

# The Service for the Ordination of Deacons and Elders with Commissining and Recognition of Orders in The United Methodist Church

*Deliver*

Luke 4:17-18

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor”

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TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022



The Service for the  
Ordination of Deacons and Elders with Commissioning and  
Recognition of Orders in the United Methodist Church  
2022 Service

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Deliver  
Luke 4:16-19

**PROCESSIONAL**

**Child of Love**

*Words and Music: Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash*

I was walking the wayside  
Lost on a lonely road  
I was chasing the high life  
Try'n to satisfy my soul

All the lies I believed in  
Left me crying like the rain  
Then I saw lightning from heaven  
And I've never been the same

**Chorus**

I'm gonna climb a mountain  
I'm gonna shout about it  
I am a child of love  
I found a world of freedom  
I found a friend in Jesus  
I am a child of love

I've felt the sting of the fire  
But I saw You in the flames  
Just when I thought it was over  
You broke me out of the grave

**Bridge**

Nothing can change the way You love me  
Nothing can change the way I belong to You  
Yes I do  
Nothing can separate

## **OPENING SONG**

### **Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah**

*UMH #127 Words: William Williams; Music: John Hughes*

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah  
Pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak but Thou art mighty  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand  
Bread of heaven Bread of heaven  
Feed me now and ever more  
Feed me now and ever more

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through  
Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer  
Be Thou still my strength and shield  
Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside  
Death of death and hell's destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Songs of praises songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee  
I will ever give to Thee

## **GREETING AND PRAYER**

May the Spirit of the Lord be upon each of you this day.

**May the Spirit of the Lord be upon you.**

We gather together, having experienced times of uncertainty and distress, mountains and valleys, yet called to work as one body, pursuing the path to which God has called us. God delivers us out of darkness to a lighted path of security and refuge, a way where burdens are shared and where hope overflows.

**As we celebrate the sacred calls of ministry today, Gather us in the power of your Holy Spirit.**

We celebrate that God is still calling the Church to move forward. As we commission and ordain another generation of clergy, we give thanks for those who have answered the call and for the continued fruits of ministry.

**As we worship, may our hearts be opened, our minds renewed, and the Spirit of the Lord be upon us as we seek to proclaim the good news.**

### **SONG OF INVOCATION**

#### **Our God Who Art In Heaven**

*Music: 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 kin[g]dom, 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, God of mercy, God of love, you have heard the cries of a needy world. You remain the great Sustainer of life. And in you, we find refuge and strength.**

**We praise you for delivering us from the sins of our pasts. And we praise you for your grace and boundless love.**

**Forgive us when we do not do your will. And forgive us when we are not good witnesses of your love and grace.**

**Help us to reflect your love and grace in all that we think, say and do.  
Remind us of the call to love and justice. Deliver us from our doubts and fears.  
And help us to continue saying 'yes' to your great call to proclaim the gospel.**

**In Christ we pray, 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**

**Holy Spirit**

*Words and Music: Bryan Torwalt and Katie Torwalt*

Holy Spirit You are welcome here

Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere

Your glory God is what our hearts long for

To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

**PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE COMMISSIONED,  
RECOGNIZED OR ORDAINED**

*Bishop Schol:*

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

*Judy Colorado, Conference Lay Leader:*

On behalf of the laity of local congregations

who have examined and approved these candidates,

*Michelle Ryoo, Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry:*

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,

*Judy and Michelle together:*

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

*Michelle Ryoo on behalf of Drew Dyson, Commissioning Registrar:*  
I present this person to be commissioned for the work of a deacon:

**Jamie Jimin Youm**

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

**McWilliam Colón  
Nicole Hamilton  
Sunghyuk Kim  
Lark McCalman  
Sooah Na  
Jesse Ruch  
Ralph Terrell  
Vanessa Marie Wilson**

*Michelle Ryoo on behalf of Heather Valosin, ordination registrar:*  
We also present these persons for Recognition of Orders in The United Methodist Church:

**Ronell Howard  
Latasha Milton**

*Michelle Ryoo on behalf of Heather Valosin, ordination registrar:*  
I present this person to be ordained as a deacon:

**Cricket Denton**

*Michelle Ryoo on behalf of Heather Valosin, ordination registrar:*  
I present these persons to be ordained as elders:

**Sung Chun Ahn  
Sammy Arroyo  
Rachel Callender  
Emad Gerges  
Hee Young Lim  
Erik (Skitch) Matson  
Jisun Nam  
Rosario Quinones  
Marissa van der Valk**

These persons are by God's grace  
to be commissioned, recognized, 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

*The bishop examines the candidates for commissioning,  
ordination and recognition.*

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**

### **Build My Life**

*Words and Music: Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman, Pat Barrett*

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You  
We live for You

### **Chorus**

Holy there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

### **Bridge**

I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

Spanish: McWilliam Colón  
English: Vanessa Marie Wilson  
Korean: Sung Chun Ahn

### **Luke 4:17-19 (NRSV)**

<sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

**MESSAGE:** Bishop John R. Schol

**RESPONSE IN SONG:**

**Move Me**

*Words and Music: Richard Alan Henderson*

Move me, move me  
Move me to do Thy will  
Move me, move me  
Move me to do Thy will

Lead me...

Use me...

**TESTIMONY:** Nicole Hamilton

**COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS**

*Bishop Schol refers to the candidates for provisional membership*

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 WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS**

*Congregation is invited to raise their arms as the bishop prays.*

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.

### **COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS**

#### **Those to be commissioned for the work of a deacon**

Jamie Jimin Youm

#### **Those to be commissioned for the work of an elder**

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### **TESTIMONY - Emad Gerges**

## RECOGNITION OF ORDERS

*The bishop addresses the persons whose orders as an elder are to be recognized.*

### **Ronell Howard and Latasha Milton**

after due examination

of your call and ministry in another part of Christ's holy church,  
we now welcome you to this communion.

You have given assurance of your faith and Christian experience.

You have renewed the vows of your ordination  
and embraced our own,  
committing *yourself* to accept and uphold faithfully  
the doctrine, liturgy, and discipline of The United Methodist Church.

We rejoice that you have been called to serve among us,  
and pray that God may guide your ministry.

**Ronell Howard** we now recognize you as an elder in full connection  
in The United Methodist Church.

**Latasha Milton** we now recognize you as an elder in full connection  
in The United Methodist Church.

## DEACON EXAMINATION

*The bishop addresses the person to be ordained a Deacon*

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,

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,  
even in the face of hardship and personal sacrifice.

These are the duties of a deacon.

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

**I do so believe.**

Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission  
covenant to participate in the order of deacons?  
Will you give yourself to God through the order of deacons  
in order to sustain and build each other up  
in prayer, study, worship, and service?

**I will, with the help of God,  
and with the help of my sisters and brothers in the order of deacons.**

### **LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR DEACONS**

As this person is ordained by God and the church  
for the ministry of a deacon  
to which we believe she has been called by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray for her.

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 this servant grace to be faithful to their promises,  
constant in their discipleship,  
and always ready for works of loving service.  
Make her modest and humble, gentle and strong,  
rooted and grounded in love.  
Give her a share in the ministry of Jesus Christ,  
who came not to be served but to serve.

*Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer  
during the laying on of hands as the candidate is ordained*

### **CANDIDATE FOR ORDINATION AS DEACON**

Cricket Denton

## EXAMINATION OF ELDERS

*The bishop addresses the persons to be ordained an Elder*

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.**

## LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR ELDERS

As these persons are recognized or ordained by God and the church  
for the ministry of elders and deacon  
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.

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#### **CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION AS ELDER**

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Rosario Quinones  
Marissa van der Valk

## **SONG OF ADORATION**

### **Blessed Assurance**

*Words by Fanny J. Crosby; Music by Phoebe P. Knapp*

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

### **Chorus**

This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst at my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

Perfect submission all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting looking above  
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

## **SENDING FORTH**

### **INVITATION TO MINISTRY**

### **BENEDICTION**

Friends, God has called and is calling. The Spirit of the Lord is surely upon us and has anointed us to proclaim the gospel. However and wherever God has called you, may you go forward from this day, in the assurance that God goes with you and will never leave you.

In the name of the one who is our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer.

**Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL SONGS**

### **Marching to Zion**

*Words by Isaac Watts; Refrain and Music by Robert Lowry*

Come we that love the Lord  
And let our joys be known  
Join in a song with sweet accord  
Join in a song with sweet accord  
And thus surround the throne  
And thus surround the throne

### **Chorus**

We're marching (on) to Zion  
Beautiful beautiful Zion  
We're marching upward to Zion  
(Zion Zion)  
The beautiful city of God

Let those refuse to sing  
Who never knew our God  
But children of the heav'nly King  
But children of the heav'nly King  
May speak their joys abroad  
May speak their joys abroad

The hill of Zion yields  
A thousand sacred sweets  
Before we reach the heav'nly fields  
Before we reach the heav'nly fields  
Or walk the golden streets  
Or walk the golden streets

Then let our songs abound  
And ev'ry tear be dry  
We're marching thru Immanuel's ground  
We're marching thru Immanuel's ground  
To fairer worlds on high  
To fairer worlds on high

**Worship Participants:**

Bishop John Schol, United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey

**Candidates for Commissioning, Deacon Track**

Jamie Jimin Youm

**Candidates for Commissioning, Elder Track**

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