



**A Service of Licensing,
Commissioning, & Ordination**
Thursday, June 16, 2022 7:00 PM

ORDER OF WORSHIPⁱ

+ You're invited to stand in body or in spirit. | **Bold** words are spoken responsively.

ENTRANCE

GATHERING MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 6.1-8

Mr. Jorge Berrios

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

J. Neander et al.; E. Gesangbuch/W. Bennett

LOBE DEN HERREN

+ GREETING & PRAYER

Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel, Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The Holy Spirit is among us.

Move us, Holy Spirit!

Let us pray.

Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit

you gave to your apostles and all your Church

many excellent gifts.

Come upon us gathered here to set apart those who will lead among us

by calling and equipping us to fulfill your desire

that we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.

We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*All but the **bishop** are seated.*

RECOGNITION OF OUR COMMON MINISTRY & REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISM

Bishop William T. McAlilly

Sisters and brothers in Christ:

we are all made one with the death of Jesus Christ,

and raised with him to walk in newness of life

in the gift of baptism by water and the Spirit.

The same Spirit who enlivens us empowers us with many and diverse gifts

to serve as new creatures:

renouncing evil,

embracing and submitting to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,

and joining together as his body to serve as his representatives in the world.

We all start here.

The Spirit leads us all.

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**We reaffirm our baptism
and our common call to ministry.**

PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE LICENSED, COMMISSIONED, OR ORDAINED

Bishop William T. McAlilly

Who presents these candidates to be licensed, commissioned, or ordained?

All laity respond:

**We have recommended them in our local congregations.
We present them, with our prayers and support.**

All Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry respond:

**We have examined these candidates according to the standards of our *Discipline*
and this annual conference of The United Methodist Church.
We present them, with our prayers and support.**

All local pastors respond:

**We present these persons
for licensing as local pastor.
We present them, with our prayers and support.**

Rev. Kevin Marston (candidates stand as their name is called):

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| Bill Burnette | Levi Hamilton |
| Keith Carlson | James Morton III |
| Ann Collins | Timothy Paris, Jr. |
| Robert Conder | Billy Patterson |
| Karl Covington | Allen Schieber |
| Rhonda Crawford | Angela Ford |
| Liz Thomen | Linda Furtado |
| Mike Treen | Ron Ulrich |

All Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry respond:

**We present these persons
for commissioning as provisional deacon or provisional elder.
We present them, with our prayers and support.**

Rev. Stephen Sauls (candidates stand as their name is called):

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| For provisional deacon: | |
| Christy Collins Brown | Sarah Montgomery McCain |
| Rebecca Ferne Gwynn-Dixon | Wanda Lynn Spencer |
| Anna Keller Hawkins | Robert Graham Wheeler III |

For provisional elder:

Lory Brooks Catlett Philip David McAbee
Mary Elizabeth Eberle Kathryn Janel Heierman Minnis
Benjamin Thomas Eschenfelder Donna Rosetta Spencer
Chelli Runelle Jones

All ordained deacons respond:

**We present these persons
for ordination as deacon.
We present them, with our prayers and support.**

Dr. Jonathan Lewis (candidates stand as their name is called):

Keri Helen Cress Velma Gene Thomas-Parker
Jedediah Wilson Hanes

All ordained elders respond:

**We present these persons
for ordination as elder.
We present them, with our prayers and support.**

Dr. Paula Smith (candidates stand as their name is called):

Corrie Beth Alexander-Willette Diantha Smith McLeod
Keith Earl Caldwell Zachery Christopher Moffatt
Zachary Stephen Fisher Russell K. Yoder
Kelli Nichole Hamilton

The bishop says:

We rejoice in the Spirit's work in our lives
and the lives of those who come to serve and lead among us.

All respond:

**We will uphold them with our prayers and support.
Thanks be to God!**

All but the bishop and candidates are seated. They face one another.

THE GENERAL EXAMINATION

Bishop William T. McAlilly

My sisters and brothers in Christ,
as local pastors, or commissioned or ordained ministers,
you are to be coworkers with bishops, elders, deacons, local pastors, provisional members,
diaconal ministers, deaconesses, home missionaries, supply pastors, and all the people of God.
You are called to serve rather than to be served,
to proclaim the faith of the Church and no other,
and to look after the concerns of God's kingdom above all.
So we may know that you believe yourselves to be called by God

and that you profess the Christian faith, we ask you:
Do you believe that God has called you
to the life and work of set apart ministry?

I do so believe.

Do you believe in the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

I do so believe and confess.

Are you persuaded that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments
contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ,
and are the unique and authoritative standard for the Church's faith and life?

I am so persuaded, by God's grace.

Will you be faithful in prayer,
in the study of the Holy Scriptures,
and with the help of the Holy Spirit
continually rekindle the gift of God that is in you?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you do your best to pattern your life
in accordance with the teachings of Christ?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you, in the exercise of your ministry,
lead the people of God to faith in Jesus Christ,
participate in the life and work of the community,
and seek peace, justice, and freedom for all people?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you be faithful to The United Methodist Church,
accepting and upholding its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline,
defending them against all doctrines contrary to God's Holy Word,
and commit yourself to be accountable to those serving with you
and to the bishop and those who are appointed to supervise your ministry?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you, for the sake of the Church's life and mission,
covenant to participate in the life of the order or fellowship
into which you are ordained, commissioned, or received?
Will you give yourself to God through the order or fellowship,
in order to sustain and build each other up
in prayer, study, worship, and service
under the rule of life set forth in the vows you take this day?

I will, with the help of God.

May God, who has given you the will to do these things,

give you grace to perform them,
that the work begun in you by the Holy Spirit
may be brought to perfection.

Amen.

All are seated.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Offertory* J. N. Beck
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Combined Choirs

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

EPISTLE LESSON Galatians 1.11-24 Ms. Janice McCallen

+ THE GOSPEL Rev. Laura McMasters
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John,
chapter 15, verses 5 through 17.

The Gospel of our Lord!
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON “Where’d You Get That?” Bishop Thomas Bickerton

+ THE APOSTLES’ CREED Bishop Thomas Bickerton

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFERING Dr. Bernheisel
This evening’s offering will support the Jerusalem Fund.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Credo (I Believe in God) from Gospel Mass
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Combined Choirs

R. Ray

LICENSING OF LOCAL PASTORS

Rev. Kevin Marston, Chair, Fellowship of Local Pastors & Associate Members

Dear friends, these persons have completed the requirements
for the license as local pastor

and are recommended by the Board of Ordained Ministry.

We have inquired diligently concerning them
and have found them to be fit for this sacred vocation.

Bishop Thomas Bickerton

Do you believe you are moved by the Holy Spirit to serve as a local pastor?

I do.

Will you strive to live a life in keeping with what you preach?

I will.

Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are.

You are hereby authorized to serve as a local pastor
in the congregation to which you are appointed.

Take care that you perform these duties faithfully as much as you are able,
the Lord being your helper.

*As the **bishop** prays, all are welcome to extend hands toward the local pastors.*

Lord, we thank you for these persons,
whom we set aside in your name as local pastors.
Prepare them in body, mind, and spirit for their task
and continue them in your grace,
that they may increase and bless your Church through their labor;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The **local pastors** are greeted by the bishop and return to their seats. **Commissioning candidates** come to the chancel rail, facing the **bishop**.*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

S. Wolcott/F. de Giardini

Christ for the World We Sing

UMH 568
ITALIAN HYMN

THE COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONING

Dr. Bernheisel

A provisional member is bound to the service of God,

appointed and supervised by the bishop,

and guided by ordained and lay colleagues

of the Board of Ordained Ministry,

as they continue to grow in grace

and to practice and perfect their skills in the ministries

to which they may later be ordained as deacon or elder.
This is the rule of life and work of a provisional member.

ACT OF COMMISSIONING

Bishop William T. McAlilly

Candidates face the congregation.

By affirming the covenant of baptism,
all members of Christ's holy Church pledge
to serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Christ gave all of us this command:

“Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest.”

We have asked, and the Lord has answered.

These sisters and brothers know our Savior's concern for God's people,
see the plentiful harvest, and are ready to respond generously to the Lord
in the words of the prophet: “Here I am; send me.”

Urged on by the love of Christ and strengthened by the Holy Spirit,
they now come to declare in public
their desire to live out the covenant made at their baptism
by binding themselves to the service of God
under the supervision of the bishop and the guidance of ordained colleagues
and by being appointed to share as servant leaders in the body of Christ.
Today we commission them to service
as they continue to prepare for ordained ministry among us.

God of the apostles and prophets, of the martyrs and teachers,
you raise up men and women to be apostolic leaders in your Church.
By your Holy Spirit
help these, your servants,
to understand and live the mystery of your love with boldness and joy.
Deepen their sense of purpose
as they exercise commissioned ministry.
Empower them, and those who will walk with them to guide their ministry,
together with all of your people,
to heal the sick, love the outcast,
resist evil, preach the Word,
and give themselves freely for your name's sake.

*Friends and family of candidates are invited to stand where they are and extend hands toward the candidate. The **bishop**, standing behind each candidate in turn, places both hands on their shoulders and prays:*

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit on *Full Name*.
Send *him/her* now to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,
to announce the reign of God,
and to equip the Church for ministry,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The newly-commissioned return to their seats. Deacon candidates come to the chancel rail and face the congregation.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE
African American spiritual; W. Whalum

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

TFWS 2153
I'M GONNA LIVE

THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS

EXAMINATION OF DEACON CANDIDATES Dr. Jonathan Lewis, Chair, Order of Deacons
The chair of the Order of Deacons and two assisting deacons come to the lectern.

A deacon

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

A large Bible is lifted.

to lead in worship, to teach and proclaim God's Word,
to assist elders and appointed local pastors at Holy Baptism and Holy Communion,

A towel and pitcher are lifted.

to interpret to the Church the world's hurts and hopes,
to serve all people, particularly the poor, the sick, and the oppressed,
and to lead Christ's people in ministries of compassion and justice,
liberation and reconciliation,
especially in the face of hardship and personal sacrifice.

This is the rule of life and work of a deacon.

The deacon candidates face the bishop, who asks:

Do you believe that God has called you
to the life and work of a deacon?

I do so believe.

ORDINATION WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Bishop William T. McAlilly

As these persons are ordained by God and the Church
for the ministry of deacon
to which we believe they have been called by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray for them.

All are invited to extend hands toward the candidates, as the bishop prays:

We thank you, Living God,
that in your great love you sent Jesus Christ
to take the form of a servant,
becoming obedient even to death on the cross,
and now resurrected and exalted in the heavens.
You have taught us, by his word and example,
that whoever would be great among us must be servant of all.
Give these servants grace to be faithful to their promises,
constant in their discipleship,

and always ready for works of loving service.
Make them modest and humble, gentle and strong,
rooted and grounded in love.
Give them a share in the ministry of Jesus Christ,
who came not to be served but to serve.

The candidates and those assisting with the ordination come in turn to the kneeler. The candidate kneels. Assistants lay hands on the candidate. Friends and family may stand where they are. The bishop lays both hands on the head of the candidate, praying:

Almighty God, pour upon *Full Name* the Holy Spirit
for the office and work of a deacon in Christ's holy Church.

All audibly affirm the action, saying,
Amen.

The candidate immediately places both hands on a Bible as the bishop lays hands on the hands of the candidate and prays:

Full Name, take authority as a deacon
to proclaim the Word of God
and to lead God's people
in ministries of compassion and justice;
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All audibly affirm the action, saying,
Amen.

A shoulder stole is placed on the deacon.

Elder candidates come to the chancel rail and face the congregation.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE
A. Bayly; B.F. White/R. Nelson

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

UMH 581; st. 1, 4
BEACH SPRING

THE ORDINATION OF ELDERS

EXAMINATION OF ELDER CANDIDATES

Dr. Paula Smith, Chair, Order of Elders

The chair of the Order of Elders and assisting elders come to the lectern.

An elder
is called to share in the ministry of Christ
and of the whole Church:
to preach and teach the Word of God

A large Bible is lifted.

and faithfully administer
the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Communion;

A paten and chalice are lifted.

to lead the people of God in worship and prayer;
to lead persons to faith in Jesus Christ;
to exercise pastoral supervision;
to order the life of the congregation and connection;
to counsel the troubled,

and declare the forgiveness of sin;
to lead the people of God
in obedience to Christ's mission in the world;
to seek justice, peace, and freedom for all people;
and to take a responsible place in the government of the Church
and in service in and to the community
This is the rule of life and work of an elder.

The elder candidates face the bishop, who asks:

Do you believe that God has called you
to the life and work of an elder?

I do so believe.

ORDINATION WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Bishop William T. McAlilly

As these persons are ordained by God and the Church
for the ministry of elder
to which we believe they have been called by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray for them.

All are invited to extend hands toward the candidates, as the bishop prays:

We praise you, eternal God;
you have called us to be a priestly people,
offering to you acceptable worship through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Apostle and High Priest, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.
We thank you that, by dying, Christ has overcome death
and, having ascended into heaven,
has poured forth gifts abundantly on your people,
making some apostles, some prophets,
some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,
to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
to build up Christ's body,
and to fulfill your gracious purpose in the world.

Give to these your servants the grace and power they need
to serve you in this ministry.
Make them faithful pastors, patient teachers, and wise counselors.
Enable them to serve without reproach,
to proclaim the gospel of salvation,
to administer the sacraments of the new covenant,
and to offer with all your people
spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

The candidates and those assisting with the ordination come in turn to the kneeler. The candidate kneels. Assistants lay hands on the candidate. Friends and family may stand where they are. The bishop lays both hands on the head of the candidate, praying:

Almighty God, pour upon *Full Name* the Holy Spirit
for the office and work of an elder in Christ's holy Church.

All audibly affirm the action, saying,

Amen.

The candidate immediately places both hands on a Bible as the bishop lays hands on the hands of the candidate and prays:

Full Name, take authority as an elder
to preach the Word of God,
to administer the Holy Sacraments,
and to order the life of the Church;
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All audibly affirm the action, saying,

Amen.

A stole is placed on the elder.

SENDING FORTH

PRAYER

Bishop William T. McAlilly

Let us pray:

**We thank you, gracious God,
for raising up among us faithful servants.
Clothe them with your righteousness,
and grant that we, with them,
may glorify you by giving ourselves to others. Amen.**

+ BLESSING

Bishop William T. McAlilly

The grace of Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

+ BENEDICTION

Bishop William T. McAlilly

Go in peace
to love and serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.
**We are sent in Christ's name.
Thanks be to God!**

+ RECESSIONAL HYMN
J. Rowthorn; C. Taylor

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

UMH 584
ABBOT'S LEIGH

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*Following worship, a reception
for the newly-licensed, commissioned, and ordained and their families
will be held in the Family Life Center, Room C201.*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

HyeLan Pearce, Conductor
Dr. Gregg Bunn, Organist
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Wilson, Vocal Soloist
Michael Arndt, Trumpet
Alec Blazek, Trumpet
Jennifer Kummer, Trumpet
David Loucky, Trombone
Gil Long, Tuba
Molly Gilliland, Electric Bass
Jonathan Stallings, Drums
Mr. Jorge Berrios, Lector
Ms. Janice McCallen, Lector
Rev. Laura McMasters, Lector
Rev. Libby Baxter, Assisting Deacon
Rev. Eric Soard, Assisting Deacon
Rev. Dr. Erin Beasley, Assisting Elder
Rev. Sam McGlothlin, Assisting Elder
Rev. Kevin Marston, Chair, Fellowship of Local Pastors & Associate Members
Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lewis, Chair, Order of Deacons
Rev. Dr. Paula Smith, Chair, Order of Elders
Rev. Stephen Sauls, Vice-Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry
Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel, Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry
Bishop Joe E. Pennel, Jr.
Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton, Preaching
Bishop William T. (Bill) McAlilly, Presiding

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Special thanks as well to those who served as crucifer and acolytes and all who served as ushers for this evening's service.

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