

A VISION OF THE *Beloved* community

The 2021 Susquehanna Annual Conference

The Service of Ordination

Saturday, September 25, 2021 11:00 a.m.

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

Gathering to Worship

*OPENING WORSHIP

“Good Grace”
“Canvas and the Clay”
“Being Ordained” - video

GREETING and PRAYER

Examination and Prayer

PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE ORDAINED

Joyce Davis
Conference Lay Leader

Rev. Brian Lucas
Board of Ordained Ministry Registrar

David Layser, Jason Schwartzman, Kristopher Sledge, and Daniel Wilt

THE GENERAL EXAMINATION

Proclaiming the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:12-17

INTRODUCTION of BISHOP CYNTHIA MOORE-KOIKOI and BISHOP SANDRA STEINER-BALL

Rev. Barry Robison
Harrisburg Dist. Superintendent & Dean of the Cabinet

SERMON

“You’ve Got the Power to Love”
Bishop Cynthia Moore-KoiKoi
Resident Bishop of the Harrisburg Episcopal Area

HYMN

“Take My Life and Let It Be”
#399; Verses 1 and 3

Ordination

EXAMINATION OF THE ELDERS

Rev. David Stough
Board of Ordained Ministry Chair

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

Giving Ourselves to the Lord

VIDEO

“Called by God”

*SONG

“The Summons”
#2130 - *The Faith We Sing*; Verses 1, 3, and 5

Sending Forth

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CLOSING HYMN

“We’ve A Story to Tell to the Nations”
#569

POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
LOBE DEN HERREN
arr. by Diane Bush

ORDINATION ELDERS' ORDERS / FULL MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES

Elders' Orders

David Layser was born in Harrisburg, Pa. He attended Hershey High School, Messiah University and Asbury Theological Seminary. David is married to Emily and father to Julia, Edison, Gideon, and Joel. He is recommended for ministry by Fishburn UMC in Hershey. He currently is pastor of Trinity UMC, Danville in the Lewisburg District. His favorite scripture is John 15:5 "It reminds me that the calling of discipleship and ministry—with all its adventures, demands, and challenges—is most basically an invitation to abide in an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus, from which the good fruit of the Kingdom naturally grows. When I'm really living like this (and there are many times I'm not!), the pressure is off, life is abundant, and ministry is good."

Jason Schwartzman was born in New York, Ny. He attended St Raymond High School (Bronx NY), Caldwell College, and United Theological Seminary. Jason is married to Michelle and father to Dante and Jahnavi. He is recommended for ministry by Aldersgate UMC in York. He currently serves as pastor at Grace UMC, Lemoyne in the Harrisburg District. His favorite scripture is John 10:10. "This verse is an inspiration and a challenge to each of us to embrace the full spectrum of human experience."

Kristopher Sledge was born in Lewisburg, Pa. He attended Selinsgrove High School, Messiah University and Wesley Theological Seminary. Kris is married to Hannah and father to Lydia. He is recommended for ministry by Christ Community Church in Selinsgrove. He currently serves as pastor at The Journey in the Harrisburg District. His favorite scripture is from Romans 8:31. "In the midst of one of the darkest experiences in my life, Romans 8:31 gave me the deep assurance that even in the midst of trauma, God was present, caring and indeed for me!"

Daniel Wilt was born in Altoona, Pa. He attended Altoona High School, University of Valley Forge and Wesley Theological Seminary. He is recommended for ministry by Second Avenue UMC, Altoona. He currently serves as pastor at St Paul's UMC in Lewisburg in the Lewisburg District. His favorite scripture is John 15:15. "My faith begins and ends in relationship; rituals, traditions, songs, services, buildings, and all that are insignificant if I don't remember the relationship."

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