

The Susquehanna Annual Conference

Celebration of Ministry

Friday, June 13, 2014 7:00 p.m.

Note: All hymn words and responsive readings will be projected on the screens.

*You are invited to stand

GATHERING MUSIC

*Unforgettable Big Band
York, PA*

“Wade in the Water”

arr. Andy Clark

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Chris McDonald

“The Savior is Waiting”

arr. Ralph Carmichael

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*Mr. Matthew Wensel
Conference Director of Music*

*HYMN

“Come Thou Almighty King”
The United Methodist Hymnal (#61)
Congregation and Unforgettable Big Band

Anon.

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Pastor Kristen Wall-Love
Ordinand*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:7-16

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*Rev. Catherine Boileau
New Creation Community UMC, Dover, PA*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”
Unforgettable Big Band

arr. Carmichael

THE JOURNEY OF WORD

*Rev. Michelle Whitlock
New Freedom UMC, New Freedom, PA*
*Pastor Brendan Hock
Ordinand*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:15-18

REFLECTION

RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of God ... faithfully proclaimed by you ... for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

“Wonderful Words of Life”
The United Methodist Hymnal (#600)

Philip P. Bliss

Those being recognized will move from the floor to the stage during the singing of the hymn.

RECOGNITION

*Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver
Wesley UMC, Bloomsburg, PA
Chair of Sessions Committee*
*Mrs. Audrey Wilder
Director, Young Peoples Ministry*

THE JOURNEY OF SACRAMENT

*Pastor Donald J. Smith
Morgan Run UMC, Osceola Mills, PA*
*Pastor Rachel Horst
Ordinand*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Matthew 28:18-21 and
Matthew 26:26-28

REFLECTION

RESPONSE

Leader: Tonight we celebrate your ministry of Sacrament among us. We praise God for the authority of Christ working through you. We praise God for your obedience to His Call, for through the witness of your journey the mystery of faith has continued, and is now proclaimed:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

HYMN

“Fill My Cup Lord”
The United Methodist Hymnal (#600)

Richard Blanchard

Those being recognized will move from the floor to the stage during the singing of the hymn.

RECOGNITION

*Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver
Mrs. Audrey Wilder*

THE JOURNEY OF ORDER AND SERVICE

*Rev. Mark Terwilliger
Beach Lake UMC, Beach Lake, PA*
*Pastor Laura Kyler
Ordinand*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:11-13

REFLECTION

RESPONSE

Leader: Tonight we celebrate your service among us, as you ordered the life of congregations around our annual conference.

People: We give thanks for your journey of order among us. You offered us the example of Christ by encouraging us in His love. May you continue to be confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

HYMN

“A Charge to Keep I Have”
The United Methodist Hymnal (#413)

*Charles Wesley
Lowell Mason*

Those being recognized will move from the floor to the stage during the singing of the hymn.

RECOGNITION

*Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver
Mrs. Audrey Wilder*

THE OFTEN OVERLOOKED JOURNEY

*Rev. Randall G. Bennett Jr.
Christ Community UMC, Selinsgrove, PA
Conference Worship Director*
*Pastor Robert Ryder
Ordinand*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 24:15

REFLECTION

RESPONSE

Leader: Through your service we are reminded of our sacred vows to uphold the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

People: We give thanks for your years of loyal and dedicated ministry. May we, like you, continue to uphold the Church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR JOURNEYS OF SERVICE

Leader: Let us pray.

People: We thank you, O God, for the many gifts of these faithful men and women.

We give thanks for their journeys of service as they ordered our congregational lives, equipped us with the Sacraments, and faithfully preached Your Holy Word.

Grant to each of them and their families rest and renewal that they may continue to have a sense of Your abiding presence all the days of their lives. Amen.

OFFERING

The Bishop's Partners In Mission (#7090)

OFFERTORY

“Blessed Assurance”
Unforgettable Big Band

arr. McDonald

***“The Doxology”**
The United Methodist Hymnal (#94)

Thomas Ken

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Catherine Boileau

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Kings 2:9-15

PASSING THE MANTLE

Representing the Retiring Class

*Rev. Dr. G. Edwin Zeiders
St. Pauls UMC, State College, PA*
*Rev. Susan Halverstadt
Trinity UMC, Elizabethtown, PA*

Representing those Being Ordained

*Pastor Anna Layman-Knox
Pastor Ryan Krauss*

A PRAYER FOR LIFE'S JOURNEY

Bishop Jeremiah J. Park

Bishop: Let us pray.

God of Life and Love, You travel with us upon all of life's journeys. Your Holy Word reminds us that “for everything there is a season, and for every matter a time under heaven.”

People: We pray, O Lord, for those retiring:

Bishop: As they begin a new season on their journey with You, may they continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. May they seek out opportunities to pass along their years of wisdom, while also taking time for rest, reflection, and renewal.

People: We pray, O Lord, for those being ordained:

Bishop: As they begin a new season on their journey as Full Members of the Susquehanna Annual Conference, may they live fully into their journey of Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service. May they be filled with grace, purpose, wisdom, and mercy – that as they lead and care for others – they will not forsake their personal devotion to you and to their families.

People: We pray, O Lord, for all of us made alive by Your grace, and gathered here upon this journey:

Bishop: May we be mindful of the brevity of life, take time to reflect upon Your goodness regardless of circumstance, and journey together under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. May we – no matter the season – be focused upon making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! We ask and pray these things in the matchless name of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

***CELEBRATION SONG**

“Joyful, Joyful” Henry Van Dyke
The United Methodist Hymnal (#89)
Congregation and Unforgettable Big Band

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Lewis A. Parks
Calvary UMC, Lemoyne, PA

***POSTLUDE**

“Be Still My Soul” arr. Carmichael
Unforgettable Big Band

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2014 Retirees

William T. Anderson
Keith R. Bitner
H. Russell Blanchard Jr.
Cheryl S. Cavalari
Dennis W. Derr
David E. Gallick
Sherry L. Good
Darwin C. Goshorn
Susan L. Halverstadt
Allen F. Hulslander
Judith P. Hulslander
Kenneth R. Kitzmiller

Thomas B. Morningstar
Thomas M. Osif
James W. Pall
Lewis A. Parks
Barbara L. Pease
John F. Rauhut
David L. Reed
Tina M. Rockwell
James P. Rouse
Jeffrey S. Swanger
Constance A. Waugh
G. Edwin Zeiders



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