

*Better Together ... Make Us One*

The Susquehanna Annual Conference

# Opening Celebration

Thursday, May 4, 2017 2:15 p.m.

Ms. Michelle Campbell will provide sign language for this service.

Special thanks to our mosaic artist, Brooke Keeney, of Chambers Hill UMC in Harrisburg.

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

\*You are invited to stand.

## GATHERING MUSIC

Jordan Markham  
Organist  
Wesley UMC - Bloomsburg, Pa.

## SETTING *the* STAGE

Rethink Church - Open Doors

## CALL to WORSHIP

Rev. Janet Durrwachter  
First UMC - Williamsport, Pa.

**All: By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world!**

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

***"The Church's One Foundation"***  
Rev. Randall Bennett Jr. - *Trumpet accompaniment*  
Christ Community UMC - Selinsgrove, Pa.

*The processional includes a representative from each district in the Susquehanna Conference.  
We come together as one out of many.*

## \*CHILD'S PRAYER for UNITY

Dr. Frank Derby  
Associate Lay Leader  
Written by Malia Ocker  
Age: 9, Middlesex UMC - Carlisle, Pa.

## \*HYMN

***"Rejoice, The Lord is King"***

## SCRIPTURE (VIDEO)

Isaiah 11:6-9  
J.T. Rose  
Age: 8, Middlesex UMC - Carlisle, Pa.

## SONG

***"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"***

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:20-25  
Pastor Daniel Wilt  
St. John's UMC - Chambersburg, Pa.

## INVITATION TO TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS

Rethink Church - Open Doors

## SERMON

***"One Out of Many"***  
Bishop Jeremiah J. Park  
Resident Bishop of the Harrisburg Episcopal Area

## SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-17

Leader: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

**All: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

## \*HYMNS

***"My Hope is Built"***

***"Victory in Jesus"***

## \*BENEDICTION

Bishop Jeremiah J. Park

## \*POSTLUDE



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Hershey Lodge - Hershey, Pa