summers

Bishop Hauptert-Johnson, take this *Book of Discipline*,
guard the faith, seek the unity,
exercise the discipline of the whole Church,
and supervise the Church's life, work, and mission throughout the world. **Amen.** Rev. Marcus Stallworth

Bishop Hauptert-Johnson, take this gavel,
and preside in our Annual Conference;
appoint pastors and assign diaconal ministers to their ministries,
and guide us in our common mission of love and justice,
witness and service. **Amen.** Rev. Madison Ailinger

Warren Harper, Chair of the Committee on the Episcopacy:

Bishop Hauptert-Johnson, these are the signs of your ministry
among the people of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.
Faithfully administer discipline, but do not forget mercy,
that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear,
you may receive the never-fading crown of glory.

Bishop Hauptert-Johnson:

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church,
I gladly assume, with you and among you,
this ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Order,
of pastoral supervision, government, and service.

Strengthened by the love of God
and the remembrance of my consecration to the episcopacy,

I am resolved to serve faithfully and well
the congregations and people of the Virginia Annual Conference
as bishop, pastor, and friend.

RESPONSE TO THE CHARGE

SERMON

“Search, Find, Party!”
Luke 15

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

† HYMN

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

UMH 348

WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

People:

On behalf of the congregations and people,
we receive you, Bishop Hauptert-Johnson,
with joy and thanksgiving as our bishop and pastor.

We pledge to you our prayers, our loyalty, and our support
as you lead us in the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us.

Welcome your bishop!

The people acclaim their bishop with applause or other signs.

PRAYER

Bishop Ray W. Chamberlain Jr.

O God, Shepherd and Ruler of the faithful,
look with favor on your servant Sue Hauptert-Johnson,
whom your Church has appointed bishop and chief pastor of the Virginia Annual Conference.

Grant that, by word and example,
she may assist those among whom she is placed,
so that she and the people entrusted to her care
may fulfill the promises that they have made this day;
grow together in unity, love, and service;
and at last attain everlasting life;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson
Rev. Lyndsie Blakely, Chair of Order of Deacons

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*As you come forward to receive communion, we will be taking an offering for the mission and ministry
within the Virginia Annual Conference.*

Prayer following communion:

We thank you, gracious Lord, for giving yourself to us,
and for uniting us in the communion of your Holy Spirit.

We bless you for raising up among us
your faithful servant Bishop Sue
for the ministry of a bishop in your Church.

We pray that she may be to us an effective example
in word and action, in love and patience, and in the holiness of life.

Grant that we, with her,
may glorify you by giving ourselves to others;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

† DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

† HYMN

“Precious Name”

UMH 536

† GOING FORTH

*Everyone is invited to a reception in honor of Bishop Sue Haupert-Johnson and her family
in the fellowship hall immediately following this service.*



This Service is sponsored by the Virginia Conference Committee on the Episcopacy:

Laity: Warren Harper (Chair & Jurisdictional Committee), Shirley Cauffman, John P. Clarke, Martha Stokes (Conference Lay Leader), Melissa Holmes, Clark Williams

Clergy: Gina Anderson-Cloud, Lindsey B. Freeman (Jurisdictional Committee), Rachel G. May, John B. Peters, Sung Il Yoo

Worship Design Team:

Rev. Gennie Bowles, Rev. Kevin Elmore, Rev. Josette Franklin, Rev. Beth Givens, Rev. Dan Kim, Mrs. Katie Mueller, Rev. Gordon Pruitt, Rev. Dr. Steve Summers, Mrs. Madeline White, Rev. Drew Willson

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Dr. Charles Staples, Pianist; Victor Neal, Song Leader, New Life UMC: Darren Raley, Woodlake Director of Worship: Michael Berkley, Woodlake Associate Director of Worship: The Woodlake Band

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Adam Weston, Woodlake Production/Technical Director: The Woodlake Tech Team

Many thanks to all who participated in the worship service today!

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BISHOP
SUE HAUPERT-JOHNSON

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson was elected bishop by the 2016 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference (SEJ) of The United Methodist Church and consecrated July 15, 2016. Her first assignment as bishop was to the North Georgia Episcopal Area beginning September 1, 2016. She was assigned to the Virginia Conference at the 2022 SEJ Conference.

A Florida native, Bishop Hauptert-Johnson (or “Bishop Sue”) is a graduate of the University of Florida (B.S. in Business Administration), University of Florida College of Law (J.D.), and Candler School of Theology at Emory University (M.Div.). She was a federal law clerk and a litigator with the Tampa law firm of Carlton, Fields before she answered her call to ministry.

After graduating summa cum laude from Candler, she was ordained a deacon in the Florida Annual Conference in 1996 and an elder in 1998. She subsequently served pastoral appointments as an associate pastor at First UMC, Lakeland; and as a lead pastor at Hillsborough UMC, Tampa; First UMC, Cape Coral, and First UMC, Ocala. Bishop Hauptert-Johnson served as the North Central District Superintendent of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church from 2013-2016.

As district superintendent, she guided a diverse area of very large and very small churches, urban, suburban, and rural churches; African-American, Haitian, and Hispanic

churches; a Native American ministry; a large camp and retreat center, and a vibrant campus ministry. She was the “missional strategist” for this region, equipping and resourcing churches for ministry and helping them work together to reach their mission fields for Jesus Christ.

She was the Florida Conference’s clergy delegation leader for General Conference 2016. She has represented the Florida Conference at the quadrennial United Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference four times and the United Methodist General Conference in 2008, 2012 and 2016. She also was chairperson of the Judicial Administration Legislative Committee at the 2012 General Conference.

Bishop Hauptert-Johnson is known for mission-driven and fruitful appointment making and her work on alignment of focus at the annual conference level. She serves on the Board of Directors for Global Ministries. She serves on the Emory University Board of Trustees as well as five other United Methodist-related colleges and universities in Virginia, and on numerous ministry and agency boards. She chairs the Dean’s Advisory Council of The Candler School of Theology and serves on the Board of Governors at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Bishop Hauptert-Johnson is married to Rev. Allen Johnson. They have a daughter, Samantha. She enjoys NCAA football and basketball, all things Broadway, reading and movies.