

Virginia United Methodist Center

Chapel

Order of Worship

ENTRANCE

Gathering

†Call to Worship

Leader: Out of the depths of our being, let us cry to the Lord!

People: For the Lord hears, and the Lord is attentive to our prayers.

Leader: We can stand before the Lord, and the Lord forgets our sin and wrongdoing.

People: Our souls wait for a word of hope from the Lord.

Leader: The morning has come. Our wait is over.

All: Let us receive the presence of the Lord in worship.

†Hymn 474

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit you are welcome here. We invite you into this place where we, your orators, your writers, your psalmists, and your worshipers are gathered. We praise you for the amazing gift you have bestowed upon us. May we never take it for granted that you chose us from the foundations of the world to be here at this time. Help us to cultivate, nurture, and use the gift that you have placed in us for your glory and honor. We are nothing without you. We are the writing instruments in the hand of the most capable and creative entity, the Great I am, the Ancient of Days, the Alpha and Omega.

May the words we pen today and from this day forward exalt and reverence the almighty God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. May these words be anointed to encourage, edify, chastise, free, heal, save, teach, forgive, bring purpose, expose, and unify your body. May they defeat, confuse, tear down, expose, shame, tread-upon, and rebuke the enemy of our souls, the great deceiver, and the stealer of destinies. With the great counselor as our guide and with our pens in our hand may we write the vision, record our history, and compose a new sound that will reverberate through the ranks of your people. Awaken within us your purpose and release us to new levels of knowledge of you and your kingdom. Holy Spirit, come, you are worthy!

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading

Psalm 130:1-8 (NIV)

Message

There Is Hope in the Midst of Uncertainty

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis

Prayers of the People

†Hymn 356

When We Are Living

SENDING FORTH

†Benediction

Go out and imitate God, living in love.
Put your hope in God's Word
and let your own words be truthful and constructive.
May sin rouse your anger,
. . . but never let anger cause you to sin.
Don't allow any room for evil.

And may God always hear your voice.
May Christ Jesus raise you to new life;
and may the Holy Spirit nourish you for the life of love.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
. . . In the name of Christ. Amen.

†Stand as you are able

Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal

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