

2023 EAST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SERVICES & CELEBRATIONS BOOK

"We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. This is because we remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father."

1 THESSALONIANS 1:2-3 (CEB)

SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday, June 8 9:00 a.m.

Faith Hope Love

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PRELUDE	"Sinfonia from Cantata No. 29 BWV 29"	Bach

CALLING THE CONFERENCE TO ORDER

EAST OHIO AREA LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

"We, the people of the East Ohio Area of The United Methodist Church, wish to acknowledge that our communities have been built on lands that many Indigenous peoples once called home. We pay our respect to the Lenni-Lenape, Wyandotte, Shawnee, Seneca, Cayuga, Ojibwe, and Odawa peoples who lived in this area when settlers first arrived, and who were forced to relinquish their lands to the United States through a series of treaties, culminating in the Treaty of Greenville. We also honor those Lenni-Lenape who established the first Christian settlements in Ohio. We remember the 96 men, women, and children of their number who were martyred at Gnadenhutten by colonial militia during the American Revolution. Finally, we recognize the contributions of the Indigenous people, from many nations, who reside in northeast Ohio. We acknowledge our responsibility to pursue mutually healing relationships."

***OPENING HYMN**

"And Are We Yet Alive"

UMH 553

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to the table named Thanksgiving! We come to the table in faith to feast with Christ our Host.

Gather around the table named Communion! We gather to draw strength from Christ and one another to do the work of love.

Rejoice in the presence of God at the table named for Jesus!

Kimberly Green

Bishop Tracy S. Malone

We celebrate the hope we share in Christ that empowers us to persevere in this life of faith, hope and love.

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PRAYER

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Thank you for inviting us to eat with you, Jesus, at this table we share with all your saints, those living in our world today, and those living with you forever. Strengthen and encourage us by the example of their faith, hope and love, that we may go from this table in joy and power to share your love in ways that bless and transform your world. Amen. Source: Rev. Susan Lausch. Used with permission.

"For All the Saints"

REMEMBERING THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

In loving memory, giving thanks to God, we celebrate these faithful servants of Jesus Christ, who rest from their labors and rejoice in God's presence.

Clergy Now in the Church Triumphant

O God of all the saints, we give thanks for those ordained, consecrated, and licensed in this annual conference:

Larry R. Black	Irwin E. Jennings	Robert S. Phillips, Jr.
Donald Booth	Ernest E. Gardner	Leslie A. Peine
John W. Caddey	Paul Gerycz	Ellen Purchase
Philip N. Carl	C. Dwight Hayes	Sheryl Seitz
John Capper	James T. Henderson	Fred A. Schmidt, Jr.
Catherine (Kay) Dunlap	W. Kent Joy	Glenn A. Taylor
Wendy Erb	Donald E. LaFaber	Anthony J. Tolbert, III
Charles Ferrell	Beth Ann Mansperger	Mary Lu Warstler
Paul E. Froman	James N. McConnell	Richard A. Yaussy

Clergy Spouses Now in the Church Triumphant

O God of all the saints, we give thanks for spouses who shared their ministries in this annual conference:

Melissa Hitchcock

Bishop Tracy S. Malone

UMH 711

Ed Peterson

Melissa Hitchcock

Leah Iris Andrews	Clara Jackson	Maurine Moody Scott
Roger S. Antolik	Janet L. Jennings	Joan Neth
Shirley M. Bixler	Marybelle H. Landrum	Evelyn Fay Sutherland
Phyllis Brown	Janet M. Lynn	Mary C. Tolbert
Helen Capper	Judith T. McCartney	Marilyn M. Waller
Ruby Cunningham	Jean H. McFarren	Elnora K. Wells

Laity Leaders Now in the Church Triumphant

Kimberly Green

O God of all the saints, we give thanks for laity who have led faithfully in this annual conference:

Marlene Bond Sharon Licht Gracie L. Murphy

Family Members Now in the Church Triumphant

O God of all the saints, we give thanks for children, siblings and loved ones whom we now name in our hearts before you.

PRAYER

Ed Peterson

Please join me in prayer, which will end with 10 seconds of silence and the ringing of the bell three times.

Everliving God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are no more. What happiness we shared when they walked among us. What joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.

Their memory is a blessing for ever.

Months or years may have passed, and still we feel near to them.

Our hearts yearn for them.

Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides, for the place where once they stood is empty now.

The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.

Their souls are bound up in ours forever.

We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger. So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight. We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.

Their memory is a blessing forever.

And we remember as well the members who but yesterday were part of our congregations and community.

To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute. May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith, for now the task is ours.

Their souls are bound up in ours forever.

We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you. As a great cloud of witnesses, they surround us with their blessings, and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

They are alive for ever more. Amen.

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ANTHEM	"Come Find His Rest"	Forrest
SCRIPTURE	1 John 3:1-3	
SERMON	"The Gift of Hope"	Bishop Tracy S. Malone
*HYMN	"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"	UMH 383

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Bishop Tracy S. Malone

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Spirit of God be with you all. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to God.

Give thanks to our God! All our thanks, all our praise!

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Before all that is, You were God. Outside all we know, You are God. After all is finished, You will be God. Archangels sound the trumpets, angels teach us their song, saints pull us into your presence. And this is our song: Holy, Holy, Holy God,
our life, our mercy, our might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Save us, we pray, You beyond all.
Blest is the One who comes in your name.
Save us, we pray, You beyond all.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

You beyond the galaxies, You under the oceans, You inside the leaves, You pouring down rain, You opening the flowers, You feeding the insects, You giving us your image, You carrying us through the waters, You holding us in the night,

Your smile on Sarah and Abraham, Your hand with Moses and Miriam, Your words through Deborah and Isaiah, You lived as Jesus among us, healing, teaching, dying, rising, inviting us all to your feast.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body, given for you."

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Holy God, we remember your Son, His life with the humble, His death among the wretched, His resurrection for us all: Your wisdom our guide, Your justice our strength, Your grace our path to rebirth.

And so we cry, Mercy: Mercy!

And so we cry, Glory: Glory!

And so we cry, Blessing: Blessing!

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit:

Enliven this bread, awaken this body, pour us out for each other.

Transfigure our minds, ignite your church, nourish the life of the earth.

Make us, while many, united, make us, though broken, whole, make us, despite death, alive.

And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit: Come, Holy Spirit!

And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit: Come, Holy Spirit!

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three, our Life, our Mercy, our Might, our Table, our Food, our Server, our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove, our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine, our Light, our Treasure, our Tree, our Way, our Truth, our Life.

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise forever.

And so we cry, Amen!

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LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

ANTHEM	"Jesus Paid It All"	Forman
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION	"Rhosymedre"	Williams
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION		Bishop Tracy S. Malone

*CLOSING HYMN

*BENEDICTION

With thankful hearts, let us go from Christ's table in faith, to do the work of love.

Thank you, Jesus, for renewing our faith, empowering us to love, and giving us hope!

Never give up, because our hope comes from Christ, in whom God walks and works with us. So go in peace and in power!

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

Amen.

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POSTLUDE

"Toccata Brevis"

Gawthrop

(Please be seated during the postlude. After the music you may greet the families of those being commemorated in the Karder Terrace beyond the hallway pillars.)

NOTE: THE MORNING BUSINESS SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 11:00 A.M.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SERVICE

Liturgist/Reader of C	Preacher:Bishop Tracy S. Malone Clergy Names:Rev. Ed Peterson, Executive Assistant to the Bishop Clergy Spouse Names:Rev. Ed Peterson, Executive Assistant to the Bishop
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Cross Bearer:	Nathan Foulkrod, Conference Council on Youth Ministries Vice-President
Water Bearer:	Rev. Kathy Dickriede, Connectional Ministries Office Missions
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Cup Bearer:	Rev. Edna Stahl, Lexington Church of the Cross UMC
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Organist:	Anna Judkins, Westlake UMC
Choir:	East Ohio Annual Conference Choir
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MORNING WORSHIP

Friday, June 9 9:00 a.m.

Faith Hope Love

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PRELUDE

"In Cloud and Sea"

Elliott

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Valerie Riedthaler

Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self.

Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut,

doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, **love is never "me first,"**

doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, **love takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,**

puts up with anything, trusts God always, love always looks for the best,

never looks back, but keeps going to the end. Love never dies.

We are waiting to unite fully with the one great love, until then we have faith, hope, and love, but the greatest of these is love. **Pursue love.**

Source: "Worship's Wake" 2016, https://worshipswake.wordpress.com/2016/02/08. By Pastor N. Decker. Used with permission.		
*HYMN	'Love Divine, All Love's Excelling"	UMH 384
Thank you for gathering us here be in our midst and that your p	esence in our lives. It is because of this morning for this service. W eace descend on us so that we m ne of God the Father, Son, and Ho Source: Terri Betts, Solon U	e ask that your Holy Spirit ay be able to truly listen bly Spirit. Amen.
ANTHEM	"Anthems of Love"	Dan Forrest
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION		Monique Greenfield
INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER		Bishop Tracy S. Malone
SCRIPTURE	Acts 13:22 (NJKV)	
SERMON	"The Things We Do for Love"	Rev. Angela Lewis
*HYMN	"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"	UMH 452
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Monique Greenfield

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Among all that we have, there are so many hurting and needy people. We lift them up to you and ask that you would bless them, help them, heal them.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

May your peace fill their hearts and may joy shine! We ask that you intercede for them, fulfilling their needs according to your will.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We also pray that you would use us to help them in any way we can.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open our eyes and make us aware of the opportunities we have to bless others in need. Help us to not be selfish, help us to share.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All that we have is yours and we surrender to you. We commit this prayer to you, in Jesus' name. **Amen**.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. *HYMN "Faith, Not Fear" Bass *BENEDICTION James Roberson "Prelude on 'Brother James' Air'" POSTLUDE Wright

NOTE: THE MORNING BUSINESS SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 10:15 A.M.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SERVICE

Presiding Bishop:	Bishop Tracy S. Malone
Preacher:	Rev. Angela Lewis
Liturgist:De	eaconess Valerie Riedthaler, Cuyahoga Falls First UMC
Liturgist:	Rev. James Roberson, Retired
Liturgist:	Pastor Monique Greenfield, St. Matthew UMC
Choir Director:	Joe Leaman, Montrose Zion UMC
Organist:	Anna Judkins, Westlake UMC
Choir:	East Ohio Annual Conference Choir
Special Music:	Celebration UMC & Friends
Accompanist:	Carolyn Farley, Celebration UMC
Service Designer:	Teresa Betts, Solon UMC
Sermon Banner Designed and Made By:	Teresa Betts, Solon UMC

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CELEBRATION OF RETIREMENT

Friday, June 9 12:00 p.m.

Faith Hope Love

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WELCOME

NURTURING THE CALL

Earlier this year the retirees were asked these three questions: Who nurtured you in your call? What was your greatest joy in ministry? What words of encouragement do you have for this year's incoming clergy class?

Throughout this afternoon's celebration, we will hear our retirees' responses to those questions centered around our covenant with God and one another. We begin by learning about those who nurtured our clergy's call.

REFLECTION

CELEBRATING THE CALL

Our clergy have been faithful to their call. Watch and listen as they share some of the many moments that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives!

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

Brothers and sisters in Christ, you came to us from congregations where the Spirit of the Lord was upon you; and you were charged to preach to the brokenhearted, to visit the captive, to anoint those who were bruised and be in service to the world. These things you have done.

We thank God for the community of the faithful in which the Word of God found a response. Countless persons have depended upon you for help. In the providence of God, you know that both suffering and joy can be God's way of teaching and healing.

Bishop Tracy S. Malone

Bishop Tracy S. Malone

Carolyn Berry

Carolyn Berry

Deacons, at your ordination, you received authority to proclaim the word of God and to lead us in ministries of compassion and justice. Elders, at your ordination, you received authority to proclaim the word of God, to administer the sacraments and to order the life of the church. Local Pastors through your License you received authority to proclaim the word of God and to administer the sacraments in the church you were appointed. By God's grace, you all did all this and many other things that seemed to be beyond your power.

We thank God that you were given the vision to be faithful. Death and illness have not come on schedule. The truth has not always been easy to preach. We know something of the grace by which you have lived, and we thank God for your vision.

Never think lightly of the great good that God has wrought through you. Continue to be true to your calling. May God's love and power be with you always. Let us pray together.

God of grace, you fill your servants with vision. You empower your servants with your Spirit. We give thanks for the ministry of these women and men, and for the ways in which you have ministered to us through them. Give them a sense of your abiding presence that they may continue to love and serve you, and ever grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Source: The United Methodist Book of Worship, page 735

*HYMN

"Joyfully, Joyfully"

Celebration UMC & Friends

Carolyn Berry

PRESENTATION OF THE RETIRING CLASS OF 2023

Lee Cubie Gail Angel Josh Arrington Ricky Dawson Dogba Bass James Ellis Max Beerv Janet Fillmore Diane Bell Kenneth Gifford Layton Broome Michael Grant Mollie Brown Rick Harvel Stephen Browning Karen Hollingsworth David Cann Thomas Joyce Sue Chidley Jerry Krueger Hang-Baek Cho Teresa Krueger Jeffrey Coggins Renae Meggit Kevin Coleman David R. Miller David Nikkel Marilyn Coney

Kenneth Ogg Brian Oglesbee Carl Orphanides David Palmer Vernon Palo David Scavuzzo T. Mark Slay David J. Smith Steven M. Smith Ruth Trigg Janice Walsh William Westling

ENCOURAGING THE CALL IN OTHERS

Our retirees were nurtured in their ministry and now share their words of encouragement and wisdom with this year's incoming class of clergy, who were commissioned or ordained yesterday afternoon.

PASSING OF THE MANTLE

Bishop Tracy S. Malone

In the Book of Kings, we read of the prophet Elijah's ministry. The mantle, a symbol of servanthood to God, fell upon the younger prophet Elisha and the spirit of Elijah rested on Elisha.

I transfer this mantle from our generation to the next generation, indicating thereby that the responsibilities and dedication of our generation will be caught up and carried on by yours, and the spirit of today's Elijahs will rest upon today's Elishas.

We who come after you, take up the mantle which falls upon us. May we inherit a double share of your spirit.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Source: Ephesians 4:1-6

*HYMN

"All to His Glory" Celebration UMC & Friends

CLOSING PRAYER

Jonathan Priebe

(Please be seated after the closing prayer to allow the retirees to move to designated spots inside the Exhibit Hall and in the Karder Terrace beyond the hallway pillars where you can greet them following the Celebration of Retirement.)

NOTE: THE AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 2:30 P.M.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SERVICE

Presiding Bishop:	Bishop Tracy S. Malone
Presenter:	Rev. Carolyn Berry, Doylestown UMC
Special Music:	Celebration UMC & Friends
Special Music Director:	Carolyn Farley, Celebration UMC
Passing of the Mantle:	Rev. Dr. David Palmer, Kent First UMC
Passing of the Mantle:Rev. Jennifer Whitmo	re, Nankin Community UMC & Paradise Hill UMC
Prayer:	. Rev. Jonathan Priebe, Cuyahoga Falls First UMC
Celebration Designer:	Rev. Carolyn Berry, Doylestown UMC

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SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING AND ORDINATION

Friday, June 9 4:30 p.m.

Faith Hope Love

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*GATHERING SONG	"God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us"	UMH 100
*PROCESSIONAL	"The Summons"	TFWS 2130
*GREETING AND PRAYER The grace of Jesus Christ be	e with you all.	Kathy Dickriede

And also with you.

The Holy Spirit is among us. Move us, Holy Spirit!

Let us pray.

Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit you gave to your apostles and all your church many excellent gifts. Come upon us gathered here to set apart those who will lead among us by calling and equipping us to fulfill your desire that we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF COMMON MINISTRY & REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Bishop Tracy S. Malone

Siblings in Christ, we are all made one with the death of Jesus Christ and raised with him to walk in newness of life in the gift of baptism by water and the Spirit.

The same Spirit who enlivens us empowers us with many and diverse gifts to serve as new creatures, renouncing evil, embracing and submitting to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and joining together as his body to serve as his representatives in the world.

We all start here. The Spirit leads us all.

Remember you are baptized and be thankful. We reaffirm our baptism and our common call to ministry.

*HYMN	"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"	UMH 662
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PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE COMMISSIONED, ORDAINED, OR RECOGNIZED

Who presents these candidates to be ordained or commissioned?

CONFERENCE LAY LEADER

The laity of our local congregations have recommended them. We present them with our prayers and support.

CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF MINISTRY

The Board of Ministry of this annual conference has examined them according to the standards of our Discipline and our annual conference. We present them with our prayers and support.

REGISTRAR FOR PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

We present these persons for commissioning as provisional members, Deacon and Elders:

Theresa Carter	James Lance	Shane Russo
Lindsey Funtik	Tammy Palermo	

CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF MINISTRY

We present these persons for ordination as Deacon and Elders:

CHAIR OF THE ORDER OF ELDERS

Matthew Anderson William Baker Claudia Britton Lisa Courtwright Andrew Thompson Amy Vittorio

CHAIR OF THE ORDER OF DEACONS

Stanley Wertz

Kimberly Arbaugh

Jonathan Priebe

Jennifer Whitmore Jonathan Williams

Kathy Dickriede

Jonathan Priebe

Lisa Kropinak

Kimberly Green

CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF MINISTRY

Jonathan Priebe

We rejoice in the Spirit's work in our lives and the lives of these who come to serve and lead among us. Those authorized by the church to inquire about them have discerned that they are persons of sound I earning and of Christian character, possess the necessary signs of God's grace, and have demonstrated a profound commitment to serve Jesus Christ.

Therefore, we believe them to be duly called to serve God.

We ask you, people of God, to declare your assent to the ordination or commissioning of these persons.

We trust that they are worthy, by God's grace, to be ordained or commissioned. We will uphold them with our prayers and support. Thanks be to God!

THE GENERAL EXAMINATION

My siblings in Christ,

As commissioned or ordained ministers and associate members, you are to be coworkers with bishops, Elders, Deacons, local pastors, provisional members, diaconal ministers, deaconesses, home missioners, supply pastors, and all the people of God.

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's kingdom above all. So, we may know that 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 set apart 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, participate in the life and work of the community, and seek peace, justice, and freedom for all people?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you be faithful to The United Methodist Church, accepting and upholding its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline, defending them 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 into which you are ordained, commissioned, received, or recognized? I will, with the help of God.

Will you give yourself to God through the order or fellowship, 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 by the Holy Spirit may be brought to perfection.

All: Amen.

*HYMN	"Now Thank We All Our God"	UMH 102
SCRIPTURE	1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (CEB)	Bishop Tracy S. Malone

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Bishop Tracy S. Malone

SCRIPTURE	2 Kings 2:1-13	
SERMON	"Receiving the Mantle"	Rev. Jay Rundell
*HYMN	"In the Midst of New Dimensions"	TFWS 2238 v. 1 & 2

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONING Bishop Tracy S. Malone

A provisional member is bound to the service of God and supervised by the bishop, and guided by ordained and lay colleagues in the Board of Ministry, as they continue to grow in grace and to practice and perfect their skills in the ministries to which they may later be ordained as Deacon or Elder. This is the way of life and work of a provisional member.

Do you believe that God has called you to continue your preparation toward ordained ministry in this way? I do so believe.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit.

Come upon these, your servants. **Come upon these, your servants.** Come upon (Name) Send them among us to serve and to continue to learn the way of life of the order into which *they* may be ordained.

Send them forth to announce the good news of your beloved community and to equip disciples of Jesus for ministry.

Lead us to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All glory and praise are yours, now and forever!

EXAMINATION OF ELDER CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION

An Elder is called to share in the ministry of Christ and of the whole church:

to preach and teach the Word of God, and faithfully administer

the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; to lead the people of God in worship and prayer; to lead persons to faith in Jesus Christ; to exercise pastoral supervision, to order the life of the congregation and connection, to counsel the troubled, and declare the forgiveness of sin; to lead the people of God in obedience to Christ's mission in the world; to seek justice, peace, and freedom for all people; and to take a responsible place in the government of the Church and in service in and to the community.

Friends, this is the rule of life and work of an Elder.

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of an Elder? I do so believe.

EXAMINATION OF DEACON CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION Bishop Tracy S. Malone

A Deacon is called to share in Christ's ministry of servanthood, to relate the life of the community to its service in the world, to lead others into Christian discipleship, to nurture disciples for witness and service,

to lead in worship, to teach and proclaim God's Word,

to assist Elders and appointed local pastors at Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, to interpret to the church the world's hurts and hopes, to serve all people, particularly the poor, the sick, and the oppressed, and to lead Christ's people in ministries of compassion and justice, liberation and reconciliation, especially in the face of hardship and personal sacrifice.

This is the rule of life and work of a deacon. Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of a Deacon? I do so believe.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit.

Come upon these, your servants. Come upon these, your servants.

Come upon (Name).

Fill them with every good and perfect gift for the office and work of an Elder. Take now authority as an Elder in Christ's Holy Church to proclaim the word of God, administer the sacraments, and order the life of the church.

Lead us to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

All glory and praise are yours, now and forever!

Name, be an Elder among us.

Come upon (Name).

Fill him with every good and perfect gift for the office and work of a Deacon. As you have placed yourself into the hands of God, take now authority as a Deacon in Christ's holy Church to proclaim the word of God, and lead us in ministries of compassion and justice.

Lead us to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

All glory and praise are yours, now and forever!

(Name), be a Deacon among us.

*HYMN	"In the Midst of New Dimensions"	TFWS 2238 v. 3,4 & 5
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THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Bishop Tracy S. Malone & Rev. Kathy Dickriede

INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND PEACE

Christ our Lord invites all to the table, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to be at peace with God and one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you! And also with you!

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

You built your church on the foundation of the prophets and apostles, and instituted a holy ministry so that your prophetic and apostolic Word might be heard until the end of time.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. He called disciples and empowered them for ministry. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

When Jesus, the great Shepherd of your flock, ascended, he sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and make disciples of all nations. He promised to be with them always and sent the Holy Spirit to lead them.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with one another, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

This is the joyful feast of the children of God! Now come from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, to share in the bread and the wine made holy!

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.

MUSIC WHILE RECEIVING

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Let us pray.

We thank you, gracious God, for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us, and united us in the communion of your Holy Spirit. We bless you for raising up among us faithful servants. Clothe them and us with your righteousness and grant that we, with them, may glorify you by giving ourselves to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO ANSWER THE CALL TO MINISTRY		Bishop Tracy S. Malone
HYMN	"Two Fishermen"	TFWS 2101
POSTLUDE	"Final"	Franck

(Please be seated during the postlude to allow the newly commissioned and ordained clergy to move to the Harvey S. Firestone Room where you may greet and celebrate with them after the music.)

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MORNING WORSHIP

Saturday, June 10 9:00 a.m.

Faith Hope Love

"We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. This is because we remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father." -- 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (CEB)

*Indicates to stand as able.

PRELUDE

"Jesus, I Need You"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Abby Colbow

God is faithful through the long and trying ages. We bless the name of the One who does not leave our sides.

Though the tempest swirls and the shadows hunger, peace and light are ours in Christ Jesus.

Where do we look in failure and in doubt? We lift our eyes to the hills; help is on the way.

May our worship be sincere and may our spirits be centered. Our winding roads have led us here and we now wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Amen.

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*HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

*OPENING PRAYER

Jaime Ebersole

Loving Heavenly Parent, we turn toward you today in expectation of the transformative ways we will see you move. You have never failed and it is with the confidence of children that we place all of our hope in you. Holy Spirit, descend upon us and make the atmosphere thick with your presence so that we might be reminded of the Lord's steadfast goodness, no matter what we are called to face. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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	OF THE SPEAKER	Bishop Tracy S. Malone
SCRIPTURE	Ezekiel 2:1-7; 3:4-11	Jonathan Pavelich
SERMON	"The Perseverance that Comes from Hope"	Rev. Dr. David Palmer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nathan Foulkrod

Lord, we confess that we have allowed ourselves to bow before despair. We have believed the lie that the darkest valley is the final punctuation in this story you are writing. Our strength has flagged, our hopes have sunken, and our hearts have turned stony. Forgive us, God of Life, for forgetting your great faithfulness and your astounding, all-consuming love. Remind us today that you are not finished with this narrative. Bring us back into the Divine bosom and breathe on us anew. Amen.

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus Christ is our hope and, by his life, death, and resurrection, we are free to prophetically proclaim the Kingdom of God, which has no end. Through his victory over death, you are healed and empowered!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

- hallowed be thy name;
- thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
- on earth as it is in heaven.
- Give us this day our daily bread.
- And forgive us our trespasses,
- as we forgive those who trespass against us.
- And lead us not into temptation;
- but deliver us from evil.
- For thine is the kingdom and
- the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Jonathan Pavelich

*HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH 593

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. David Palmer

POSTLUDE

"Not Afraid"

NOTE: THE MORNING BUSINESS SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 10:15 A.M.

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