

BUILDING BRIDGES
Making Connections



**2022
Annual
Conference**



West Virginia Area
The United Methodist Church

WORSHIP BOOK

June 9-12, 2022
West Virginia Wesleyan College
Sandra Steiner Ball, Resident Bishop

Worship Team Welcome

Greetings from the Annual Conference Worship Team. We are delighted to be together at Wesley Chapel and excited that ever-evolving technology, access, and ease of use helps us worship with people all over the connection who cannot be with us in-person. In the last two years, the Annual Conference Worship Team learned new ways to design and host services. We have adapted, yet we continue to be people of scripture, tradition, experience, and reason. Like all of you, we are finding a new normal.

Amid this new normal is an old, old story we love to tell. God came among us in the person of Jesus. Through Jesus's life, death, and resurrection, we have been grafted into an infinite grace. The Holy Spirit holds us in that grace as we seek to be the beloved community Jesus envisioned. This year, we give thanks that the story of God is rooted in hope and is extended by bridges of connection.

We pray that worship can be a space where we acknowledge the hardships we endured and that worship can provide a time for healing and recovery. Above all, we pray God will be glorified, and we can humbly receive a commission to go forth and do as Christ has done.

To model what it means to "Build Bridges: Make Connections," we have created margin notes in the worship book as a teaching tool for use in your local church. We hope you will take your book back to your faith communities. Please note the resources on the back cover, which allow 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

Our Offerings: 2022 West Virginia Annual Conference

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 financial contributions will be shared among three transformational ministries:

DaySpring

DaySpring is the mobile camping ministry of the West Virginia Conference and a ministry of Spring Heights Camping & Retreat Center. In 2021, DaySpring involved 720 children and adults across the conference in discipleship through camping.

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – be it famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire, or other events—to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help and hope for those left most vulnerable. UMCOR provides relief, response, and long-term recovery grants when these events overwhelm a community’s ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development. Because of our apportionment support of UMCOR, 100% of funds given to a specific need are able to go directly to the project.

The Ministerial Education Fund for West Virginia Conference Students

The MEF provides essential financial assistance to those pursuing theological education and credentialing within the West Virginia Conference, reducing student debt and freeing students for future pastoral leadership.

Our Offerings: Ways to Give

At Annual Conference

Offerings will be collected during worship sessions throughout the Annual Conference Session. All checks need to be made payable to WV Conference Treasurer. No specific designations should be provided on the memo line since all cash and checks will go into one fund and will be distributed evenly to the above three ministries.

Individual Online Giving

Anyone who wishes to donate toward the Annual Conference Offering Fund can do so starting now through the end of the day Thursday, June 30th. See instructions on the following page.

Church Giving

Churches may join in to give until June 30th by mailing a Church Remittance Form along with a check made payable to WV Conference Treasurer. On the remittance form, please indicate “2022 Annual Conference Offering Fund.” This allows credit to be given to your church on your monthly statement.

If you have any questions regarding donations or if you encounter technical issues with giving online, please notify Paula Koontz OR Myra Bess using the contact information below.

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Instructions for Online Donations

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- Section I: Complete your first and last name, email, home phone (cell phone), and mailing address
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 - Debit / Credit Card
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 - Bank Account ACH
Enter Bank Routing Number (9 digits), Enter Bank Account Number, and tap Save

Opening Worship with Communion



Friday, June 10, 2022 • 9:30 am

(Worship gathering music will begin at 9:15 am)

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

Gathering in Hope

GATHERING MUSIC

Logan Memorial Praise Band

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Gather Us In

Gather Us In

2236 TFWS

Words and Music: Marty Haugen 1982

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This hymn (1982) was written to draw the ekklesia, or Church assembly, together. The author, Marty Haugen, designed the lyrics in 2nd person so that those who sing it, sing “to” God instead of singing “about” God. The hymn calls upon Christians to be a community of hope, purpose, and transformation. Find more hymn histories by visiting www.umcdiscipleship.org.



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
4. Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing,



now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
we are the old— who yearn for your face,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
not in some heav - en, light-years a - way, but



see in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.____
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.____
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.____
now is the King - dom, now is the day.____



Gath-er us in— the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in— the
 Gath-er us in— the rich and the haught-ty, gath-er us in— the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and
 blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
 make us your own; gath-er us in— all peo - ples to-geth-er,
 we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.____
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.____
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.____
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.____

WORDS OF WELCOME

Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball

THE SEVEN LAMENTS

Prayers of lament take faith. Talking to God instead of allowing ourselves to be consumed by anger or bitterness requires biblical conviction. Naming the struggles of your soul and asking — again and again — for God’s help requires a bridge anchored by solid theological faith. Laments turn us toward God when sorrow tempts us to run from God.

Lament is an important part of our Christian practice. Lamenting is a cry of sorrow and mourning. Scripture is filled with God’s people crying out in difficult times. Hear this cry:

Psalm 13

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
 How long will you hide your face from me?
 How long must I bear pain in my soul
 and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
 How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
 Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!
 Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
 and my enemy will say, “I have prevailed;”
 my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
 But I trusted in your steadfast love;
 my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
 I will sing to the Lord,
 because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Some print in the bulletin and in hymnals appears in italics. In our church, italics indicate worship rubrics. Rubrics are directions within a service read or voiced by the worship leader to lead the congregation through the conduct of worship.

Psalm 10 asks this question: “Why, Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?”

Just like God’s people before us, we pray. We lament. We call out our deepest sorrows and grief. We gather following two years of layered grief and trauma. It is right and a good thing to release the cries of our hearts to God so that we individually and collectively might turn to God once again. You are invited to participate in these prayers of lament by releasing the cries of our hearts, naming people and communities aloud or in the depths of our hearts.

The liturgists for the Seven Laments were chosen as people who are trying to address these laments in their work and ministry. In your congregation, are there people whose experience and expertise can provide wisdom for your church?

Additional details for each liturgist are available on pages 15-16.

LITURGY OF LAMENT

L: How long, O Lord, will we suffer from the challenges and changes from COVID-19?
(Release the cries, the prayers and the pain of our hearts to God)

L: Jesus says, Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

P: God bring rest to the suffering

L: How long, O Lord, will we suffer from substance use disorder and addiction?
(Release the cries, the prayers and the pain of our hearts to God)

L: Jesus says, Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

P: God bring rest to the suffering

L: How long, O Lord, will we suffer from the layers of institutional racism and cry “tears of pain caused by racism?”
(Release the cries, the prayers and the pain of our hearts to God)

L: Jesus says, Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

P: God bring rest to the suffering

L: How long, O Lord, will we suffer from loneliness and isolation?
(Release the cries, the prayers and the pain of our hearts to God)

L: Jesus says, Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

P: God bring rest to the suffering

L: How long, O Lord, will we suffer from conflict at home and around the world?
(Release the cries, the prayers and the pain of our hearts to God)

L: Jesus says, Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

P: God bring rest to the suffering

L: How long, O Lord, will we suffer from the struggles within our denomination?
(Release the cries, the prayers and the pain of our hearts to God)

L: Jesus says, Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

P: God bring rest to the suffering

L: How long, O Lord, will we suffer from hunger and poverty?
(Release the cries, the prayers and the pain of our hearts to God)

L: Jesus says, Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

P: God bring rest to the suffering

- L: How long, O Lord, will we suffer from these concerns that weigh heavy on our hearts? At this time, we encourage those in the congregation to name laments that we have not yet named. For those online, we invite you to share a word or phrase or prayer in the comments and for those in the room, you can say out loud a word or phrase. What is it that weighs heavy on your hearts?
(Release the cries, the prayers and the pain of our hearts to God)
- L: Jesus says, Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
- P: God bring rest to the suffering**

The People's responses throughout were adapted from blackliturgies, A Breath Prayer For Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, <https://www.instagram.com/p/Cam014XuP4e/>

Reclaiming Hope in God

Lament is always connected to hope. We are not left to dwell in our grief and sorrows.

Prayers of Lament explain the world using a biblical lens. In Revelation the picture is painted, a different future promised: "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Rev. 21:4)

Yes, Christ-followers mourn the brokenness, the sinfulness, the pain of the world, but we also long for the day when all weeping will cease.

We have a God of hope. Elie Wiesel said, "Hope is our remembered future." God's people have leaned into God's steadfast love and mercy in the pursuit of hope from generation to generation. Part of that pursuit is remembering how God has been with us in trying times before. Memory informs our faith and shapes our hope.

† CALL TO OUR HOPE

(based on John 1)

- L: In the beginning was the Word...what came into being through the Word was life, and the life was light for all people.
- P: The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.**
- L: The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world, but the world didn't welcome him.
- P: The light came to his own people, and his own people didn't welcome him.**
- L: But those who did welcome him, those who believed in his name, He authorized to become God's children.
- P: The Word became flesh and made his home among us.
 We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son,
 full of grace and full of truth.**

SCRIPTURE

Lamentations 3:22-26

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

PROCLAMATION OF HOPE

My Soul Remembers; Therefore, I Have Hope

Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball

My Hope is Built

UMH 368

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† HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
2. When darkness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un-
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup-port me in the
4. When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righteous-ness. I dare not trust the sweet-est frame,
chang-ing grace. In ev - ery high and storm - y gale,
whelm-ing flood. When all a-round my soul gives way,
him be found! Dressed in his righ-teous-ness a - lone,

Refrain
but whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
my an-chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ the sol-id
he then is all my hope and stay.
fault-less to stand be - fore the throne!

rock I stand, all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand;

all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

ECUMENICAL GREETING

Bishop Matthew Riegel, The ELCA

COMMUNION

Invitation

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

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.

All pray in silence.

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.

Offering Invitation

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To make a donation, see the annual conference, online, and church giving instructions at the front of the worship booklet.

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,

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 deed 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.

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?

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through the prophets.
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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him
to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended,
he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he 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, he 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.”

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 each other,
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 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.**

In our Communion liturgy we offer ourselves for God’s work in the world. This year, the Annual Conference theme is “Building Bridges: Making Connections.” How might you use your gifts to build bridges in your community? What of your time and talent can you offer the world today in God’s name?

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.

Giving and Receiving the Bread and Cup

In-person participants received communion elements upon entrance to Wesley Chapel Please raise a hand if you did not receive elements, and a worship assistant will provide them for you in your seat.

At this time, participants are invited to open the Communion elements, partake, and spend time in contemplative prayer. As you take and eat, imagine what bridges God is calling us to build today.

† LITURGY OF HOPE

L: All who are weary and tired, lost and lonely, waiting and watching, crying and shouting hear the good news from the prophet Jeremiah.

P: **For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.**

L: A future and a hope. Yes, O Lord. Our God of hope.

P: **Fill us with joy and peace, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope.**

L: Abound in hope.

P: **In hope we will abide. Amen.**

† BENEDICTION

† RECESSIONAL HYMN

We Are One in the Spirit



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

We Are One in the Spirit

TFWS 2223

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The Logan Memorial Worship Band joins us from Parkersburg, West Virginia. Their home church is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Currently undergoing renovations, the building will serve the community for years to come. If you would like to learn more about their ministries or the renovations to their church, please visit the Logan Memorial United Methodist Church Facebook page.

LITURGISTS

Ed Clemons, Jr. is a local pastor, hospital nurse, and Mayor of Luke, MD. Ed saw first-hand how the COVID pandemic impacted communities.

In addition to dramatic loss of life, the virus disrupted every aspect of life including work, school, family gatherings, and church; and it compounded already difficult problems like housing and food insecurity and substance use. COVID continues to challenge us, and so today we name our pain and give it to God.

Lynn Frum is a lay person in the Wesleyan district. She serves as the Cross Lines Board Chair at the Upshur Parish House.

The Upshur Parish House is one of seven mission projects of the WV Conference seeking to alleviate the suffering of hunger and poverty. To learn more about the work of the mission projects and other vital ministries working for justice in our communities visit www.wvumc.org/change-the-world/

Janet Harman is a counselor, social worker, and retired Deacon. Along with her colleagues, she has seen a rise in the number of people reaching out for vital, life-saving mental health care.

Not least of COVID’s lingering influences is the devastating rise of mental health issues. If you, or someone you know, needs to speak to a trained professional for referral or treatment you can contact the free, confidential, 24/7 services offered by the Department of Health and Human Services by calling 1-800-662-4357.

Sheri Kernik is a local pastor, dedicated to assisting groups like Take Action and Narcotics Anonymous.

After losing her son to an overdose in 2018, Sheri sensed a call to lead grief groups and spiritual counseling for other parents whose children suffer with substance use disorder.

Breaking the stigma of substance use disorder can be done in every setting. Think about celebrating the Day of Hope with the West Virginia Council of Churches on September 16-18, 2022.

You can also contact 1-844-435-7498 (1-844-HELP4WV). HELP4WV offers a 24/7 call, chat, and text line that provides immediate help for any West Virginian struggling with an addiction or mental health issue.

Angela Gay Kinkead and Bo Terrell co-chair the WV Conference’s Committee on Religion and Race. Their work, along with other ministry teams like Justice and Advocacy, Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM), and Ethnic Local Church Concerns Committee, seeks to bring equity, cultural competency, and facilitate conversations about the intersections of race and culture.

“Front Porch Conversations” is a free resource developed by the WV Conference out of a desire to invite individuals and congregations into a conversation that would raise our individual and collective awareness regarding racism and challenge us to the work we need to do within our own beings and in our communities to eliminate racism. You can learn more about the United Methodist Church’s commitment to anti-racism work by visiting www.gcorr.org.

Royce Lyden is a community advocate who serves the church as a the Vice Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry and as a certified rural chaplain.

Those who serve the church know the power of the United Methodist connection and the theology of grace, which is unique to our denomination. When brought together, our commitment to care for one another and our understanding of grace “enables us to carry out our mission in unity and strength” (Book of Discipline, ¶ 701). For an opportunity to bring hope to the world, we give God thanks.

Jenna Moon is an ordained Elder, serving as a Chaplain of the 321st Ordnance Battalion in Cross Lanes, WV.

We give thanks for the women and men who serve their country. We pray alongside them for the justice and peace of God to transform the world.

With our sisters and brothers around the globe, we offer gifts of hope. If you want to learn more about the UMC’s commitment to love beyond borders visit www.umcmmission.org/umcor/

Preacher Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball

Celebrants Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball

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Musicians Julie Janisch, Piano
Donald Boykin, Vocals
Deric Davis, Bass Guitar
Steve Devereaux, Acoustic Guitar / Backup Vocals
Cal Malcom, Drums
Steve Peck, Harmonica, etc.
Ricky Ray, Electric Guitar

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