

— A Time such as this —

***PRAYER FOR THE TIME OF HOLY CONFERENCING**

Almighty and Everlasting God:

Through the person and work of your Son Jesus Christ,
you have entered history in order to redeem creation.
Through the person and work of your Holy Spirit,
you have perpetuated your unending grace to every generation.

We call upon you now, O God, with the One and Only True name by which you have
revealed yourself – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

Enter with us into this time of Holy Conferencing.
Prepare our hearts and minds for the work of your Body.
Guide our thoughts and actions to be holy.
Equip us to speak truth, but to do so lovingly.

Be with us “for such a time as this”:

so that your infinite will might be accomplished in our time.

With your kingdom before us and our victory assured,
We humbly ask to be your hands and feet.

This we pray in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

HYMN

“Hymn of Promise”

Natalie Sleeth

The United Methodist Hymnal #707

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Salt ‘n Light Youth Ministry

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Alive
in Christ
TOGETHER



Opening Celebration

Annual Conference 2014
Messiah College, Grantham, PA

The Susquehanna Annual Conference
Opening Celebration
Thursday, June 12, 2014 2:00 p.m.

Note: All hymn words and responsive readings will be projected on the screens.
*You are invited to stand.

GATHERING MUSIC

Salt 'n Light Youth Ministry

The Gathering music will begin at 1:45 p.m.

CALL to WORSHIP

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Rev. Randall G. Bennett Jr.
Christ Community UMC, Selinsgrove, PA
Conference Worship Director

— A Time to Praise —

SONG

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship” Brian Doerksen
CCLI#834-251

“Running” Matt Crocker
Scott Ligertwood
CCLI#834-251

“One Thing Remains” Brian Johnson
Christa Black Gifford
Jeremy Riddle
CCLI#834-251

THE PRAYER OF PRAISE

Pastor Luke Harbaugh
Associate Pastor, First UMC, Hershey, PA

CHORUS

“The Heart of Worship” Matt Redman
CCLI #834-251

*When the music fades and all is stripped away
And I simply come.
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart.*

*I'll bring You more than a song,
For a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within,
Through the way things appear,
You're looking into my heart.*

LESSON

John 13:34-35
Rev. Mira Hewlett
Associate Pastor, Carlisle UMC, Carlisle, PA

CHORUS

“The Heart of Worship” Matt Redman
CCLI #834-251

*I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.*

LESSON

Romans 15:5-7, 13
Pastor Luke Harbaugh
Associate Pastor, First UMC, Hershey, PA

CHORUS

“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” Martin James Smith
CCLI #834-251

*Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when Your love came down*

— A Time to Contemplate —

LESSON

Esther 4:14-17
Rev. Mira Hewlett
Associate Pastor, Carlisle UMC, Carlisle, PA

CHORUS

“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” Martin James Smith
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*I could sing of Your love forever.
I could sing of Your love forever.
I could sing of Your love forever.
I could sing of Your love forever.*

THE MESSAGE

“For Such a Time as This” Bishop Jeremiah J. Park