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The United Methodist Church

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West Virginia Wesleyan College

Sandra Steiner Ball, Resident Bishop



Worship Team Welcome

Greetings from the Annual Conference worship team. We are glad to be with you at West Virginia Wesleyan College, celebrating another year of ministry through business and worship. As we prepared to design worship for this year, we considered the theme—*Invitation*—and asked one question, “What are we inviting people to?”

After praying, searching scripture and reading Wesley’s sermon “On a Catholic Spirit,” together we decided that what we are inviting people into is participation in a Triune God. We want people to be a part of a community of love which does not fear separation, or punishment, or abandonment, but in all things, seeks to be unified in the work and will of God through discipleship and the growth of servant leaders.

For us, that made the communion table the perfect center for worship and business. When we gather in the Wesley Chapel we will do so with the Lord’s table in the center. We will use the table as our presiding table and our feasting table. It will be our home while we are together.

The table is powerful because it is a tangible call: Christ came into the world to make it whole, to reconcile it to God, to give every person hope and life. For those of us who are in the church already proclaiming the good news to the world, the table is a reminder that we are guests and not the hosts. The church and all that is good in it, belongs to God. It is also a reminder that there are still folks missing from the table and that dinner doesn’t begin until everyone has come in, washed their hands, and found their plate.

In an effort to model what it means to be “invitational” we have created margin notes in the worship book this year as a teaching tool that perhaps you might use in your local church. Education about the elements of worship is a vital part of inviting others to participate in the work and will of God. We hope you will take your book back with you and use this tool in your faith communities. Please also note the resources on the back cover, which allows you to see where the information for the margin notes originated.

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Abbreviations:

TFWS	=	The Faith We Sing
UMH	=	The United Methodist Hymnal
W&S	=	Worship and Song Book
URWB	=	Upper Room Worship Book

Our offerings

We always thank God for the opportunity to offer ourselves and our gifts for outreach. The West Virginia Conference acts as a steward of our gifts, and is pleased to announce all undesignated financial gifts will be shared among three transformational ministries. To designate your gift please write the name of your preferred ministry on the memo line of your check. To learn more about these vital ministries please see the information below:

Africa University Scholarships

Africa University was built by The United Methodist Church in a process dating back to 1980. Since then, Africa University has consistently provided its students professional knowledge and skills while it also seeks to impart spiritual maturity, ethics, and leadership qualities. Africa University, in its bid to make higher education accessible to as many students as possible, and being aware of the low-income status of the average African family, offers funding to deserving students to assist with payment of their University fees. The money given for this ministry will be used for student scholarships, with preference toward students studying theology.

United Methodist Temple Clarksburg, Recovery Home

Leaders from local churches, community organizations, and state government continue to work together to name the harm done by substance use disorder. They also continue to work toward the hope that is possible in recovery for people and communities. In the last two years the people of the West Virginia Conference have heard stories through programs like “What If” and “Day of Hope.” We have an opportunity today to honor those stories and the people who live them by supporting Recovery Home in Clarksburg, WV. Offerings made to Recovery Home will be used to open this new facility.

WV Conference youth attending Youth 2019

Youth from all over the United Methodist Connection will gather in July for four days of discipleship, worship, bible study, service opportunities, and life-changing fun. Participation in the event allows youth to experience the global nature of the church while building relationships with others seeking to be disciples in a fast-paced and always changing world. Offerings given to West Virginia Conference Youth will be used to offset the cost of attendance for youth from the West Virginia Conference, as they travel to the event taking place in Kansas City, Missouri.

† **Standing:** As a mark of respect for God's presence, and as an affirmation to what we are saying and singing, we often stand in worship. When we sit it is not just a break from standing. We sit as students often sit to receive a teacher's word, during the sermon and prayers. We also kneel at times like Communion or Confession, in some churches, to show humility before God. We are constantly communicating with our bodies in worship. Try including an explanation of your church's common bodily practices to teach and help others be at home in your services.

God is Here

660 – UMH

Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH

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Opening Worship with Communion

Thursday, June 13, 2019 ❖ 1:30 pm

(worship gathering music will begin at 1:15 pm)

† signifies that all are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit

Gathering Music

Sing All Creation

Children of Peace

(*Suluhisha, Suluhihana* – Make peace with one another)

Shenandoah Conservatory Arts Academy Choirs

Glenn Caluda

Mark Brymer

Love One Another

Hal Hopson

(Text: John 13:34-35; Matthew 25:35-40)

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

(Text: F.S. Pierpoint)

Introit

A Festival Gathering

Tony Alonso

† Processional Hymn

God is Here

1. God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4. Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of
 Christ sus - tains us, as of old. Here the ser - vants of the
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -

round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

† Call to Worship

Christ our Lord invites all to this Table.

Here we respond to the great welcome of God!

There is a place for all who are hungry and thirsty.

God delights when we share in this feast.

Give us mercy from on high that we may remain faithful to You.

So we might fulfill our mission to be one in ministry to all the world.

Come Holy Spirit, work in us anew.

Empower us to bring justice and joy, compassion and peace.

† Opening Prayer

Almighty God, we open our hearts to you.

**Cleanse us today and fill us with your hope and love
 that we might share this love with our neighbors.**

**You are our Rock and our Shelter,
 through Christ all have a place at Your Table.**

**Help us share your great welcome to the whole world
 as we seek to be creators of justice, joy, compassion, and peace.**

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship:

The call to worship is designed to help draw the gathered faithful into an attitude of worship and personal reflection.

Words for Children:

In his book on children in worship, *Always in Rehearsal*, James H. Ritchie, Jr. states, "As people of a Story, we are storytelling people. But the story is never fixed, never completed... it virtually begs for the next telling." The children's sermon is a discipleship opportunity for kids to learn the Story as well as their story amid God's work in the world now.

A Place at the Table

3149 – W & S

Tune: PLACE AT THE TABLE

Words: Shirley Erena Murray

Music: Lori True

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Scripture: The theme for annual conference this year is "Invitation." Think of all the ways you have been invited to God's table. Who invited you? When were you invited? How did it feel to be invited? In what ways can you be an "invitational" disciple in your community?

Words for Children

† Hymn

A Place at the Table



1. For ev - ery - one__ born, a place at the ta - ble, for ev - ery - one
2. For wo - man and__ man, a place at the ta - ble, re - vis - ing the__
3. For young and for__ old, a place at the ta - ble, a voice to be__
4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble, a - bus - er, a -
5. For ev - ery - one__ born, a place at the ta - ble, to live with-out__

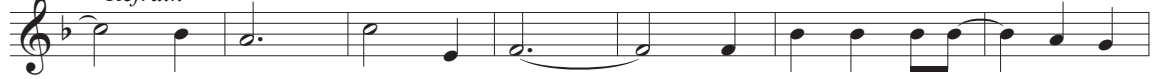


born, clean wa - ter and bread, a shel - ter, a space, a
roles, de - cid - ing the share, with wis - dom and grace, di -
heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in
bused, with need to for - give, in an - ger, in hurt, a
fear, and sim - ply to be, to work, to speak out, to



safe place for grow - ing, for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head.
vid - ing the pow - er, for wo - man and man, a sys - tem that's fair.
hands that are wrin - kled, for young and for__ old, the right to be - long.
mind - set of mer - cy, for just and un - just, a new way to live.
wit - ness and wor - ship, for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free.

Refrain



__ And God will de - light__ when we are cre - a - tors of



jus - tice and joy, __ yes, God will de - light__ when we are cre - a - tors of



jus - tice, __ jus - tice and joy! __

Scripture

John 1:1-3; I John 4:11-19; John 1:35-39 (NIV)

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

I John 4:11-19

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,

God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us.

John 1:35-39

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

Sermon

Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball

Holy Communion

Invitation

Come to the Lord's Table,
all you who love him.
Come to the Lord's Table,
confess your sin.
Come to the Lord's Table,
be at peace.

Confession and Forgiveness

We have not believed you or trusted in your power.

Lord, help our unbelief.

We have stained our souls by our action and inaction.

Cleanse us, Lord.

We are broken by disease, bruised by the sins of others,
weakened and unable to repair ourselves.

Heal us, Lord.

We ignore your call to center our lives in you,
and so are deaf to the hopes and cries of
the poor, the sick, the needy, and the earth.

Ground us, Lord!

When we confess our sinful ways, God abundantly pardons.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

Glory to God!

By one Spirit we are all baptized into the one body.

**Let us then pursue the things that make for peace
and build up our common life.**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you!

And also with you.

Holy Communion: Holy Communion is one of two sacraments in The United Methodist Church. It is an act believed to be ordained by Christ which brings us into the grace of God. We are not made more worthy of grace by receiving Communion, we are simply made more ready to receive it, strengthened to proclaim with our words and deeds the good news in our communities.

In The United Methodist Church we celebrate an open invitation to take Communion, meaning you do not have to be a member of the church or baptized. Persons of any age may receive Communion, and with any background. All that is required of a person wishing to join the holy feast is that they love God, neighbor and self and seek to live in peace and reconciliation.

Offertory Invitation

How does God's love abide in anyone
who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister
in need yet refuses to help?
Dear children, let us love,
not in word or speech,
but also in truth and action.

Offertory Anthem

There Is Peace

Jim Papoulis

Come and Fill Our Hearts

2157 – TFWS

Tune: CONFITEMINI
DOMINO

Words and Music: Jacques
Berthier (Ps. 137)

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Offertory Response

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!

Offering: Children are a vital part of our congregations, but often we don't know how to invite them into the planning and implementation of worship. What would it look like for you to include children in the tithes and offerings portion of worship? Could they be ushers, or bring other "offerings" to the altar like food for food pantries or cards for shut-in members?

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God,
We thank you for gifts that belong
not to us alone, but to all our sisters and brothers,
since they too are created in your image.
Let their need become our need;
let their hunger become our hunger;
and grant to us also a portion of their pain,
so that in sharing ourselves,
we discover the Christ who walks
with our brothers and sisters. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to you, Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to praise you, Lord.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
Always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Holy Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is praised among all peoples.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
who for ever sing this hymn to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy (verse 1)



You are holy, Almighty One!
Blessed are you, Jesus Christ!
In the power of the Spirit
you created all things, blessed them, and called them good.
You called to yourself a people
To make your mercy and truth known in all the world.
We betrayed your calling;
You were faithful.

You were faithful.

We wandered from the way;

You called us to return, and led us home.

And still we turned from your ways,
abused your creatures,
and made ourselves slaves to sin and death.

At the right time
you came and dwelt among us,
as one of us,
bringing good news to the poor,
healing the sick, raising the dead,
sharing table with the unrighteous,
and teaching the way that leads to life.

The Great Thanksgiving:

In order to model God's holy feast, which is open to all, we are always finding ways to be more hospitable. Here, we have chosen to serve gluten free bread exclusively. What are the needs of people in your congregation? How might you need to adapt accessibility to the elements to celebrate with all God's children?

Holy, Holy

2039 (Verse 1) – TFWS

Tune: HOLY, HOLY

Words and Music: Jimmy Owens

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By your incarnation, life, suffering, execution and resurrection
 You gave birth to your church,
 delivered us from slavery
 and made a new covenant with us
 by water and the Spirit.

On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus,
 you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said,
 “This is my body which is given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me.”
 You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying,
 “This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood.”

Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us,
 we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,
 as we sing the mystery of our faith:

Crown Him with Many Crowns

327 (Verse 2) – UMH

Tune: *DIADEMATA*

Words: Matthew Bridges,
 1851 and Godfrey
 Thring, 1874 (Rev.
 19:12)

Music: George J. Elvey,
 1868

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Crown Him with Many Crowns (verse 2)

Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave, and rose vic - to - rious
 in the strife for those he came to save. His glo - ries now we sing, who
 died, and rose on high, who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Pour out your Spirit on us.

Pour out your Spirit on us.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.

Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ.

Make us, through them, Christ’s body alive in the world.

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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving and Receiving the Bread and Cup

In an effort to model God's radical invitation to all people, we have tried to make the elements safe and accessible to all people. Therefore, all bread provided during this holy meal is gluten free and communion servers are available to come to individuals for whom mobility is a concern.

Communion Music

Agnus Dei

Michael W. Smith, arr. Roger Emerson

Following choral anthem, congregational singing will be projected on the screens.

Affirmation of Faith: Bread of Life

I believe in God,
the giver of grain and bread,
and in Jesus Christ,
the bread of life broken for us,
and in the Holy Spirit,
God's nourishing power in every grain and loaf.

I believe that Christ is to be leaven in us,
so that we may offer the bread of life
to the hungers of every human heart.

The Lord's Prayer:

When the disciples were searching for ways to connect with God, Jesus invited them to learn the Lord's Prayer. Everyone who prays it today had to learn it from another disciple. Remember in your own churches, there may be some who have never been invited to learn. Think about ways you can help, such as printing the prayer in your bulletin and practicing it during the children's sermon.

In the Midst of New Dimensions

2238 – The Faith We Sing

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The Lord's Table, often called an “altar” in churches, recalls the table where Communion was shared for the first time among Jesus and his disciples. While the Lord's Table may look different in every place, its importance is the same everywhere. We have chosen to have the table present in our worship and for our business, because it helps us remember the gift and responsibility given to us at the table in communion “...to be one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.” (UMH p. 14)

† Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions



All: 1. In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of chang - ing ways,
Women: 2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions and de - spair,
Men: 3. As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
Choir: 4. We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions, old and young,
All: 5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with - draw in pain,

who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan - d'ring in their sep - 'rate ways? (*All*)
who will lift the ol - ive branch - es? Who will light the flame of care? (*All*)
grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. (*All*)
each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung. (*Choir*)
may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain. (*All*)

Refrain

God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar,

we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

† Benediction

As you have been fed at this table, go to feed the hungry.
As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.
As you have received, give.
As you have heard, proclaim.
And the blessing that you have received
from Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be always with you. **Amen.**

Sending Music

Celebration Fanfare

Charles Callahan

(Please be seated and continue in a spirit of worship while music is playing.)

Notes:

Worship Leaders and Communion Servers:

Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball
Scott Ferguson
Mary Ellen Finegan
Okey Harless
Debra Harrison
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Loretta Isaiah
Joe Kenaston
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Bree Moll
Brody Morgan
Allie Murphy
Madison Murphy
Martha Ognibene
Nicole Peucker
Sophia Ramey
Rich Shaffer
Amy Shanholtzer
Frank Shomo
Melissa Shortridge
Ken Willard
Felica Wooten Williams

Our worship leaders and communion servers include children from the Shenandoah Conservatory Arts Academy Choirs.

Musicians:

Conference Choir
Shenandoah Conservatory Arts Academy Choir

Patty Moffett Austin, Director

Karen Schlosser, Accompanist

The Shenandoah Conservatory Arts Academy Choir is a combination of children and youth choirs, all part of the community arts program of Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia. The singers come from public, private, and home schools in the areas surrounding Winchester, including parts of West Virginia.

Music Directors:

Craig Hinchman
Julie Janisch

Morning Prayer and Praise

Friday, June 14, 2019 ❖ 8:15 am

† signifies that all are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit

Surely the Presence of the Lord

328 – UMH

Tune: WOLFE

Words and Music: Lanny Wolfe, 1977

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“**Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place**” is based on Jesus’ promise, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst” (Matthew 18:20). It emphasizes the senses—feeling, hearing, touching, and seeing. We can feel the presence of the Lord—and hear the brush of the angel’s wings—and see glory on each face.

Gathering Hymn

Surely the Presence

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his might - y

pow - er and his grace. I can hear the brush of an - gels' wings, I see

glo - ry on each face; sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

Call to Worship

God is good!

All the time!

All the time!

God is good!

Blessed Assurance

369 – UMH

Tune: ASSURANCE

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873

Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

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Songs of Praise

Blessed Assurance

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; — an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a -
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, — watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

God, — born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bove — ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 bove, — filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; —

this is my sto - ry, this is my song, — prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

How Great Thou Art

77 - UMH

Tune: HOW GREAT
THOU ART

Words and Music:
Stuart K. Hine, 1953

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How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe - some won - der
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der,
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
that on the cross, from my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played.
and hear the brook, and to feel the gen - tle breeze;
he and the and pro - died claim, my God, how great my sin;
and there pro - claim, my God, how great my art!

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee;

how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

Scripture

Joshua 1:1-9 (KJV)

Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Blessing of the Space:

Last year at Annual Conference each congregation received a globe candle to be lit in every sanctuary throughout the annual conference to give a physical image to the light of Christ, the light which binds us all together in what John Wesley called “the blessed connection.” We continue to light these globes as a symbol of our unity in the Triune God.

The worship space at Annual Conference is set up by a worship team who spent time thinking about how God’s grace can be communicated visually. What is your worship space like? Are there ways you can utilize color and visuals into your space? Who may be interested in helping you?

Blessing of the Space

Dear friends, this is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Let us rejoice that God has called us together to worship and work as a community of faith, providing this chapel, built for praise and prayer.

Let us now ask God’s blessing on this space, and on all who will use it during our time of holy conferencing.

(Candle is lit on the Presiding Table)

O eternal God, mighty in power and of incomprehensible majesty,
whom the heavens cannot contain,
much less the walls of temples made with hands,

You have promised your special presence
whenever two or three are assembled in your name
to offer praise and prayer.

(Bell Rings)

By the power of your Holy Spirit, consecrate this space for our worship and work.
Bless us and sanctify what we do here, that this place may be holy for us and a house of prayer and discernment for all who enter.

Guide and empower in this place by the same Spirit
the proclamation of your Word and the celebration of your Sacraments,
the pouring out of prayer and the singing of your praise,
professions of faith and testimonies to your grace,
and the celebration of death and resurrection,
as we bear witness to your living presence.

Save us from that failure of vision
which would confine our worship within these walls,
but send us out from here to be your servants in the world,
sharing the blessings of Christ with the world he came to redeem.

(Bell Rings)

O God, bless this space and our intention for hospitality.

Bless this sanctuary as a place of love and peace.

May it be so. Amen.

Notes:

Liturgists:

Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball
Andrew Tennant

Music Directors:

Craig Hinchman
Julie Janisch

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“Blessing of the Sanctuary.”*

Memorial Service

Friday, June 14, 2019 ❖ 11:00 am

† signifies that all are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit

Gathering Music

It Is Well

Jim Brickman

Welcome

Welcome, Welcome!

All are welcome here as we gather around this table, Christ's table.

This is a holy place.

This is a place of gratitude.

This is a place to say goodbye.

This is a place to return and remember.

For All the Saints

711 – UMH

Tune: SINE NOMINE

Words: William W. How,
1864 (Heb. 12:1)

Music: Ralph Vaughan
Williams, 1906

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“For All the Saints:” The stanzas for the hymn “For All the Saints” describe the life of all the saints: the credit due to Jesus Christ for drawing us all to God, the strength and guidance we continue to draw from God, our joint communion with Christ, the continuing struggle against evil, and the coming day when the dead shall rise and we shall worship together before God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. No matter what path each of us travels we will all enjoy the same glorious eternal life. (hymnary.org)

† Opening Hymn

For All the Saints



1. For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who thee ____ by
2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress and their might; thou, Lord, ____ their
3. O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold, ____ fight as the
4. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine! ____ We fee - bly
5. And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, ____ steals on the
6. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through gates ____ of



faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy name, O ____ Je - sus,
cap - tain in the well - fought fight; ____ thou, in the dark - ness
saints who no - bly fought of old, and win with ____ them the
strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet all are ____ one in
ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are ____ brave a -
pearl streams in the count - less host, ____ sing - ing to Fa - ther,



be for - ev - er ____ blest. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
drear, their one true light. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
vic - tor's crown of ____ gold. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
thee, for all ____ thine. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
gain, and arms are ____ strong. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
Son, and Ho - ly ____ Ghost: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

† Opening Prayer

Tender and Loving God, we gather to return thanks for the gift of life and the gift of those who have transitioned from this life into the next. We ask your healing presence be with those around this table who mourn today. Keep them safely in your care. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem

God Is Working for Our Good

Mark Hayes

Scripture

Romans 8:31, 35, 37-39 (NRSV)

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Message

“What Shall We Say?”

James Berner

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Spirit Song (Music projected on the screen)

I Surrender All (Music projected on the screen)

Litany of Peace

Jesus, you said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred...

let us sow love;

Where there is injury...

Pardon

Where there is doubt...

faith;

Where there is despair...

hope;

Where there is darkness...

light;

And where there is sadness...

joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled...

as to console;

To be understood...

as to understand;

To be loved...

as to love.

For it is in giving...

that we receive;

It is in pardoning...

that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying...

that we are born to eternal life.

Scripture: Paul's letter to the Romans is the result of two decades' worth of experience in teaching and preaching. It focuses on justification, grace, and the life-giving aspects of the law of God. In this excerpt we are reminded of God's divine faithfulness. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from God's perfect love.

Message: While Elders and Deacons are ordained to Word, the United Methodist Church has a rich history of training and being led by laity to proclaim the good news in worship. Lay speakers were originally known as “exhorters.” Do you know someone who would love to share their testimony and wisdom this way? Applications for lay servant ministries can be found at wumc.org.

Invitation to Discipleship: In our conference study “Seeds of Hope: Where Faithfulness Grows,” Rev. Jonathan Dierdorff reminds us that there is a difference between conversion and discipleship. Discipleship is marked by one's willingness to guide others into a deeper walk with Christ. To learn more about discipleship resources available in the Annual Conference visit wumc.org.

The Naming of the Saints: By naming all those who have gone on to glory in the last year we are able to honor their work, their story, and celebrate their place in the communion of saints. Churches have an opportunity to remember their saints every year on All Saints Day, celebrated on the Sunday closest to November 1.

The Naming of the Saints

Following the reading of each name, a chime will ring out and a candle will be lit, reminding us of the resounding holy light experienced through the lives of those who have gone before. Family members and those who are friends and former church members may stand as each name is read.

In Memoriam – Clergy and Deaconess

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference Relationship</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
M. Eugene Adkins	Retired Elder	July 27, 2018
Helen Davis Bell	Retired Elder	September 19, 2018
Conrad Keith Brown	Retired Associate Member	February 27, 2019
Grace Estel	Retired Deaconess	October 6, 2018
J. Emmett “Jack” Ferrell	Retired Elder	March 3, 2019
Deborah Friend	Local Pastor	November 11, 2018
Richard Gibson	Retired Elder	December 20, 2018
George Hastings Gray	Retired Elder	July 6, 2018
Melva Humphrey	Retired Deaconess	May 12, 2019
Loren Metzner	Part-Time Local Pastor	July 12, 2018
Vaughn J. Michael, Jr.	Retired Elder	September 19, 2019
Patricia “Trish” G. Neely	Local Pastor	May 19, 2019
Robert Elwood “Bob” Nichols	Retired Local Pastor	November 8, 2018
Ralph D. Reedy	Retired Local Pastor	December 4, 2018
Steven W. Runnion	Retired Elder	April 30, 2019
Randy Stewart	Part-Time Local Pastor	June 27, 2018
John Carl Ward, Jr.	Elder (Virginia Conference)	June 24, 2018
Jeffrey N. Winter	Retired Elder	December 17, 2018
Charlotte Ann Wood	Retired Local Pastor	December 1, 2018
Richard L. Wright	Retired Elder	December 4, 2018
Elizabeth Shaver Smith Wycoff	Retired Associate Member	June 26, 2018

In Memoriam – Spouses of Clergy

<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Spouse of</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Jane Ellen Brown	J. Montgomery Brown (FE-R)	June 11, 2018
Juanita Faye Burke	Paul L. Burke (FE-R)	July 6, 2018
Marie Victoria “Vicky” Ferrell	Jack E. Ferrell (FE-R)	February 20, 2019
Mary Ann Griffin	Mitchell L. Griffin, III	February 5, 2019
Bonnie L. Patrick	Herman Clyde Patrick (LP-R)	October 6, 2018
Janis Lynch Sauvage	John R. Sauvage (FE-R)	November 27, 2018
Harlow “Jr.” Stover	Arolette Stover (LP-R)	January 1, 2019

In Memoriam – Surviving Spouses of Clergy

<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Surviving spouse of</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Betty Rae Dippolito DeFelice	Paul J. Dippolito	January 13, 2019
Dorothy “Dot” E. DuBois	E. David DuBois	December 17, 2018
Elneda Catherine Miller	Claremont “June” Miller	September 11, 2018
Juanita Smith Moats	Burl Gene Moats	October 23, 2018
Juanita Pearl Perkins	R. Earl Perkins	March 20, 2019
Daliah Faye Mattox Pullins	Loris Pullins	August 16, 2018
Edith Regina Spring	Arthur Joseph Spring	May 2, 2019
Winoma Marguerite Spurgeon	Hobert Prunty	August 15, 2017

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of love, we thank you for the special people in our lives whom we remember here today. We are thankful, for you are a compassionate God who walks with us in our dark moments of grief and loneliness. We are thankful for all who continue to love and support us through our grief. Continue to be a light for us, give us hope, direction and courage. May we now live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people we have known and loved and help us to now do as they have done, help us to extend your table and bring your light and hope to others. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray ...

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

† Closing Hymn

Hymn of Promise



1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2. There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

Hymn of Promise

707 – UMH

Tune: PROMISE

Words and Music, Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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† Blessing

(Raise hand in sign of blessing to each other)

**Christ be with you, Christ within you,
Christ behind you, Christ before you,
Christ beside you, Christ to win you,
Christ to comfort and restore you.
Christ beneath you, Christ above you,
Christ in quiet and in danger,
Christ in hearts of those who love you,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

We pray this in the name of the Creator who is for us, the Son who is with us and the Spirit who unites us all in the never-ending table of God's kingdom and dance of love.

Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory, to the earth be peace, our family be hope and to our hearts be courage.

Sending Music

Meditation on Promise

Brenda Portman

(Please be seated and continue in a spirit of worship while music is playing.)

The congregation is invited to greet the families of those remembered as they make their way to the memorial luncheon being held for these families and hosted by our bishop.

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Notes:

Litany of Peace from Street Psalms, <https://streetpsalms.org/memorial-liturgy/>

Blessing adapted from Street Psalms, <https://streetpsalms.org/memorial-liturgy/>

Liturgists:

Judi M. Kenaston, Conference Secretary
Heather Barker
Jim Minutelli

Preacher:

James Berner

Music Directors:

Craig Hinchman
Julie Janisch

Musicians:

Conference Choir

Retirement Celebration

Friday, June 14, 2019 ❖ 4:00 pm

† signifies that all are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit

Gathering Music

Partita on Hyfrydol

Charles Callahan

I. Introduction and Chorale; IV. Adagio; V. Finale

Welcome

Today we celebrate our sisters and brothers who answered a call to ministry but now prepare to enter into a retired relationship with the West Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church. We thank God for the community of the faithful who heard and experienced Christ through them. Through their ministry, the Church became a living sermon to the world.

By God's grace and through the power of the Holy Spirit, they have faithfully: preached and taught the Word; provided care and counsel; celebrated the sacraments; ordered the life of the church for service in mission and ministry; led ministries of service, love, and justice; equipped the saints.

Today we thank God for their faithfulness throughout their ministry because we have experienced the grace by which they have lived, and we thank God for their service.

We honor, remember, and celebrate their ministry and the many ways they have proclaimed the Good News.

† Call to Worship

Leader: God of memory, our horizon, see your people gathered here.

Response: Be here among us now. Call out to us, as we call out to you. Be our future.

Retirees: Heal memories we leave behind, take us beyond today. Remove the edge of sadness, calm our fears. Do not let this leave-taking break our bonds. Receive our dreams; make us a rich harvest of justice. Direct us in your ways; give us more wisdom than we have today. Make us gentle; there is enough that is harsh in our world. Make us bold, for there is much to do. Bless us all, for we are your people.

All: Creator God, you have brought us together, to walk in the way of your Son. You have made us one people. Remain among us as we come and go. Confirm whatever good has come of our mutual journey. Grant us peace for our days ahead and the work we have yet to discern. And bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Call to Worship: Our retirees have worked for and among the people called Methodists. In recognition of their work, the call to worship includes a leader, the retirees, and the congregation. In this way, our worship reflects the life of the church.

Be Thou My Vision

451 – UMH

Tune: SLANE

Words: Ancient Irish; trans.
By Mary E. Byrne, 1905;
versed by Eleanor H. Hull,
1912, alt.

Music: Trad. Irish melody;
harm. by Carlton R. Young,
1963

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“Be Thou My Vision:”

As disciples our
constant prayer is to see
the world as Christ sees
it, with perfect love and
compassion. How might
you use this hymn as
a prayer for God’s will
to be done “whatever
befall?”

† Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou on - ly,
heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
first in my heart, great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Responsive Reading

Leader: We have come here to release those who have proclaimed God’s work with their words and their service to the church and to the world. Now we ask them to receive this blessing:

People: **We release you from the work in which you were emptied, filled, and emptied again.**

Leader: We release you from the places in which your hearts were opened, in love and in grief.

People: **We release you from this time of measuring and tending, building and gathering.**

Retirees: *We are glad to enter a new work, a new place, a new time.*

Leader: In gratefulness, we call you to share your wisdom, as the work of God continues.

People: **We call you to be beacons of hope and joy, in places of peace and turmoil.**

Leader: We call you to the body of Christ, sharing your life with the community as it moves toward perfection.

Retirees: *God before us; God behind us. We will follow the path of grace, moving as the Spirit leads.*

All: **Today we say “thank you” to God and one another. Now, let us bear one another in love and accept the work, the places and the time to come. Amen.**

Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-3a (The Message)

But now, God's Message, the God who made you in the first place, Jacob, the One who got you started, Israel: Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine. When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down. When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end—Because I am God, your personal God, The Holy of Israel, your Savior.

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem

Be Not Afraid

Taylor Davis

Offertory Response

For the Fruits of This Creation (verse 3)

For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God;

for the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God;

for the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Scripture: God reveals God's self in the Holy Word. As disciples, we crave God's word and truth and therefore affirm the usefulness of a number of translations and versions of scriptures. The text used in this service comes from The Message. Have you ever found searching different versions and translations helpful? How might an invitation to different versions and translations help us be hospitable to new disciples?

For the Fruits of This Creation

97 (Verse 3) – UMH

Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1970

Music: Alt. tune AR HYD Y NOS, Trad. Welsh melody; harm. by Luther Orlando Emerson, 1906

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Retirement Celebration

Today we celebrate those whose lives have been given to the work of ministry within the church. We celebrate those who said “yes” to God’s call upon their lives. We celebrate those who gave of themselves in order that the Gospel of Jesus Christ might be proclaimed far and wide. We honor their witness as they enter into a retired relationship with the West Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church.

As each name is called, the retiree (and spouse) comes to the chancel. The retiree will receive a pin and certificate. As each retiree (and spouse) is presented you are invited to rise in body, mind and spirit in recognition of those persons whose lives and ministries have blessed yours.

Recognition of Retirees & Video

Ambler, Kathryn A.

Service: Ordained Elder 1999

Appointments: Pruntytown-Fetterman 1992; Salem 1997; Broad Oaks 2000; Seventh Street, Parkersburg 2008; Middlebourne 2014

Ashworth, Dennis C.

Service: Licensed Pastor 2011

Appointments: Smith Memorial 2011

Beckett, Thomas E.

Service: Ordained Elder 2013

Appointments: Bald Knob 2007; Associate, Temple, Beckley, 2009; Nighbert Memorial 2010; New Haven 2017

Bennett, Rebecca L.

Service: Licensed Pastor 2001

Appointments: South Branch 2000; Open Door Ministries 2011; Bayard - Mt. Storm 2012

Brown, Ronald C.

Service: Associate Membership 2001

Appointments: Troy Charge 1992; Jane Lew 1996; Christ, Clarksburg, 2002; Christ, Clarksburg-Mt. Hope 2004; Johnson Avenue 2008; Hodgesville (LTFT) 2010; Weston 2012 (LTFT)

Bumgarner, John H.

Service: Licensed Pastor 2014

Appointments: Union Circuit 2014

Chester, Richard L.

Service: Associate Membership 2003

Appointments: Glen Daniel 1989; Herndon Circuit 1997; Hatcher Circuit 2000; Lerona 2007; Greenview 2013; Greenview - New Hope 2016

Choi, Teresa Yeon

Service: Associate Membership 2008

Appointments: Korean Ministry, First, Huntington 2001 (LTFT beginning 2008)

Recognition of Retirees & Video:

For the full-length interviews of each retiree visit our website at wvumc.org

Conley, Ellis E.

Service: Ordained Elder 1977

Appointments: To Attend Candler School of Theology 1974; Associate St. Andrews, St. Albans 1976; Wayne Mission-Spurlock 1980; Wayne 1983; St. Mary's, Beckley 07/1987; Chapel Hill 1991; First, Elkins 2001; Mon Valley Superintendent 2009; Forrest Burdette 2014

Conner, I. Mark

Service: Ordained Elder 1980

Appointments: To Attend Boston School of Theology 1976; Associate First, Fairmont 1979; Aldersgate-Hope 1981; Barboursville 1988; Trinity, Bluefield 1997; Western District Superintendent 2004; First, Huntington 2012

† Hymn

God, We Spend a Lifetime Growing (verse 1)

God, we spend a life - time grow - ing, learn - ing of your love and care,

plant - ing seeds you give for sow - ing, work - ing for the fruit they'll bear.

Now we hon - or faith - ful ser - vants who, with joy, look back and see

years of grow - ing in your pres - ence, lives of fruit - ful min - is - try.

God, We Spend a Lifetime Growing

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

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Recognition of Retirees & Video

Conrad, Timothy G.

Service: Ordained Elder 1987

Appointments: Newell 1985; Sand Hill 1987; Tunnelton 1990; To attend school 1994; Hatcher Circuit 1996; Faith, Huntington 2000; Community of Grace Co-Pastor 2009; Gateway 2010; Weirton UM Tri-Parish 2012; St. Matthew, Weston 2015

Cosner, Angela M.

Service: Associate Membership 1996

Appointments: St. Paul's, Parsons 1990; Burlington UMC and Spiritual Life Coordinator for Burlington United Methodist Family Services, Inc. 1996; Chaplain, Burlington UM Family Service, Inc 2003; Swanton-Kitzmiller 2009; Medical Leave 2014

Daniels, Michael L.

Service: Ordained Elder 1988

Appointments: Fort Gay 1984; Meadowbrook Charge 1986; Crossroads-Waverly 1991; Memorial, Williamson 1996; First, Terra Alta 1998; Edgelawn - Epworth (Parkersburg) 2013; New Beginnings 2015.

Dorsey, Ella A.

Service: Licensed Pastor 2002

Appointments: John Wesley 2000; Approved but not appointed 2002; Incapacity Leave 2005; Ebenezer 2/2014

Duncan, Rick A.

Service: Associate Membership 2006

Appointments: Montcalm 1985; Anawalt 1992; Bluewell Assistant 1999; Thompson's Chapel 2000; Bramwell 2001; First (Hinton) 2006; Alderson 2011

Furr, J. Russell

Service: Associate Membership 2002

Appointments: Waldeck Charge 1990; Bethel 2013; Rivesville-Highlawns 2017

Keadle, Kathy

Service: Licensed Pastor 2016

Appointments: Alderson Assistant 2016

Kelly III, James F.

Service: Ordained Elder 1985

Appointments: To Attend United Theological Seminary 1981-82; Meadowdale 1983; St. Luke's, Harrisville 1988; Temple, Clarksburg 1997; St. Mary's 2000; St. Paul's (Parkersburg) 2007; Trinity (Pt. Pleasant) 2011

Kendall, Kenneth E.

Service: Licensed Pastor 1980

Appointments: Leroy Charge 1980; Waldeck Charge 1981; Nestorville 1988; North View Clarksburg 1994; Incapacity Leave 2007

Lancaster, David L.

Service: Associate Membership 2009

Appointments: Minnora 1991; Mt. Zion 1992; Blacksville 1996; Memorial
(Summersville) 2010

Lantz, J. Michael

Service: Licensed Pastor 1996

Appointments: St. Paul, Parsons 1996

Martin, James E.

Service: Licensed Pastor 2000

Appointments: Bethlehem-Love-Otterbein 1999; Augusta 2001; Pruntytown-
Fetterman 2004; Matewan 2015

† Hymn

God, We Spend a Lifetime Growing (verse 2)

Thank you, Lord, for ones who teach us what has brought them to this place!

May their faith-filled wit-ness reach us; may we glimpse in them your grace.

Strong in you, their strength up-lifts us from our birth un-til life's end;

Spir-it-filled, they give us gifts, as pro-phet, men-tor, guide and friend.

***God, We Spend
a Lifetime Growing***

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

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Recognition of Retirees & Video

McClintic, Robert Bruce

Service: Licensed Pastor 1989

Appointments: Alvon-Eastern Greenbrier 1979; East Greenbrier Assistant 1997

McKee, John S.

Service: Ordained Elder 2003

Appointments: Gihon 1996; Leave of Absence 1997; North Jackson County Charge 1998; Central, Hamlin 2000; New Haven 2005; Nicholas 2008

Morrison, John M.

Service: Associate Membership 1998

Appointments: Monongalia 1993; Memorial, Williamson 1998; St. John's, Parsons 2002; Glen Dale-Pleasant Hill 2011

Rex, Anne E.

Service: Ordained Elder 1999

Appointments: Associate Christ Church, Charleston 1997; Aldersgate 2001; Family Leave 2004; North Georgia (346.1) 2005; Leave of Absence 2016

Rhodes, Damon E.

Service: Ordained Elder 1996

Appointments: Gihon-River Hill 1991; Mason 1994; Summersville 2001; First, Buckhannon 2006; First, Parkersburg 2010

Rogerson, Barbara Bartz

Service: Ordained Deacon 2011

Appointments: Director, The Log House at Sweet Trees 2008

Shomo, Frank T.

Service: Ordained Elder 1977

Appointments: Associate St. Marks, Charleston 1976; Associate Lewisburg 1979; Franklin-Mt. Zion 1981; St. Paul's, South Charleston 1985; Elizabeth Memorial 1996; Midland South Superintendent 2016

Sweet, Leonard I.

Service: Elder transferred in 1990

Appointments: President, United Seminary 1985; Dean, Drew University Seminary 1996; Professor, Drew University 2000

Thomas, Clarence A.

Service: Licensed Pastor 2011

Appointments: Craigsville Circuit; Camden/Cowen/Halo Assistant 2013; First (Williamson) - Memorial 2015; Belington - Junior 2016

Tucker, David E.

Service: Ordained Elder 2000;

Appointments: Chaplain, Heartland Hospice, Brunswick, GA, 2009; Chaplain, Haven Hospice, Palatka, FL 2011

Weaver, Mary Louise

Service: Licensed Pastor 2014

Appointments: Doddridge 2014; Ellenboro 2017

Williams, R. Lee

Service: Ordained Elder 1997

Appointments: Crocket-Booten-Spurlock 1990; Maybeury-Elkhorn 1991; Grantsville, MD 1994; Bramwell 1997; Bruce McDonald Memorial- Man-Accoville 2001; Bruce McDonald-Accoville 2002; Bruce McDonald Memorial 2003; Elizabeth 2008; Frankford 2017

† Hymn

God, We Spend a Lifetime Growing (verse 3)

Christ, our Lord, you walk be - side us, giv - ing dai - ly work to do;

years go by and still you guide us as we seek to fol - low you.

If our sight fails, weak hands trem - ble, minds for - get the things we've known,

Lord, — we trust that you re - mem - ber, hold us close, and see us home.

God, We Spend a Lifetime Growing

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

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Release from Unfinished Business and Entrustment:

As those retiring enter a new phase of their call, we are reminded that God's work does not belong to only one person or one congregation, but is the work of all disciples in every place where God's name is praised. Reflect on your own call. How is God calling you to use your gifts?

Eternal God, Transcending Time

3030 – W & S

Tune: RESIGNATION

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Music: USA folk melody, Walker's Southern Harmony

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Release from Unfinished Business and Entrustment

Leader:

Whose work is ever done?

Who can say, "My desk is clear; all the projects are finished"?

Who can retire and say, "It is finished. My heart is on to other things"?

Those retiring:

We have labored among you.

Our feelings are mixed: gratitude and sadness mingle; expectancy and hesitancy mix.

God's passion in us for the work we do is not a faucet we can turn on and off.

What is unfinished, we entrust to God and to you, our colleagues.

People:

You are men and women called by God.

We give thanks to God for the work you have done among us.

We rejoice in your service with us.

We receive what you entrust to us.

May God help us.

† Closing Hymn

Eternal God, Transcending Time



1. E - ter - nal God tran - scend - ing time, yet mind - ful of the
2. In - car - nate God re - vealed in time, true Word in flesh re -
3. Life - breath - ing God en - liv - ening time, a - wak - ing heart and
4. Great Tri - une God, so bless the time en - trust - ed to our



fears, _____ the hopes, the ques - tions raised for us by
told, _____ who marked the years from birth to death, then
tongue, _____ in - spir - ing proph - ets, bring - ing hope, con -
care, _____ that all our var - ied min - is - tries may



ev - er - chang - ing years: _____ so guide us through our
rose to break death's hold: _____ by your be - com - ing
sol - ing old and young: _____ draw us to those de -
form a com - mon prayer; _____ then when time ceas - es,



pil - grim days that we may find a home _____ where
one with us, help us to know and claim _____ the
nied your gifts by bi - as, want, or strife, _____ con -
bring us where di - vi - sions are un - done, _____ that



jus - tice, truth, and mer - cy ____ meet, ful - filled in your sha - lom. ____
u - ni - ty of all bap - tized in ____ your re - deem - ing name.
vert our wills and form through us new chan - nels of your life. ____
in your pres - ence, joined in ____ praise, at ____ last we may be one. ____

† Blessing and Sending Forth

(Traditional Navaho Prayer, Alt.)

Before us it is blessed, behind us it is blessed,
below us it is blessed, above us it is blessed,
around us it is blessed as we set out with Christ.

Our speech is blessed as we set out for God.

With beauty before us, with beauty behind us,
with beauty below us, with beauty above us,
with beauty around us, we set out for a holy place indeed. **Amen.**

Sending Music

Trumpet Tune in D

David Johnson

(Please be seated and continue in a spirit of worship while music is playing.)

Notes:

Call to Worship adapted from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati *“Prayer on Beginning a New Phase in Life”*

Liturgists:

William (Bill) Wilson
Kim Matthews
Carl (Bo) Terrell

Music Directors:

Craig Hinchman
Julie Janisch

Musicians:

Conference Choir

Morning Prayer and Praise

Saturday, June 15, 2019 ❖ 8:15 am

† *signifies that all are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit*

Gathering Song

Come However You Are

City Harbor

Call to Worship

Voice One: Holy Spirit, Presence of God!
Holy Breath, Life Divine!
Holy Wind, Mover and Shaker!
We throw open our hearts before you;
we cast down every barrier to your freedom;
we yield to your boundless nature;
we welcome your Wildness.

Voice Two: Too long have we tried to tame Your Spirit;
too long have we sought to control what's Wild.

Voice Three: At this moment of great groaning,
yearning, as if in labor, to birth what's holy and enduring,
come, breathe, blow, move upon us all—

Voice Four: that earth and all that's in it may thrive;
that all may know your love.
May your Power transform us—
Turn us loose to transform others in Your Spirit!

Voice One: Come, Holy Spirit!

Voice Two: Breathe, blow, move upon us!

Voice Three: Here, now!

Voice Four: May it be so!

Praise Songs

One More Song

Casting Crowns

Start a Fire

Unspoken

Scripture

Luke 5:1-11 (The Message)

Once when he was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, the crowd was pushing in on him to better hear the Word of God. He noticed two boats tied up. The fishermen had just left them and were out scrubbing their nets. He climbed into the boat that was Simon's and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Sitting there, using the boat for a pulpit, he taught the crowd. When he finished teaching, he said to Simon, "Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch." Simon said, "Master, we've been fishing hard all night and haven't caught even a minnow. But if you say so, I'll let out the nets." It was no sooner said than done—a huge haul of fish, straining the nets past capacity. They waved to their partners in the other boat to come help them. They filled both boats, nearly swamping them with the catch. Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell to his knees before Jesus. "Master, leave. I'm a sinner and can't handle this holiness. Leave me to myself." When they pulled in that catch of fish, awe overwhelmed Simon and everyone with him. It was the same with James and John, Zebedee's sons, coworkers with Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "There is nothing to fear. From now on you'll be fishing for men and women." They pulled their boats up on the beach, left them, nets and all, and followed him.

Blessing of the Space

Since ancient times, worship leaders have blessed sacred spaces as well as the communities that gathered in them. And so we too gather to bless this space and to bless those who will use it during our time of worship and work.

(Light Candle on the Presiding Table)

We light this candle to honor our past,
for the prophets, the apostles, and the leaders of the church
who paved the way for our faith to take root
and who have provided leadership for our West Virginia Conference.

We light this candle to honor our present,
as we seek to follow Jesus as faithful disciples,
welcoming each other as members of the Body of Christ
living into our calling
to love others as Jesus loved.

We light this candle to honor our future,
the sacred hope of a world of justice and peace,
the promise of a world guided by the love of Christ,
transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Bell Rings)

May God bless this space with our intention for creativity.

Scripture: In response to the miracle of the great catch of fish, Peter confesses to Jesus that he is a sinful man. While this is not a typical response to miracles in the gospels, it is one way Peter acknowledges the divine presence in his midst. Have you sensed the divine presence today? How did you react the last time you sensed Jesus was doing something amazing?

Blessing of the Space:

The United Methodist Hymnal and The United Methodist Book of Worship have wonderful prayers and music for blessings to be used on all occasions, such as the celebration of an appointment, recognition of church school workers, dedication of new instruments and furnishings, blessing of animals, homes, or the birth of a child and adoption into a family. We use every occasion to give thanks and praise to God who is the source of all good gifts.

May this truly be a sanctuary that sparks the imagination and sparkles with beauty. May this be a place for the unfolding of possibilities and potential. Here may the creative gifts of music, conferencing, prayer, problem-solving, teaching, discernment, witness, and leadership be free- flowing, nourishing our minds, hearts, and spirits. May this space serve as a canvas for God’s holy expression in the life of our community.

(Bell Rings)

May God bless this sanctuary as a place of love and service.

May this truly be a sanctuary that inspires us to live out our faith by serving the cause of love and justice in the world. May our hearts be made kind and our spirits emboldened to act. May we act boldly because we know that all people long as we do for laughter, nurture, sustenance, rest and care.

(Bell Rings)

May God bless this sanctuary as a place of love and peace.

We bless this space and each other with our intention for connection.

May this truly be a sanctuary that radiates with the warmth of relationship. May it be a place that nurtures and sustains, offering shelter and comfort, and creating bonds of affection and care. May it provide opportunities for understanding and invitation that do not end at these walls, but that reach out our congregations and our communities. May we be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world through sharing the love of God to all we encounter.

May God bless this sanctuary as a place of love and peace. Amen.

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Notes:

Worship Leaders:

- Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball
- Amber Baker
- Robert O. Fulton
- Andrew Tennant
- The Musicians of Life UMC

Blessing of the Space, adapted from the UUA, “Blessing of the Sanctuary”

Answering the Historic Questions

Saturday, June 15, 2019 ❖ 2:00 pm

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Gathering Music

In the Garden/What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. by Brant Adams

Angela Jones, flute

Craig Hinchman, piano

Introduction to Historic Questions

We have gathered today to celebrate the ministry of the West Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. We recognize the commitment and covenant being made by those who will answer these Historic Questions and are ready to begin commissioned or ordained ministry. We offer them our prayers as they prepare for the next phase of their journey in their ministry and work.

These questions come from John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, and they have been asked of all clergy who have ever served our church. The questions are answered with more than just words. They require a devoted life of service to Christ.

Presentation of Those Being Commissioned or Ordained

Jay Parkins, Chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry:

Bishop Steiner Ball, I am pleased to present to you these persons who will be commissioned or ordained as servant leaders for the work and ministry of the Church.

The Historic Questions

(Candidates respond in bold)

Bishop Steiner Ball:

You have indicated that you are convinced you should enter the ministry of Christ's holy Church. You have declared that you are willing to face any sacrifice that may be involved in the consecration of life. You have indicated that you are so situated in life that you can accept the obligations of ordained ministry. You have affirmed that you will respect the purity of life in body, mind, and spirit, and that you will keep before you as the one objective of your life the advancement of the reign of God.

Remember the words of Christ, who said:

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." In accordance with the usage and Discipline of The United Methodist Church and the historic usages of our communion, and in the presence of this conference, I ask you:

The historic questions:

Every United Methodist pastor since 1773 has answered 19 historic questions as a way of agreeing to how they will live into this ministry life. Before answering these questions in the presence of the Annual Conference candidates have reflected and written answers to the Board of Ordained Ministry. In addition, each has heard a meditation and explanation of the questions from our Bishop. As a church, we are grateful for the time and careful reflection of all who answer these questions as they prepare for vocational ministry.

Have you faith in Christ?

I have.

Are you going on to perfection?

I am, by the grace of God.

Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?

God willing, I do.

Are you earnestly striving after it?

With God's help, I am.

Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and God's work?

I am so resolved.

Do you know the General Rules of our Church?

I do.

Will you keep them?

I will so endeavor.

Have you studied the doctrines of The United Methodist Church?

I have studied them.

After full examination, do you believe that our doctrines are in harmony with the Holy Scriptures?

I believe that they are.

Will you preach and maintain them?

To the best of my ability, I will.

Have you studied our form of church discipline and polity?

I have.

Do you approve our church government and polity?

I do so approve.

Will you support and maintain them?

I will, with God's help.

Will you diligently instruct the children in every place?

I will.

Will you visit from house to house?

This is my commitment.

Will you recommend fasting or abstinence, by both precept and example?

I will so recommend.

Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God?

That is my intention.

Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in your work?

I am not.

Will you observe the following directions?

1. 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.
2. Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time.

And do not mend our rules, but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience sake.

The Lord being my helper, I will.

Congregational Prayer

Most gracious God, you showed your love in sending Jesus Christ into the world that all might have life through him. Pour out your Spirit upon your Church, that it may fulfill your command to preach the gospel to every creature. Send laborers into your harvest, fill them with the Holy Spirit and with faith, defend them in all dangers and temptations, and hasten the time when your will shall be done, on earth as it is in heaven; through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1. The Spir - it sends ___ us forth to serve; ___ we
 2. We go to com - fort those who mourn ___ and
 3. We go to be ___ the hands of Christ, ___ to
 4. Then let us go ___ to serve in peace, ___ the



go in Je - sus' name ___ to bring glad tid - ings
 set the bur - dened free; ___ where hope is dim, ___ to
 scat - ter joy ___ like seed ___ and, all our days, ___ to
 gos - pel to ___ pro - claim. ___ God's Spir - it has ___ em -



to the poor, ___ God's fa - vor to ___ pro - claim. ___
 share a dream ___ and help the blind ___ to see. ___
 cher - ish life, ___ to do the lov - ing deed. ___
 pow - ered us; ___ we go in Je - sus' name. ___

Congregational Prayer:

All those who answer the Historic Questions can only do so because congregations have raised, empowered, encouraged, and lifted them up to do so. Do you know someone in your congregation who could benefit from your encouragement and mentorship? How might you talk to children in your church about the variety of ways people serve the church?

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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Music: USA folk melody

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Evening Prayer

Saturday, June 15, 2019 ❖ Evening

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Opening

(Lighting of the candles)

Light Proclamation

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord
Thanks be to God.

*Lord, I Lift Your
Name on High*

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Tune: LIFT YOUR NAME ON
HIGH

Words and Music: Rick
Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

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† Evening Hymn

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav - en to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Evening Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise and thank you, O God,

for you are without beginning and without end.

Through Christ, you created the whole world;

through Christ, you preserve it.

You made the day for the works of light

and the night for the refreshment of our minds and our bodies.

Keep us now in Christ, grant us a peaceful evening, a night free

from sin, and bring us at last to eternal life.

Through Christ and in the Holy Spirit,

we offer you all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 139

O God, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and rise up, you discern my thoughts from afar.

You discern my path and the places I rest;

you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue, you know it, O God, completely.

You guard me from behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

It is beyond my knowledge; it is a mystery; I cannot fathom it.

Where can I escape from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I lie down in the grave, you're even there.

If I take wing with the dawn and alight at the sea's farthest limits,

there also your hand will be guiding me,

your powerful hand holding me fast.

If I say, "Let the darkness cover me and my day be turned to night."

Even darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

It was you who formed my inward parts: you fashioned me in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully, wonderfully made.

Wondrous are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was being fashioned in secret,

intricately woven in the mystery of clay.

Your eyes saw my substance taking shape;

in your book, my every day was recorded;

and all my days were fashioned, even before they came to be.

How deep your designs are to me, O God! How great their number!

I try to count them but they are more than the sand,

I come to the end—I am still with you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

test me and know my thoughts.

Watch closely, lest I follow a path of error

and guide me in the everlasting way.

Psalm Prayer

O Creator God,

We thank you that though we may run, we cannot hide from you.

There is nowhere we can go that you are not with us.

**We praise you for the power of your presence
every moment of the day and of the night.**

We place our lives into your safekeeping.

In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Scripture

Isaiah 55 (NRSV)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Prayers of Intercession

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon the labors of all and for the right use of the riches of creation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger: that they may be relieved and protected, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this community: for those who are present and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart and may show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm and for all whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who commended themselves to our prayers: for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the faith of Christ, that with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief but life eternal, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who will be recognized, baptized, commissioned, and ordained as we worship tomorrow, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy and offer them your blessing.

Help, save, pity, and defend us, O God, by your grace.

In the communion of the Holy Spirit and of all saints, let us commend ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Prayer of Jesus

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.

Change My Heart, O God

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Tune: CHANGE MY HEART

Words and Music: Eddie
 Espinosa (Isa. 64:8)

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† Evening Hymn

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God, make it ev - er true.

Change my heart, O God,

may I be like you. You are the

Pot - ter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me, this is what I

pray. Change my heart, O God,

make it ev - er true. Change my heart, O God,

may I be like you.

Benediction

May God bless you and keep you.

Amen.

May Jesus Christ make his face to shine upon us.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit grant us peace.

Amen.

Benediction is the time that we bestow a blessing onto those gathered at worship. It is a time the congregation is sent out to participate in God's work in the world. Today as you go out, think about the West Virginia Annual Conference's vision statement and how you might live into the vision to be a blessing to others. *The vision of the WVAC is to be a Christ-led, spiritual breath of fresh air that changes the world.*

Notes:

Source:

“A Liturgy for Evening Prayer” from *Upper Room Worshipbook*, compiled and edited by Elise S. Eslinger; Upper Room Books, 2006

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Alicia Rapking

Musician:

Alan Flaitz

Resources

Honor the work of other writers, liturgists, pastors, and lay people by always sharing the source of your worship materials. We have included the names of authors and titles of works within our notes, and then listed the full resource for reference here. You can always reference sources at the end of your bulletin.

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