



# **Service of Ordination, Commissioning, Recognition, and Licensing**

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025**

*Keepsake*



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**To Him Be Glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus**

**Liturgists: Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry**

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

## ENTRANCE

OPENING MUSIC *Obangiji* Fela Sowande

+PROCESSIONAL *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER UMH #159  
HYMN

+GREETING AND PRAYER Bishop David Graves

Bishop: The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Bishop: The Holy Spirit is among us.

**All: Move us, Holy Spirit!**

Bishop: Let us pray

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

## RECOGNITION OF COMMON MINISTRY AND REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Bishop: 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 you are baptized and be thankful.

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

## PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE ORDAINED, COMMISSIONED AND RECOGNIZED

Bishop: Who presents these candidates to be ordained, commissioned, or recognized?

All Laity: We have recommended them in our local congregations.  
We present them with our prayers and support.

Members of the Board of We have examined these candidates according to the standards of our Discipline and this this annual conference of the United Methodist Church.

- Ordained Ministry: We present them with our prayers and support.
- All Elders: We present these candidates for ordination as elder.  
We present them with our prayers and support.
- All Deacons: We present these candidates for ordination as deacons.  
We present them with our prayers and support.
- Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry: We present these candidates for commissioning as Provisional Members.  
We present them with our prayers and support. We also present this candidate for recognition as an Associate Member.  
We present him with our prayers and support.
- Bishop: We rejoice in the Spirit's work in our lives and in the lives of these who come to serve and lead among us.
- All: We will uphold them with our prayers and support. Thanks be to God.**

#### THE GENERAL EXAMINATION

- Bishop: My sisters and brothers in Christ, as commissioned or ordained ministers and as an associate member you are to be coworkers with Bishops, Elders, Deacons, Local Pastors, Provisional Members, Diaconal Ministers, Deaconesses, Home Missioners, Supply Pastors, and all the people of God.
- You are called to serve rather than to be served, to proclaim the faith of the church and no other, to look after the concerns of God's kingdom above all.
- So we may know that you believe yourselves to be called by God and that you process the Christian faith, we ask you:
- Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of set apart ministry?
- Candidates: I do so believe.**
- Bishop: Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
- Candidates: I do so believe and confess.**
- Bishop: 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?
- Candidates: I am so persuaded, by God's grace.**
- Bishop: 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?
- Candidates: I will, with the help of God.**

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

**Candidates: I will, with the help of God.**

Bishop: 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?

**Candidates: I will, with the help of God.**

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

**Candidates: I will, with the help of God.**

Bishop: Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission, covenant to participate in the life of the order, [fellowship or membership] into which you are ordained, commissioned, received or recognized? 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?

**Candidates: I will, with the help of God.**

Bishop: May God, who has given you the will to do these things, give you grace to perform them, that the work begun in you by the Holy Spirit may be brought to perfection.

**All: Amen.**

ACT OF PRAISE

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

Tom Fettke/Linda Johnson

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3: 14 – 21 (NIV)

Mr. Timm Fair

READING

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family<sup>[a]</sup> in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

+GOSPEL

John 6: 1 - 15 (NIV)

Rev. Regina Girten

READING

<sup>1</sup> Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), <sup>2</sup> and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages<sup>[a]</sup> to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" <sup>8</sup> Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, <sup>9</sup> "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. <sup>12</sup> When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." <sup>15</sup> Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

Leader: The gospel of our Lord!  
 People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SPECIAL MUSIC	"It Pays to Serve Jesus"	Arr. Nathan Carter
	Soloist: Roy Tipton, Tenor	
SERMON		Rev. Amanda Crice

#### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Apostles' Creed	Rev. Diantha McLeod
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Leader: Do you believe in God?  
 People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**  
 Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?  
 People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
 Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?  
 People: **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.**

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Today's offering will be used for Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference  
 Jerusalem Fund which provides direct assistance to clergy in need.*

OFFERTORY SONG	"O, How Precious"	Myrna Summers
	Soloist: Tammy Scales Elliott, Alto	

+DOXOLOGY	"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUEN	UMH #94
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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### EXAMINATION OF ELDER CANDIDATES

**Bishop:** An elder is called to share in the ministry of Christ and of the whole church: to preach and teach the Word of God and faithfully administer the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; to lead the people of God in worship and prayer; to lead persons to faith in Jesus Christ; to exercise pastoral supervision; to order the life of the congregation and connection, to counsel the troubled, and declare 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.

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

**Candidates:** I do so believe.

### EXAMINATION OF DEACON CANDIDATES

**Bishop:** 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 and, where contextually appropriate, to preside at the celebration of the sacraments, to lead in worship, to teach and proclaim God's Word, to assist Elders and appointed Local Pastors at Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, to interpret to the church the world's hurts and hopes, to serve all people, particularly the poor, the sick, and the oppressed, and to lead Christ's people in ministries of compassion and justice, liberation and reconciliation, especially in the face of hardship and personal sacrifice. This is the rule of life and work of a deacon.

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

**Candidates:** I do so believe.

### EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONING

**Bishop:** A provisional member is bound to the service of God appointed and supervised by the bishop and guided by ordained and lay colleagues in 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 Elder or Deacon. This is the way of life and work of a Provisional Member.

Do you believe that God has called you to continue your preparation towards ordained ministry in this way?

**Candidates:** I do so believe.

### EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATE FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

**Bishop:** An Associate Member has made a full commitment of life and service to the itinerant ministry of the United Methodist Church as demonstrated through service during provisional membership and ongoing examination, formation, supervision and reflection of the practice of ministry .

You now pledge to go wherever you are sent, to serve however you are called, to exercise your ministry within and on behalf of the whole Church, to love all among whom you are placed, and to love God above all. This is the way of life of a clergy member in Associate connection.

Do you believe that God has called you to this way of life?

**Candidate:** I do so believe.

#### EXAMINATION OF FIRST-TIME LICENSED LOCAL PASTORS

**Bishop:** A licensed local pastor has heard the call of God to preach and teach and to order the life of a local congregation, officiating the observance of the Sacraments of God's grace. You have submitted yourself to examination by our District Committee on Ministry and have been approved. You have promised to give yourself to the educational process that readies you for the work of a licensed local pastor and to on-going supervision and examination.

You now pledge to serve where you are appointed: preaching, teaching, and inviting all among whom you are placed to a life of ever-deepening discipleship in Christ. You are to be committed to on-going preparation for the ministry as a licensed local pastor.

Do you believe that God has called you to this way of life?

**To-be  
Licensed  
Local Pastors:** I do so believe and will serve with God's help.

#### EXAMINATION OF PROFESSING MEMBERS

All other members of the UMC present

**Bishop:** A professing member of the United Methodist Church has affirmed willingness to live out the baptismal covenant, professed the faith of the Church in the Triune God, pledged loyalty to Jesus Christ through the United Methodist Church and promised to support the congregations and ministries of this Church through their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Do you affirm these commitments and promise to support these set-apart ministers in their life and vocation among you?

**All  
Members:** I do, with God's help.

#### THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"All Glory"

*Matt Redman*

#### ORDINATION OF ELDERS

**Bishop:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**Bishop:** Holy Spirit, move among us! Come, Holy Spirit!

**All:** Come, Holy Spirit!

Bishop: Come, Holy Spirit, come upon:  
Larry M. Chitwood Marie Channiece King John William Melick  
Kathryn Janel Heierman Minnis Donna Spencer Samuel Connor Williams

Fill her/him with every good and perfect gift for the office and work of an Elder.

**All: All glory and praise are yours, now and forever!**

As you have placed yourself into the hands of God, take now authority as an Elder in Christ's holy Church to proclaim the word of God, administer the sacraments and order the life of the church.

**All: Lead us in being and in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

Bishop: Be an Elder among us:  
Larry M. Chitwood Marie Channiece King John William Melick  
Kathryn Janel Heierman Minnis Donna Spencer Samuel Connor Williams

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

#### ORDINATION OF DEACONS

Bishop: Come, Holy Spirit, come upon:  
Christy Collins Brown Rebecca Ferne Gwynn-Dixon Anna Keller Hawkins  
Sarah Montgomery McCain Wanda Spencer

Fill her with every good and perfect gift for the office and work of a Deacon.

**All: All glory and praise are yours, now and forever!**

Bishop: As you have placed yourself into the hands of God, take now authority as a Deacon in Christ's holy Church to proclaim the word of God and lead us in ministries of compassion of justice.

**All: Lead us to be and to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

Bishop: Be a Deacon among us:  
Christy Collins Brown Rebecca Ferne Gwynn-Dixon Anna Keller Hawkins  
Sarah Montgomery McCain Wanda Spencer

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE "A Charge to Keep I Have" UMH #413

#### COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL ELDERS AND DEACONS

Bishop: Come, Holy Spirit, come upon these your servants. Come upon:  
Baker Allen Bachman Shani Campbell Emily Walker

Send her/him among us to serve and continue to learn the way of life of an Elder. In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

**All: All glory and praise are yours, now and forever!**

Bishop: As you have placed yourself into the hands of God, we now send you forth to announce the good news of God's kingdom and equip disciples of Jesus for ministry.

**All: Lead us to be and to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**



Bishop: Serve and continue to learn among us:  
Baker Allen Bachman                      Shani Campbell                      Emily Walker

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Bishop: Come upon:  
Carolyn Guyton Altman                      Linda Louise Furtado                      Rachael Jorstad

Send her among us to serve and continue to learn the way of life of a deacon. In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All: All glory and praise are yours, now and forever!**

Bishop: As you have placed yourself into the hands of God, we now send you forth to announce the good news of God's kingdom and equip disciples of Jesus for ministry.

**All: Lead us to be and to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

Bishop: Serve and continue to learn among us:  
Carolyn Guyton Altman                      Linda Louise Furtado                      Rachael Jorstad

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

#### RECOGNITION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Bishop: The Holy Spirit stirs among us!

**All: And we are glad indeed.**

Bishop: You have served among us faithfully as a local pastor, demonstrating your commitment to accept and uphold the doctrine, liturgy and discipline of the United Methodist Church, under the appointment of the bishop. You have now fulfilled the requirement and been elected by the clergy session of this Annual Conference as an Associate Member.

Joshua Paul Newberry, we recognize you as an Associate Member in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**All: We recognize you with joy. Thanks be to God!**

#### LICENSING OF LOCAL PASTORS

Bishop: The Holy Spirit stirs among us!

**All: And we are glad indeed.**

Bishop: You have heard the call of God to serve the Church and have fulfilled the requirements to serve in ministry as a Licensed Local Pastor in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Omando Bastian	Dedra Campbell	Korley Carson
Danai Chinoda	Aimee Rebecca Cox	Tijuan "TJ" Debman
Quentin Michael Dickerson	Mary Beth Hagan	Weslee Hill
Blake Moore	Lynn Ruth Patterson	Regina Anne Proctor
Anne Marie Vines		

We recognize you with joy and bid you continue to grow in Christ as you serve.

**All: We recognize you with joy. Thanks be to God!**

Bishop: Let us pray

**All:**            **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**

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Bishop David Graves

**Bishop:**        The Spirit is moving among us. The Spirit is always moving among us! Let us be strong and courageous to hear the Divine call to welcome all opportunities for ministry in the power of God's Spirit. And, let us answer in delight – partnership with Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer in the ways we have been gifted and invited.

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

**SENDING FORTH**

+CLOSING MUSIC

*Make Us One*

Carol Cymbala

*Please feel welcome to pray at the altar should you be discerning God's call; individuals are available to pray with you and for you if you so desire.*

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESING

Rev. Christy Brown

**Leader:**        Go in peace to love and serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

**People:**        **We are sent in Christ's name. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Arr. Dale Wood

*All are invited to join in the celebration of these servant leaders at a reception in their honor held immediately following this time of worship, located in the gym of Collierville United Methodist Church*

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### LEADERSHIP

Resident Bishop

Bishop David Graves

### MUSICIANS

Annual Conference Director of Worship & Music

Mrs. Cynthia Haley

Organist

Dr. Ashley Davis

Pianist

Mr. Lakendrick Little

Percussion

Mr. Roney Simelton

Acoustic Guitar

Mr. Christopher Bingham

Rhythm Guitar

Mr. Gerard Harris

Bass Guitar

Dr. Autry Parker, Jr

### SOLOISTS

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Mrs. Tammy Scales Elliott

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Rev. Susan Carrigan

Rev. Sandra Clay, Ordination Chair

Mrs. Cynthia Haley, Director of Worship and Music

Rev. Linda Furtado

Rev. Dr. Joey Reed

Mr. Tim Wise