



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021

FORWARD

In everything, acknowledge God, who makes straight our paths. - Proverbs 3:6

The Service for the Ordination of
Deacons and Elders with Commissioning

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Holy Holy Holy (Nicaea)

by John Bacchus Dykes and Reginald Heber

GREETING AND PRAYER

May the Grace and Peace of Christ be with you.

May the Grace and Peace of Christ also be with you.

We gather together, called to work as one body, pursuing the path that God has called us to. God's path offers security and protection, a way where the burden is shared and where hope abounds.

Gather us in the power of the Holy Spirit, show us your way so that we might follow you.

We celebrate the transformational leaders that God has called to move the work of the church forward. Today as we commission and ordain another generation of clergy, we give thanks that seeds have now blossomed and will bear fruit.

Gather us in the power of the Holy Spirit, show us your way so that we might follow you.

SONG OF INVOCATION

Our God Who Art In Heaven

Tony McNeill

Our God who art in heaven, hallow'd be thy matchless name
Let Your Kin[g]dom reign in heaven, dwell on earth, in us, the same
Give us Lord this day for worship, Give us manna from on high
Give us bread to serve your kindom, Lord your name we glorify

Lord, forgive us, free us, love us
Grant us wisdom to forgive
Lead us not into temptation
Grant us grace so we can live
Evil cannot stand against us, Your deliverance we need
Bind us, Lord, to one another, We, your church, your love receive

Thine the Kin[g]dom, Thine the power, Thine the glory evermore.
Thine all majesty and honor, God to you we praise, adore.
You are God, you reign forever, "Holy, Holy Lord!" we sing
Jesus Christ, our blest Redeemer, Lord eternal, king of Kings!

OPENING PRAYER

God of grace and God of glory, pour out your Holy Spirit on this day, that we may be filled with courage to travel the path you have set before us. Jesus we come before you with contrite hearts. Forgive us when we follow our own understanding and are tempted to overwork and navigate our own paths. Forgive us when we are led down the ways of injustice that bring about pain and suffering for our neighbors. Help us to follow your way that offers wholeness, justice and perfect love. In this sacred time of worship, renew our callings, both laity and clergy alike, that we might move forward in social and personal holiness. In the name of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, Amen.

RECOGNITION OF COMMON MINISTRY AND REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Ministry is the work of God, done by the people of God. Through baptism all Christians are made part of the priesthood of all believers, the church, Christ's body, made visible in the world. We all share in Christ's ministry of love and service for the redemption of the human family and the whole of creation.

Therefore, in celebration of our common ministry, and having witnessed the baptism of a beloved child of God, I call upon all God's people gathered here:

Remember that you are baptized and be thankful.

We remember that we are baptized and affirm the faith that unites us.

Refrain: Jesus We Love You

PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE COMMISSIONED, RECOGNIZED OR ORDAINED

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

Judy Colorado, Conference Lay Leader and Michelle Ryoo, Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry

On behalf of the laity of local congregations who have examined and approved these candidates, and on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry of this annual conference, which has recommended these persons, and this annual conference, which has approved them,

We present these persons to be commissioned, recognized and ordained for the ministry of the church.

We present this person to be commissioned for the work of a deacon:

Bridget Galvin

These persons to be commissioned for the work of an elder:

Geralda Aldajuste

Brendan Galvin

M. Elouise Hill-Challenger

Eunkyong Kim

Hyun Woo Kim

Tiffany Sherrell Murphy

Hyunsook Kwon Song

Laura Quackenbush-Steele

We present these persons to be ordained as elders:

David Lee Ledford, III

Jaemyoung James Lee

Joshua Bernon Shuster

Ji Sun Yang

These persons are by God's grace to be commissioned or ordained to ministry in Christ's holy church. Those authorized by the Church to inquire about them have discerned that they are persons of sound learning and of Christian character, and possess the necessary signs of God's grace, and have demonstrated a profound commitment to serve Jesus Christ. Therefore, we believe them to be duly called to serve God.

We ask you, the people of God, to rejoice in and affirm each of these people being commissioned, ordained, or recognized.

Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace, to be commissioned, ordained or recognized?

We do! Thanks be to God!

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

With God's help, we will!

THE GENERAL EXAMINATION

Friends in Christ, you have been called to a commissioned or ordained ministry. The church now confirms your calling.

As commissioned or ordained ministers, you are to be coworkers with the laity, bishops, deacons, diaconal ministers, deaconesses, home missionaries, commissioned ministers, local pastors and elders.

Remember that 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 above all.

So that 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 ordained ministry?

Candidates: 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?

Candidates: 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?

Candidates: 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?

Candidates: I will, with the help of God.

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

Candidates: 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, to participate in the life and work of the community, and to seek peace, justice, and freedom for all people?

Candidates: I will, with the help of God.

Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, accepting its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline, defending it 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.

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

Amen.

SONG OF PREPARATION

Moving Forward

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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NRSV)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Spanish: Eunice Vega Perez

English: William M. Williams III

Korean: Sang Won Doh

MESSAGE

Bishop John Schol

RESPONSE IN SONG

The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

TESTIMONY MOMENT

Laura Quackenbush-Steele

COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

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.

As these candidates continue to prepare for Ordained Ministry, we rejoice that today they are Commissioned.

THE PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

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.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Pour out your Holy Spirit.

Send them 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.

COMMISSIONING FOR DEACON AND ELDER

Those to be commissioned for the work of a deacon:

Bridget Galvin

Those to be commissioned for the work of an elder:

Geralda Aldajuste

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SONG OF PRAISE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

TESTIMONY MOMENT

Jaemyoung James Lee

EXAMINATION OF ELDERS

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, order the life of the congregation, 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.

These are the duties of an elder.

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

Candidates: I do so believe.

Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission, covenant to participate in the order of elders?

Will you give yourself to God through the order of elders in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship, and service?

Candidates: I will, with the help of God, and the help of my sisters and brothers in the order of elders.

PRAYER FOR ELDERS

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

We praise you, eternal God, because you have called us to be a priestly people, offering to you acceptable worship through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

ORDINATION: LAYING OF HANDS

Almighty God, pour upon the Holy Spirit for the office and work of an elder in Christ's holy church.
Amen.

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.
Amen.

Those to be ordained for the work of an elder:

David Lee Ledford, III	Jaemyoung James Lee
Joshua Bernon Shuster	Ji Sun Yang

SONG OF ADORATION

Trust And Obey

By Rev. John Henry Sammis and Daniel Brink Towner | CCLI#22094

Verse 1

When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way While we do His good will
He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey

Chorus

Trust and obey
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus But to trust and obey

Verse 4

But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay
For the favor He shows And the joy He bestows
Are for those who will trust and obey

Verse 5

Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet
Or we'll walk by His side in the way
What He says we will do
Where He sends we will go
Never fear only trust and obey

SENDING FORTH**INVITATION TO MINISTRY**

We will not live an unlived life

We will move forward seeking to follow God's path

However we are called, clergy and lay alike, we will carry forth the ministry God has given to us

Seeds will be planted to blossom, blossoms will be tended into fruit.

Go forth, as God has cleared a way for you to follow

BENEDICTION

Bishop John Schol

Move forward with joy of the Lord!

Be led forth with the peace of Christ!

And may the Holy Spirit bring forth fruits in your life and ministry, so that the world will be transformed with the love of Christ.

ALL: To God be the glory. Amen!

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