All: We remember our baptism and affirm our common ministry.

**Examination and Prayer**

**Presentation of Persons to be Commissioned or Ordained**

Mr. John Konieczny, Conference Lay Leader
Rev. Suzanne Elliott, Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry
Rev. Julia Piper, Elder Registrar
Rev. Karen McCachren, Deacon Registrar
(The bishop address the congregation)

Bishop: We ask you, people of God, to declare your assent to the commissioning or ordination of these persons. Do you trust that they are worthy, by God’s grace, to be commissioned or ordained?

**All:** We do! Thanks be to God!

Bishop: Will you uphold them in their ministry?

**All:** With God’s help, we will!

**The General Examination**

**Proclaiming the Word**

**The Old and New Testament Lessons**

Genesis 1:26-31
Acts 2:42-47

**The Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 5:1-12
Rev. Miguel Arenas
Fourth UMC, York District

**Hymn**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”
Rev. Lenore Hosier
Fourth UMC, York District

**Introduction of Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball**

“Original Blessing”
Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball

**Commissioning**

**The Examination of Persons Being Commissioned**

**The Prayer of Commissioning with Laying on of Hands**

Please pray in silence for these individuals while they are being commissioned.

**Anthem**

“Here I Am, Lord”
Dr. Dilip Abayasekara

**Sending Forth**

Bishop: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always. Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

**All:** We thank you, gracious God, for raising up among us faithful servants. Clothe them with your righteousness, and grant that we, with them, may glorify you by giving ourselves to others. Amen.

**Prayer for the Elders with Laying on of Hands**

Please pray in silence for these individuals while they are being ordained.

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Bishop: Let us pray together:

**All:** We are sent in Christ’s name. Thanks be to God!

**Altar Call**

**Giving Our Commitments to Service**

Those sensing a call to Christian service are invited to gather at the cross to the right of the stage for prayer. If you have a cross with you, you are invited to hold it and pray for those who are coming forward.

**Prayer**

“Here I Am, Lord”

**Dismissal with Blessing**

Bishop: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always. Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

**All:** We are sent in Christ’s name. Thanks be to God!

**The Recessional Hymns**

“We've a Story to Tell to the Nations”
“I Love to Tell the Story”
“Go, Make of All Disciples”

**Postlude**
ORDINATION/DEACONS' AND ELDERS’ ORDERS / FULL MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES

Deacons’ Orders

Ruth L. Myers was born in Red Lion, Pa., and is married to Luke Myers. They have two children, Josie and Henry. She graduated from Red Lion Area High School, Red Lion, Pa. She is also a graduate of William & Mary, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, Duke University School of Nursing, and Duke Divinity School. She serves beyond the local church through Mercy Health, St. Rita’s Professional Services, and she affiliates with Ada First United Methodist Church in the Northwest Plains District of the West Ohio Conference. She was first recommended for pastoral ministry by Glen Mar United Methodist Church in Ellicott City, Md.

David Keyworth was born in Midland, Michigan. He accepted Christ as his personal savior at a young age, and was highly involved in his home church. He graduated from Albion College, a United Methodist affiliated liberal arts college, with a degree in history and psychology in 2011. At Albion, he felt a call to ordained ministry, and to attend Asbury Theological Seminary, where he met his wife, Meghan. He graduated with his Master of Divinity degree in 2015, and was appointed to Tyrone Wesley. He is grateful to God for God’s grace and gifts of music, preaching, and teaching. He was first recommended for pastoral ministry by Midland First United Methodist Church in Midland Mich.

John Franklin Mackey first felt God’s call to ministry in the eighth grade while attending St. Paul UMC in Chambersburg. He attended Elizabethville College and then went to Yale University. After graduation he returned to Pennsylvania and began attending Evangelical UMC. It was there that he again felt God’s call and began to answer this call. He attended Wesley Theological Seminary to complete his Master of Divinity degree. He thanks God for his call in his life, and his family for their support as he seeks to faithfully answer God’s call. He was first recommended for pastoral ministry by Evangelical United Methodist Church in Middletown, Pa.

Kristopher Ray Sledge first decided to follow Jesus and ultimately answer God’s call into ordained ministry at Christ Community in Selinsgrove, Pa. It was through people like Barry Robison and Kathy Kind, pastors at Christ Community, who supported and cultivated God’s call in his life. They helped him realize a call he did not even know existed at the time, and supported him to pursue this call at Messiah College and later at Wesley Theological Seminary. There are countless other persons who have chosen to journey and support him. He is ultimately grateful for God, whose grace was sufficient for him and continues to redeem his life. He was first recommended for pastoral ministry by Christ Community United Methodist Church in Selinsgrove, Pa.

Donald J. Smith thanks God for the people of the Osceola Mills church and Pastor Steve Knitter, who were able to see God’s call on his life and who supported him through his early years. Then the Morgan Run Charge that walked with him in ministry while he also completed his degree at Penn State and Wesley Seminary, and now Park Forest Village as he continues this journey. He also thanks God for his wife, family, and friends who have been with him this whole journey. He is thankful for God’s grace and strength that has carried him this far. He was first recommended for pastoral ministry by Osceola Mills United Methodist Church in Osceola Mills, Pa.

Elders’ Orders

Ron Baker accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior as an adult, and he committed to follow wherever God led. Initially, this was to various Bible studies and on to volunteer positions at his church. Then God led him into prison ministry. After a few years, he realized God was calling him to do more. However, his career was in IT, and he knew that he needed to make a choice. After prayerful consideration, numerous discussions with his wife, and many signs from God that made his path clear, he “left his nets” and started seminary at the age of 50.

He was first recommended for pastoral ministry by Dorranceton United Methodist Church in Kingston, Pa.

Audrey M. Brosious is continually amazed and humbled by God’s call on her life to ordained ministry. Responding to God’s call has been a journey of taking one faithful, and sometimes scary, step at a time and finding God already there. She especially experienced God’s presence through the support, encouragement, and affirmation of her mentors, family, and friends. She is deeply grateful for her husband, who not only supported her but also cheered her on during those times when the journey seemed too much for her. She is also thankful for the support of her church families who lovingly taught her how to be a pastor. She was first recommended for pastoral ministry by Millifineville United Methodist Church in Millifineville, Pa.

Richard P. Hanlon Jr. has experienced quite an adventure after responding to God’s call, which has quickened in pace shortly after Erin and he were married in 2010. He will forever be grateful for the support, encouragement, and affirmation given by God through Hollidaysburg First United Methodist Church. He is also grateful for God’s nurturing presence, which found expression through professors, pastors, and friends at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community. He also wants to express his gratitude for those whom he has had the joy of serving alongside in his current appointment at the United Methodist Church of Wellsboro. God is good! He was first recommended for pastoral ministry by Hollidaysburg First United Methodist Church in Hollidaysburg, Pa.

Rebecca L. Holland was raised in the small town of Bloomsburg, Pa., where she graduated in 2006 from Central Columbia High School. In 2011 she graduated from Millersville University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science in English Education. She received her Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., in 2014. During seminary, she served as an intern at Metropolitan Methodist United Methodist Church Cooperative Parish and at the General Board of Church and Society. She is especially passionate about ministry to people with disabilities, and is deeply grateful to her home church, her family, the wonderful people at Christ Community United Methodist Church, her female clergy mentors, and her beloved husband. She was first recommended for pastoral ministry by Ridge St. United Methodist Church in Bloomsburg, Pa.

Rebecca J. (Woomer) McGee was raised and nurtured in her faith at Hick’s Memorial United Methodist Church in Duncansville, Pa. Both at home and in this congregation, pastors by Rev. Tom Irwin, she learned about God’s love for us and how we are to love one another. She thanks her Sunday school teachers, Methodist Youth Fellowship leaders, and the people of Hick’s Memorial for their love. She is very grateful to the following for their encouragement: Faith United Methodist Church Bellefonte, Revs. Doyle Klinger, Brenda Leigey, Marian Hartman, Pat Woolaver, Dr. Pam Ford, Bethany Wood, Chuck Sprengle, Greg Millinovich, and the people of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation. She was first recommended for pastoral ministry by Faith United Methodist Church in Bellefonte, Pa.

Jonathan D. Morningstar would like to express his thanks for the many people who have mentored and supported him in this journey, especially Dr. Reta Finger, his professor at both Messiah College and Eastern Mennonite Seminary, who’s passion for the kingdom of God is a continuing source of inspiration. Through this shepherding, he has come to know God in a more personal way. These folks, through their faithfulness, have led him to the Holy Spirit. In these uncertain times, as our church faces unprecedented challenges, he prays that God will use each of us as God has used the many mentors he has had, as a signpost for the way of grace that leads us home. He was first recommended for pastoral ministry by Rhodes Memorial United Methodist Church in Lewistown, Pa.