

The Susquehanna Annual Conference

Celebration of Ministry

Friday, June 12, 2015 7:00 p.m.

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Jason Ingram and Kristian Stanfill
CCLI# 6518055

“The Lord our God”

Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford, and Jeremy Riddle
CCLI# 5508444

“One Thing Remains”

*WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Mr. Eric Drew
CrossPoint UMC - Harrisburg, Pa.

*SONGS OF PRAISE

Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, and Wade Joye
CCLI# 7011438

“Only King Forever”

Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, and William Batchelder Bradbury
CCLI# 6158927

“Cornerstone”

*PRAYER

Mr. Eric Drew

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

“Far More”
Rev. Jennifer Deutsch Thomas
New Creation Community UMC - Dover, Pa.
Ephesians 3:20-21

ANTHEM

arr. McDonald
Mr. Nathan Trimmer

“Then Sings My Soul”

— THE JOURNEY of WORD —

Rev. Suzanne A. Elliott
Park Avenue UMC - Chambersburg, Pa.
Terence J. Brosius, Ordinand
Port Royal, Pa.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:15-18

REFLECTION

RESPONSE

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 601
Words: Amy Grant
Music: Michael W. Smith; arr. by Keith Phillips

“Thy Word is a Lamp”

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

RECOGNITION

Rev. Charles W. Sprenkle
Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry
Manchester, Pa.

— THE JOURNEY of SACRAMENT —

Rev. Guy W. Camp III, Retired
Greencastle, Pa.

L. Jean Felty, Ordinand
New Bloomfield, Pa.

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:

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

HYMN

The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 620 - Singing the Refrain – Verse 2 - Refrain
Words and Music: John B. Foley; harm. by Gary Alan Smith

“One Bread, One Body”

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

RECOGNITION

Rev. Charles W. Sprenkle

— THE JOURNEY of ORDER and SERVICE —

Rev. Mary F. Dotson
Calvary UMC - Lawrenceville, Pa.
Stephen P. Salisbury, Ordinand
Newburg, Pa.

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.

Congregation: 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

The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 419 - Singing Verses 1 and 2)
Words: Fanny J. Crosby
Music: William H. Doane

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

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

RECOGNITION

Rev. Charles W. Sprenkle

— THE OFTEN OVERLOOKED JOURNEY —

Rev. Barry C. Robison
Stewartstown UMC - Stewartstown, Pa.
Elizabeth R. Taylor, Ordinand
Mifflinburg, Pa.

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.

Congregation: 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.

Congregation: 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

Rev. Michael A. Bealla
Director of Connectional Ministries
The offering today will benefit United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

OFFERTORY

arr. Jared Anderson
CrossPoint UMC Praise Team

“Great I Am”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Kings 2:9-15

PASSING the MANTLE

Representing the Retiring Class
Rev. Keith J. Schmuck
Winterstown UMC - Felton, Pa.
Rev. Penelope “Penney” M. Rahm
Trinity UMC - Clearfield, Pa.
Those Being Ordained
Janice F. Hughes
Terence J. Brosius

A PRAYER FOR LIFE’S JOURNEY

Bishop Jeremiah J. Park
Resident Bishop of the Harrisburg Episcopal Area

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.”

Congregation: 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.

Congregation: 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.

Congregation: 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.

Congregation: Amen.

CELEBRATION SONG

“Our God”

*Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman
CCLI# 5677416*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Thomas A. Maurer
Trinity UMC - Hummelstown, Pa.

***POSTLUDE**

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2015 Retirees

Rev. Robert W. Brown
Rev. Linda S. Bryan
Pastor Terry N. Daugherty
Pastor Vicki L. Elmer
Rev. Ellen J. Evans
Rev. Wm. Richard Feeser Jr.
Rev. Rebecca I. Foote
Rev. GayAnn Gearhart
Pastor Thomas L. Harmic
Rev. Ronald C. Hoffman
Rev. Thomas A. Maurer
Pastor Kathryn R. Mercado

Mrs. Ellen D. Miller
Rev. Michael V. Minnix
Rev. Roxy J. Moses
Pastor Richard L. Noggle
Rev. Penelope M. Rahm
Pastor Luvania E. Renninger
Rev. Dale L. Russell
Rev. Keith J. Schmuck
Pastor Lynne M. Schwartz
Pastor Mark R. Thumma
Rev. Donald C. Walters



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