Opening Celebration
Hershey Lodge - Hershey, Pa.
The 2019 Susquehanna Annual Conference

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Thursday, May 30, 2019    2:00 p.m.

During Worship, an ASL interpreter will be available at the front of the room near the organ. Those who more easily communicate with sign language are encouraged to sit near the interpreter. Special thanks to Rev. Jennett Wertz for providing ASL interpretation.

Remember your baptism before or after worship.

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

*You are invited to stand.

GATHERING MUSIC

“Trust and Obey”
“He Lives”
“Standing on the Promises”
“Victory in Jesus"
Better Together Orchestra

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Bobby Jones, Jr.
Mt. Olivet & St. Mark’s Yoked, Harrisburg

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:9-11

*APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.
the third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“To God Be the Glory”
Dan Stokes

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:1-6
Miriam Andrews
Trinity UMC – New Cumberland
Pastor JR Rodriguez
Damascus Charge – Damascus
Jonathan Ollie
The Journey - Harrisburg
Pastor Sarah Kim
W. Decatur/Wallaceton Charge - West Decatur

VOCAL SOLO

“How Great Thou Art”
Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr,
Christ Community Church – Selinsgrove

SERMON

“Made One With Each Other”
Bishop Jeremiah J. Park
Resident Bishop of the Harrisburg Episcopal Area

PRAYER IN THE TAÏZÉ TRADITION

Rev. Janet Durrwachter
First UMC – Williamsport

After worship, the prayer cross will be moved to the Prayer Room in Cocoa Ballroom, Suite 2. You are invited to place your prayers in the prayer cross. These prayers will be gathered up and placed at the foot of the large cross on stage during the evening worship services.

SONG

“How Great Thou Art”
Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr,
Christ Community Church – Selinsgrove

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in Sign Language)

Desirée Bower
First UMC – Williamsport

HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”
Better Together Orchestra

Benediction

Bishop Jeremiah J. Park

Postlude

Dan Stokes
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