Remembering Who We Are

2018 Florida Annual Conference
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Worship Guide
ANNUAL CONFERENCE OPENING WORSHIP
Thursday Afternoon, June 7, 2018

GATHERING MUSIC

Presence

CELEBRATION OF RESILIENCY

Eye of the Storm

Video

I Am

Prayer

After A Natural Disaster

Invitation

Let us be in silence before the One
who creates and redeems us.

Silence

Prayer of Confession
Rev. Dr. Luz E. Maldonado, Nuevo Pacto UMC - Sebring

O God, the storms of life are raging,
The signs of death and devastation are all around us.
We are overwhelmed by human need,
and quick to cast blame or judgment.
We ask for your calm; your presence;
your peace; your strength.
Help us pass through the storms,
and guide all of your people safely
into the promised land.

Silence

My Lighthouse – survivor video

Words of Assurance
Rev. Lawrence Barriner, Simpson Memorial UMC - Jacksonville

O God, the storm of life are raging,
and yet, we believe that you are our help in ages past
and our hope for years to come.
Believe the good news:
God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in times of trouble.

Be of good courage;
strengthen the weak;
trust in the goodness of God,
who loves the poor and hears their cries. Amen.

Cornerstone with How Great Thou Art

Strength of Our Connection
Rev. Roy Terry, Cornerstone UMC - Naples

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SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-2b, 4-5a
Rev. Jana Hall-Perkins

Now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you...
Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you...
Do not fear, for I am with you.

SUNG RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Wonder

INVITATION TO THE FONT

Bishop Ken Carter

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Bishop Ken Carter

COMMUNAL REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Carter: Remember your baptism and be thankful.
Congregation: Amen.

*SIGNS OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

As forgiven people let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE

And Are We Yet Alive

The United Methodist Hymnal #553

553

And Are We Yet Alive

1. And are we yet alive, and see each other's face? Glory and sweetness are
variation here, a gain in Jesus'
our fellow saint, fightings without end
his love, and still he doth his
Christ's glosy crown, and gladly seek on

2. He was given for his almighty grace?
unto we pore, and in his right upbear.
here with us, since we are men blind last!
help afar, and hide us, lift us up.
uttermost, till we can stay no more,
all things here as we may in Jesus gain.

*indicates an invitation to rise
SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE
Thursday Evening, June 7, 2018

*GATHERING MUSIC

Open Up The Heavens

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 51:10-12
Rev. Susan Gray

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE

Come Thou Fount
The United Methodist Hymnal #400

400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Pure my heart to sing Thy praise; Streams of never-ceasing love, All thy mercies, all Thy kindness, Teach me now to fear and love Thee, Now direct my every way.

2. Here I raise my Libation pure, Pour it in Thy presence, Lord; Here my soul before Thee pours a prayer, Let the solemn strain be raised.

3. O, to grace how great a debtor I stand to Thee, Daily I’m constrained to praise Thee. Teach me now to fear and love Thee, Now direct my every way.

WORDBY: Robert Robinson, 1757 (St. 5:12)
MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

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OPENING PRAYER

And the table will be wide.
And the welcome will be wide.
And the arms will open wide to gather us in.
And our hearts will open wide to receive.

And we will come as children who trust there is enough.
And we will come unhindered and free.
And our aching will be met with bread.
And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.
And we will turn toward each other without fear.
And we will give up our appetite for despair.
And we will taste and know of delight.

And we will become bread for a hungering world.
And we will become drink for those who thirst.
And the blessed will become the blessing.
And everywhere will be the feast.

Amen.

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A WORD ABOUT OFFERINGS    Rev. Meghan Killingsworth and Rev. Dr. Matthew Williams
The Bishop’s Offering for Annual Conference 2018 will be divided evenly between ZOE Ministries and funding for training laity and clergy in missional, innovative forms of evangelism.

INTRODUCTION of BISHOP SUE HAUPERT-JOHNSON    Bishop Ken Carter
Serving The North Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church

SCRIPTURE    II Corinthians 5:16-21    Bishop Sue Haupert-Johnson

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;
even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,
we know him no longer in that way.
So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!
All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;
that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,
not counting their trespasses against them,
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.
So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us;
we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

MESSAGE    God’s Extreme Makeover: What is the Method?    Bishop Sue Haupert-Johnson

OFFERTORY PRAYER    Rev. David Killingsworth

OFFERTORY SONG    Brokenness Aside

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING    Bishop Sue Haupert-Johnson and Bishop Ken Carter

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom,
And the power and the glory forever.   Amen.

*SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*indicates an invitation to rise
SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Come As You Are
Every Table Is An Altar
How Deep The Father's Love For Us
Jesus Paid It All
Cornerstone

UNISON CLOSING PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE

Amazing Grace
v. 1, 2, and 6
The United Methodist Hymnal #378

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

2. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

AMAZING GRACE

WORDS: John Newton, 1779, st. 1-4, alt. (Col. 1:15-17)
MUSIC: Irish melody, arranged by Horatio W. Parker, 1830

*BENEDICTION

Bishop Ken Carter

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SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
Friday Morning, June 8, 2018

*GATHERING MUSIC
Shall We Gather At The River

*RESPONSIVE GREETING
Psalm 23
Bishop Ken Carter
The United Methodist Hymnal #137

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou prepardest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE
Come Let Us Join Our Friends Above
The United Methodist Hymnal #709

Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above

1. Come, let us join our friends who have ob-
   tained the prize; and
2. Our fash-ion-ly we dwell in him, our in-
   a-ble love, be-
3. In ev-ery-thing we trust in thee, our
   pure
4. Our spir-it too shall sink in joy, like thine with
   glo-
   ry, con-

mourn on earth, to sing with those in glo-
   ry, for

in ev-ery-thing we trust in thee, our pure
longing to sing with those in glo-

all the earth, as the sun doth rise, and havoc we

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739
MUSIC: Fred Fugate's melody, arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1926

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OPENING PRAYER

We never
would have wished it
to come to this,
yet we call
these moments holy
as we hold you.

Holy the tending,
holy the winding,
holy the leaving
as in the living.

Holy the silence,
holy the stillness,
holy the turning
and returning to earth.

Blessed is the One
who came
in the name,

blessed is the One
who laid
himself down,

blessed is the One
emptied for us,

blessed is the One
wearing the shroud.

Holy the waiting,
holy the grieving,
holy the shadows
and gathering night.

Holy the darkness,
holy the hours,
holy the hope
turning toward light.

Amen.

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This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

MESSAGE

Don’t Forget to Remember

Rev. Geraldine McClellan

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Naming the Saints: Rev. Beth Gardner and Rev. Jerry Van Dyken
Lighting Candles of Remembrance: Rev. Archie Buie and Mrs. Carol Van Dyken

Instrumental underscore begins and continues throughout the Naming of the Saints

Let us pray,

We bless your name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors.
Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

You are invited to stand as the person who touched your life in a special way is honored.

Clergy

Theodore Hubert Runyon, Jr. May 11, 2017
Robert Moore Waddell May 14, 2017
David Ross Denslow June 11, 2017
Laurence Edward Hall June 16, 2017
Robert Paul Bauer, Sr. June 20, 2017
Thomas Gerald Williams July 1, 2017
Robert Miller Jenkins August 3, 2017
Roy Elwood Lowe, Jr. August 27, 2017
Brinda Lee LeBleu September 20, 2017
Robert Mickler Temple, Jr. September 30, 2017
Louis Edward Patmore October 23, 2017
John Franklin Springer November 9, 2017
Henry Maxwell Schmidt November 11, 2017
George Franklin Bourn November 24, 2017

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Clergy (continued)

Carolyn Melva Nix Gesche  November 30, 2017
David Clayton Groves  December 2, 2017
Jimmie Lee Brown  December 31, 2017
Ransom Eugene Rutland, Jr.  January 2, 2018
David Larmond  January 21, 2018
William Hampton Wolfe  February 15, 2018
William Rowell Ingram, Jr.  February 18, 2018
Walter Nadeen Kalaf  February 26, 2018
James Pendleton Dale  March 9, 2018
James Thomas Jackson  March 17, 2018
Richard Hamilton Quackenbush  March 18, 2018
John William Talbott  March 20, 2018
Sandra Garner  March 21, 2018
Larry Everette Evans  April 1, 2018
Samuel Frank Parvin  April 8, 2018

Spouses

Evelyn J. Lewis  July 6, 2016
Duk Hee Nam  March 15, 2017
Bruce Jay Dubov  April 22, 2017
Faye Hall Mangham Weaver  April 23, 2017
Thelma Lewis Heard Newman  May 3, 2017
Lois Faye Bunton Richardson  May 4, 2017
Orville Reed  August 16, 2017
Margaret Anderson Davis  August 29, 2017
Martha Lee Looney  August 31, 2017
Julia Blake Jones  October 6, 2017
Robert Ann Klinger George  October 12, 2017
Evelyn Claire Short  October 28, 2017
Louise Elswick Snidow  November 5, 2017
Georgie Evelyn Loudy Willis  November 7, 2017
JoAnne M. Kirkwood  November 17, 2017
Edythe Irene Smith Fox Fry  November 19, 2017
Shirley Gregory McBride  December 3, 2017
Eva Haines Mitchell  December 23, 2017
Ruby B. Fowler King  January 11, 2018
Betty Olivia Brown Draper  January 22, 2018
Mary Jean Harris Carlton  January 28, 2018
Cornelia Ann Weed Jordan  February 11, 2018
Beryl Louise Insinger Tindell  February 16, 2018
Martha Jane Brown Rutland  February 24, 2018
Marion Surrency Farabee  March 5, 2018
Mary Louise White  March 5, 2018
Jewell Fannin Haddock Blackburn  March 8, 2018
Evelyn Clark  March 23, 2018

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*UNISON PRAYER FOR THE SAINTS AND THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED  
Bishop Ken Carter

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, you surround us with witness after witness 
to your transforming love.
Inspire us and empower us to persevere; fill our hearts with courage.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, you weep with us in our heartbreak and loss. 
Comfort us and protect us in our mourning; fill our souls with hope.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, you cry out in victory over sin and the grave. 
Raise us and release us to fulfill your calling; fill our lives with faithfulness 
and good works.  

Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN OF TRIUMPH  
For All The Saints  
For All the Saints  
The United Methodist Hymnal #711

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thou by faith 
   have cemented, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

2. Their Rock is God their Father, their Righteousness their Might; 
   Thine, Lord, their cup together.

3. O praise the noble, faith-ful, true and bold, 
   the hosts of heaven.

4. O bless the fellowship of Thine, for evermore the name that 
   gives of pearl streams.

5. And when the strife is fierce, the war-flare long, 
   Stands on the qui-tum.

6. From earth's wide bounds, from o-cen's furthest coast, 
   That gates of pearl streams.

WORDS: William W. How, 1864 (Feb. 12)  
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906  

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING  
Bishop Ken Carter

The peace of God, which passes all understanding 
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, 
and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.
And the blessing of God Almighty – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit 
be among you and remain with you always.  

Amen.

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND RETIREMENT RECOGNITION SERVICE
Friday Afternoon, June 8, 2018

*GATHERING MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

*GREETING

Rev. Vidalis Lopez

Adapted from The Faith We Sing #2223 and The United Methodist Book of Worship #66B

We are one in the Spirit.

We are one in the Lord.

We will walk with each other.

We will walk hand in hand.

We will work with each other.

We will work side by side.

All praise to you, God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Without you no words or works of ours have meaning.

Accept the gifts of our hands and our service as symbols of our devotion.

And strengthen us as witnesses before all of your people.

*HYMN OF PRAISE AND BANNER PROCESSIONAL

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

The Faith We Sing #2223

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

MUSICAL INTERLUDE AND BANNER RECESSIONAL

PRAYER

Eternal God,
you hold the times and seasons,
endings and beginnings, in your hands.
Bless these friends, who now enter a new time of life.
We give you thanks for tasks accomplished,
for the joys and pains woven into the fabric of their years.
Give them the guidance of your Holy Spirit.
May days no longer filled with old obligations
be free for new activities and associations.
May fears and uncertainties about the future
be transformed into quiet confidence.
May each new day be received as a sacred trust and lived to your glory,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.
PRESENTATION OF RETIRING SERVANTS
Readers: Rev. Vidalis Lopez and Rev. David Averill

CELEBRATION OF RETIREES

Barbara Ammann
Meg Bellows
Anne Burkholder
Greg Duncan
William Ricardo George
Luc Joseph
Jim Lake
Jerry Milner
Pat Turner Sharpton
Pam Stewart
Merritt Waters

Leslie Avchin
Larry Bergstrom
Tony Chance
Beth Fogle-Miller
Diane Gutierrez
Jay Kowalski
Geraldine McClellan
Craig Moore
Mike Shockley
Randy Strickland
Gabe Wright

Dan Bell
Michael Bozeman
Doris Jean Davis
Thomas Fuller
Scott Harris
John Kerry
Deborah McKown
Martha Rutland
Gee Sprague
Sidney Tompkins
Kip Younger

After all the retirees have been recognized:

Bishop: Brothers and sisters in Christ, you came to us from congregations where the Spirit of the Lord was upon you; and you were charged to love, serve and pray for all the people among who you worked, caring for the young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. These things you have done.

All: We give thanks to God for the lives that have been changed through your faithful witness and service.

Bishop: At your licensing or ordination, you received authority to read the Holy Scriptures in the church of God, to preach the Word, to celebrate the Sacraments, and to Order the life of the Church. At your commissioning, you received authority to equip the people of God, and to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. There were times that the road was rough and the way unclear, but God’s goodness and guidance has seen you through.

All: We give thanks to God for the light you have shone and the seeds you have sown.

Bishop: Never think lightly of the great good that God has wrought through you. And continue to be true to your calling. This is a transition, not a finale. This is an opening to new horizons of service, not the end of the road. May God’s love and power be with you always. Let us pray together.

All: God of grace, you fill your servants with vision. You empower your servants with your Spirit. We give thanks for the ministry of these women and men, and for the ways in which you have ministered to us through them as they built connections and built your Kingdom. Give them a sense of your abiding presence that they may continue to love and serve you, and ever grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*indicates an invitation to rise
THE PASSING OF THE MANTLE

A representative of the retiring class, Rev. Gee Sprague, and a representative of the new full member class, Rev. Gary Marcelin, kneel.

The Bishop takes the mantle and places it on the shoulders of the representative of the retiring class.

The representative of the retiring class rises and says

In the book of Kings we read of the Prophet Elijah’s ministry. The mantle, symbolic of submission to God, fell upon the younger prophet, Elisha, and the spirit of Elijah rested upon Elisha.

The representative of the retiring class then places the mantle on the shoulders of the representative of the new full member class and says

I transfer this mantle from our generation to the young, indicating thereby that the responsibilities and dedication of the older generation will be caught up and carried on by the young, and the spirit of today’s Elijahs will rest upon today’s Elishas.

The representative of the new class rises, turns to the retiring class and says

We who come after you take up the mantle, which falls upon us. May we inherit a double share of your spirit.

THE CHARGE

Bishop: For everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven. So, too, there is a time for movement, new adventure, fields of service not yet touched. With love, we send you forth in the spirit of John Wesley: May the world be your parish.

All: Go into the world and respond to the love of Christ in all you do. Live out the vision God has given you. May God’s mercy, grace, and peace be with you. May you be channels for God’s mercy, grace, and peace to the world wherever you may be.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is the faithfulness Of God my Father, there is no
shadows of turning with thee, thou changest not, thy cons-
essence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and

2. Generous and wiser, and spring-time and harvest, sun, moon, and
pores in their courses a love, join with all across in
hope for to-morrow, bliss that all songs, with ten thousand blessed

3. For ever wilt thou be. now I feel the presence of thy great faithfulness, never, and love.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have need of thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness! Lord un-to me!

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)       FAITHFULNESS
MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923                        11 10.11 10 with Refrain

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REVIVAL WORSHIP
Friday Evening, June 8, 2018

INTRODUCTION of BISHOP GREGORY PALMER
Serving The West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church

Bishop Ken Carter

*SONGS OF REVIVAL

Oh, How I Need You
Nothing But The Blood
This Beating Heart
Say So

SCRIPTURE

II Timothy 1:1-7

Paulette Monroe
Conference Lay Leader

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did –
when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.
Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

I am reminded of your sincere faith,
a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice
and now, I am sure, lives in you.
For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God
that is within you through the laying on of my hands;
for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice,
but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

MESSAGE

Remember and Remind

Bishop Gregory Palmer

*INVITATION TO THE ALTAR

O Come To The Altar
Sinking Deep
Set A Fire with Holy Spirit
Reckless Love
Wake Up

Bishop Gregory Palmer

*BENEDICTION

Bishop Ken Carter

Following the Benediction, we invite you to greet Bishop Palmer in the Honeyman Pavilion as
Branscomb Auditorium clears for the Licensing, Commissioning, and Ordination Service Rehearsal. Thank you.

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FIXING OF APPOINTMENTS  
Saturday, June 9, 2018

INTRODUCTION OF CABINET MEMBERS and PRAYERS FOR THE DISTRICTS

CHARGE to LICENSED, COMMISSIONED, CONSECRATED, and ORDAINED CLERGY

_The Bishop:_
We are sent into the world by our missional God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The love of God has been poured out for us in these days, reminding us of who we are, and is now poured through us for the world that God loves.

*Clergy rise. The Bishop addresses the clergy:_
You are called to announce the good news, to share the grace of God with all people, to order the life of the church with integrity, to be signs of justice and compassion in communities across Florida and beyond. Will you accept these assignments, to build up the body of Christ and to make new disciples in new places and in new ways?

_Clergy:_
We will go where we are sent, to spread scriptural holiness, to feed the multitudes, to share leadership with laity, and to live in covenant with each other.

*Clergy are seated._

CHARGE to THE LAITY

_Laity rise. The Bishop addresses the laity:_
“The world is our parish,” John Wesley said. You are the people of God, living and serving in God’s world. Will you receive these men and women as your leaders? And will you join them in connecting with God’s mission-field that surrounds you?

_Laity:_
We affirm our faith and trust in Jesus Christ. We receive these persons as servants among us, and will support them in our shared ministries.

*Clergy join Laity in standing. The Bishop addresses all:_
The Holy Spirit had led us in the discernment of gifts, and in listening to the needs of local churches, communities, and specialized ministries, for a larger purpose: that God’s kingdom will come, on earth as it is in heaven. I declare the fixing of these appointments for the year 2018-2019.

_All:_
May the God who has called us equip us for every good work. Thanks be to God!

*Following the Fixing of Appointments, we ask Branscomb Auditorium to be cleared to reset the room for the Service of Licensing, Commissioning, and Ordination. Thank you.*

*indicates an invitation to rise*
SERVICE OF LICENSING, COMMISSIONING, AND ORDINATION  
Saturday, June 9, 2018

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN  

The Church's One Foundation  
The United Methodist Hymnal #545

545

The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
   she is his new creation by water and the Spirit;
   she awaits the consummation of peace for ever;
   she teaches them that know not God, give us grace that

2. Each from every nation, yet one over all the earth;
   her character is salvation, one Lord, one faith, one新区;
   she institutes their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
   she blesses, purifies one holyyle Lord; give us grace that

3. Though with a solemn wonder men see her sore oppressed,
   by schisms rent, a stranger, by her enemies disdained;
   she is the vision glorious, her longing eyes are won.
   the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

4. Mid tell and tumult, and tumult of her heart with God the Three in one;
   Lord, she is his new creation by water and the Spirit;
   she awaits the consummation of peace for ever;
   she teaches them that know not God, give us grace that

5. Yet she on earth hath on- ion with God the Three in one;
   she is his new creation by water and the Spirit;
   she awaits the consummation of peace for ever;
   she teaches them that know not God, give us grace that

WORDS: Samuel J. Stone, 1866  
MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1861  

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*GREETING AND PRAYER

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

We come together to praise God,
to hear the Holy Word,
and to seek for ourselves and others
the power, presence, and direction of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit
you gave to your apostles many excellent gifts.
Give your grace to all servants of your church,
that we may with diligence and faithfulness fulfill our various ministries.
Grant that we your people may follow where you lead,
perfect our ministries, and live in joyful obedience to your will,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*RECOGNITION OF OUR ONE MINISTRY AND OUR ONE BAPTISM

The bishop, standing near a baptismal font, shell, or vessel of water, begins:

Ministry is the work of God, done by the people of God.
Through baptism all Christians are made part of the priesthood of all believers,
the church, Christ’s body, made visible in the world.
We all share in Christ’s ministry of love and service
for the redemption of the human family and the whole of creation.
Therefore, in celebration of our common ministry,
I call upon all God’s people gathered here:

The bishop may scoop and pour water from the font, shell, or vessel and say:

Remember your baptism and be thankful.
We remember our baptism and affirm our common ministry.

All people are seated.
PRESENTATION OF ORDINANDS

The Conference Lay Leader, Paulette Monroe, and the Chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry, The Reverend Dr. Brett Opalinski, present to the Bishop those who are to be licensed, commissioned, and ordained. The Bishop stands before the Lord's Table, facing the people.

Lay Leader:
On behalf of the laity of local congregations
who have examined and approved these candidates,

Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry:
and on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry of this annual conference,
which has recommended these persons,
and this annual conference, which has approved them,

Together the Lay Leader and the member of the Board of Ordained Ministry:
With our prayers and support we present

These persons to be licensed as local pastors (local pastors stand)

Bill Baldwin       Jill Beck       Myra Monroe Carr
Matthew Curley     Beth Demme    Rigo Felico
John Frank         Valerie Goddard George David Harper
Juanl Hernandez    Zachary Hutchinson Linda Johnson
Steve Langford     Rena Lewis    Nicole Logan
Tiffany McCall     Matthew McNutt Peggy Moss
Damian Pacheco     Joel Pancoast Katie McNichol Sirmon
Carey Sumner       Patti Thue    David Wildes

This person to be commissioned as provisional deacon (provisional deacon stands)

Amy Greene

These persons to be commissioned as provisional elders (provisional elders stand)

Frank Adams       Jim Berlau
Robert Bledsoe    Susan Corley
Haley Grace Ecoes  Pierre Loulou Exantus
Iván González Jr  Kevin Grills
Christopher Haden  Kevin Johnson
Jordan Kassabaum  Matthew Kern
Elyse Milligan    Don Pratt
Ben Myers Richards Dora Thomas
Eliantus Valmyr    Alexis Willcox
Tiffany Icaza Willetts

These persons to be ordained deacons (deacons stand)

Victoria Hughes Harrison Carolyn Lane Yoder

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These persons to be ordained elders (elders stand)

David Taylor Averill  Jimmy Todd Bardin
Joshua Michael Beaty  Stuart Bodin
Andrea Coretta Campbell Byer-Thomas  Berteau Eliassaint
Heather Jeanne Harding  Trevor Garrett Johnston
Vidalis Teresa Lopez  Gary Marcelin
Katherine Michele Pestel  Aaron Michael Rousseau
Brian Harrell Sanderson  Bridget Erin Thornton
Rodney Andrew Weseman  William Wold

After all candidates have been presented, they remain standing, and the Bishop says:

These persons are by God's grace to be licensed, commissioned or ordained to
ministry in Christ's holy church.

Those authorized by the Church to inquire about them
have discerned that they are persons of sound learning and of Christian
character, possess the necessary signs of God's grace,
and have demonstrated a profound commitment to serve Jesus Christ.
Therefore, we believe them to be duly called to serve God.

We ask you, people of God, to declare your assent to these persons.

Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace, to be licensed, commissioned or
ordained?

We do! Thanks be to God!

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

With God's help, we will!

The Bishop, presenters, and candidates are seated.

SCRIPTURE  Matthew 16:13-20  Bishop Ken Carter

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,
"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah,
and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!
For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.
And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.
I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,
and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

SERMON  Rebuild My Church  Bishop Ken Carter

*indicates an invitation to rise
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Sara McKinley and Rev. Dr. Brett Opalinski

Our offering this morning will go to the

Florida Conference Ministerial Education Fund to help clergy reduce educational debt.

These funds will provide tuition grants for Local Pastors attending Course of Study,
and seminary tuition for Deacons and Elders pursuing Ordination.

Please join us by offering your generous financial support for our next generation of clergy
so that they might be able to embrace the ministry in your church without the burden of educational debt.

OFFERTORY SONG

Build My Life

LICENSED OF LOCAL PASTORS

Those who are to be licensed, rise and proceed to the stage. When all are standing upon the stage, the Registrar of the Board of Ordained Ministry says:

Dear friends, these persons have completed the requirements for the license as a local pastor and are recommended by the Board of Ordained Ministry. We have inquired diligently concerning them and have found them to be fit for this sacred vocation.
The Bishop then asks the following questions of the Local Pastors to be licensed:

Do you believe you are moved by the Holy Spirit to serve as a local pastor?
I do.

Will you strive to live a life in keeping with what you preach?
I will.

As the registrar of the Board of Ordained Ministry reads the names of those being licensed, the Bishop presents each candidate with the license for pastoral ministry.

The Bishop addresses the candidates:
You are hereby authorized to serve as a local pastor in the congregation to which you are appointed. Take care that you perform these duties faithfully as much as you are able, the Lord being your helper.

The Bishop turns to the congregation:
As we pray, I invite the church to extend your arms towards these persons.

We thank you, O God, for these persons,
whom we set aside in your name as local pastors.
Prepare them in body, mind, and spirit for their task
and continue them in your grace,
that they may increase and bless your Church through their labors;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop introduces and greets those licensed.
I present to you these newly licensed local pastors of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church!
Those who have been licensed proceed to their seats.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

*indicates an invitation to rise 25
GENERAL EXAMINATION OF THOSE TO BE COMMISSIONED AND ORDAINED

The candidates for commissioning and ordination stand at their seats while the Bishop stands facing them. The Bishop examines all candidates for commissioning and ordination:

My sisters and brothers in Christ,
you have been called to a commissioned or ordained ministry.
The church now confirms your calling.

As ordained or commissioned ministers, you are to be coworkers with all the people of God: with laity, bishops, elders, deacons, local pastors,
provisional members, diaconal ministers, deaconesses, home missioners,
supply pastors, with all who serve God in the Church.

Remember you are called to serve rather than to be served,
to proclaim the faith of the church and no other,
to look after the concerns of God above all.

So we may know you believe yourselves to be called by God
and that you profess the Christian faith, we ask you:

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of ordained ministry?
I do so believe.

Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
I do so believe and confess.

Are you persuaded that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and are the unique and authoritative standard for the church’s faith and life?
I am so persuaded, by God’s grace.

Will you be faithful in prayer, in the study of the Holy Scriptures,
and with the help of the Holy Spirit continually rekindle the gift of God that is in you?
I will, with the help of God.

Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ?
I will, with the help of God.

Will you, in the exercise of your ministry, lead the people of God to faith in Jesus Christ, to participate in the life and work of the community, and to seek peace, justice, and freedom for all people?
I will, with the help of God.

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Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, accepting and upholding its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline, defending it against all doctrines contrary to God's Holy Word, and committing yourself to be accountable with those serving with you, and to the bishop and those who are appointed to supervise your ministry?
   **I will, with the help of God.**

Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission, covenant to participate in the life of the order, into which you are ordained or commissioned?
Will you give yourself to God through the order in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship and service under the rule of life set forth in the vows you take this day?
   **I will, with the help of God.**

May God, who has given you the will to do these things, give you grace to perform them, that the work begun in you may be brought to perfection.  **Amen.**

*Those who are to be commissioned proceed to the stage while those to be ordained take their seats.*

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

**COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL DEACONS AND ELDERS**
*Candidates for commissioning may rise and face the congregation.*
*The Bishop addresses the congregation.*

By affirming the covenant of baptism, all members of Christ's holy church pledge to serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Christ gave all of us this command: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest." We have asked, and the Lord has answered. These sisters and brothers know our Savior's concern for God's people, see the plentiful harvest, and are ready to respond generously to the Lord in the words of the prophet: "Here I am; send me."

Urged on by the love of Christ and strengthened by the Spirit, they now come to declare in public their desire to live out the covenant made at their baptism by binding themselves to the service of God under the supervision of the bishop and the guidance of colleagues in full connection and by being appointed to share as servant leaders in the body of Christ.

Today we commission them to service as they continue to prepare for ordained ministry among us.

*indicates an invitation to rise*
PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Bishop, facing the congregation and extending arms over all of the candidates, prays:

God of the apostles and prophets, of the martyrs and teachers, you raise up men and women to be apostolic leaders in your church. By your Holy Spirit help these, your servants, to understand and live the mystery of our love with boldness and joy. Deepen their sense of purpose as they exercise commissioned ministry. Empower them, and those who will walk with them to guide their ministry, together with all of your people, to heal the sick, love the outcast, resist evil, preach the Word, and give themselves freely for your name's sake.

Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the laying on of hands for each candidate for commissioning.

The Bishop, standing behind and laying both hands up the shoulder of each candidate, prays:

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Full Name.
Send him/her now to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, to announce the reign of God, and to equip the church for ministry, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All audibly affirm the action, saying, Amen.

Upon rising “The License for the Practice of Ministry of the Deacon” or “The License for Pastoral Ministry” is presented. After all the candidates have been commissioned the Bishop says:

As we pray, I invite the church to extend your arms towards these persons.
Almighty God, may the grace of ministry rest upon these your servants and may the opportunity to serve lead them into the fullness of your calling.
Clothe them with your righteousness, and grant that they may glorify you by giving themselves to others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop introduces and greets those commissioned.
I present to you these newly commissioned provisional deacons and elders of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church!

Those who have been commissioned proceed to their seats.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

*indicates an invitation to rise
THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS
The Bishop introduces the act of ordination:

Ordination is a gift from God to the Church and is exercised in covenant with the whole Church and within the covenant of the order of deacons or elders. My sisters and brothers in Christ, you have been called to an ordained ministry. The Church now confirms your calling through ordination.

Candidates for ordination as deacon proceed onto the stage.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

EXAMINATION OF DEACONS
The Bishop examines the deacon candidates:

A deacon is called to share in Christ’s ministry of servanthood, to relate the life of the community to its service in the world, to lead others into Christian discipleship, to nurture disciples for witness and service,

Here a large Bible may be lifted by the Chair of the Order of Deacon.

to lead in worship, to teach and proclaim God’s Word, to assist elders and appointed local pastors at Holy Baptism and Holy Communion,

Here a towel and basin with pitcher may be lifted the Chair of the Order of Deacon.

to interpret to the church the world’s hurts and hopes, to serve all people, particularly the poor, the sick, and the oppressed, and to lead Christ’s people in ministries of compassion and justice, liberation and reconciliation, especially in the face of hardship and personal sacrifice.

This is the rule of life and work of a deacon.

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of a deacon? I do so believe.

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LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR DEACONS

The Bishop calls the people to prayer:

As these persons are ordained by God and the church for the ministry of deacons to which we believe they have been called by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for them.

We thank you, Living God, that in your great love you sent Jesus Christ to take the form of a servant, becoming obedient even to death on the cross, and now resurrected and exalted in the heavens. You have taught us, by his word and example, that whoever would be great among us must be servant of all.

Give these servants grace to be faithful to their promises, constant in their discipleship, and always ready for works of loving service.

Make them modest and humble, gentle and strong, rooted and grounded in love.

Give them a share in the ministry of Jesus Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Amen.

Candidates for ordination as deacon are invited to kneel before the Bishop as directed. Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the laying on of hands for the ordinand.

The Bishop lays both hands on the head of the ordinand, praying:

Almighty God, pour upon Full Name the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a deacon in Christ’s holy church. Amen.

Immediately the candidate places hands on a Bible as the Bishop lays hands on the hands of the candidate and says:

Full Name, take authority as a deacon to proclaim the Word of God and to lead God’s people in ministries of compassion and justice; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

After all have been ordained the Bishop says:

Friends let us pray together and as we pray, I invite the church to extend your arms towards these persons.

Almighty God, may the grace of ministry rest upon these your servants and may the opportunity to serve lead them into the fullness of your calling.

Clothe them with your righteousness, and grant that they may glorify you by giving themselves to others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

I present to you the newly ordained deacons of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church!

The newly ordained deacons proceed to the side of the stage to stand in witness and celebration as the candidates for elders proceed to the stage.

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MUSICAL INTERLUDE

EXAMINATION OF ELDERS

The Bishop examines the candidates for ordination or recognition as elder:

An elder is called to share in the ministry of Christ and of the whole church:

to preach and teach the Word of God

Here a large Bible may be lifted by the Chair of the Order of Elders.

and faithfully administer the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion;

Here a paten and chalice may be lifted by the Chair of the Order of Elders.

to lead the people of God in worship and prayer;
to lead persons to faith in Jesus Christ;
to exercise pastoral supervision,
order the life of the congregation,
counsel the troubled,
and declare the forgiveness of sin;
to lead the people of God in obedience to Christ's mission in the world;
to seek justice, peace, and freedom for all people;
and to take a responsible place in the government of the Church
and in service in and to the community.

This is the rule of life and work of an elder.

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of an elder?
I do so believe.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR ELDERS

The Bishop, facing the ordinands, calls the people to prayer, using these or similar words:

As these persons are ordained by God and the church for the ministry of elders to
which we believe they have been called by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for them.

The Bishop, with hands extended over those being ordained, prays:

We praise you, eternal God, because you have called us to be a priestly
people, offering to you acceptable worship through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Apostle and High Priest, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.
We thank you that, by dying, Christ has overcome death and,
having ascended into heaven,
has poured forth gifts abundantly on your people,
making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists,
some pastors and teachers,
to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
to build up Christ's body,
and to fulfill your gracious purpose in the world.

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Give to these your servants the grace and power they need
to serve you in this ministry.
Make them faithful pastors, patient teachers, and wise counselors.
Enable them to serve without reproach,
to proclaim the gospel of salvation,
to administer the sacraments of the new covenant,
and to offer with all your people
spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.  

Amen.

Candidates for ordination as elder are invited to kneel before the bishop one at a time as directed.
Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the laying on of hands for each ordinand.

The Bishop lays both hands on the head of each ordinand, praying:

Almighty God, pour upon Full Name the Holy Spirit,
for the office and work of an elder in Christ's holy church.  

Amen.

Immediately the candidate places hands on a Bible as the Bishop lays hands on the hands of the ordinand and says:

Full Name, take authority as an elder to preach the Word of God,
to administer the Holy Sacraments
and to order the life of the Church;
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  

Amen.

After all have been ordained the Bishop says:

Friends, let us pray together and as we pray I invite the Church to extend your arms towards these persons.

Almighty God, may the grace of ministry rest upon these your servants
and may the opportunity to serve lead them into the fullness of your calling.
Clothe them with your righteousness,
and grant that they may glorify you by giving themselves to others,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  

Amen.

I present to you these newly ordained elders of the Florida Annual Conference of
The United Methodist Church!

The newly ordained elders proceed to their seats.

* Closing Song of Praise: Lay Me Down  

*Benediction

Bishop Ken Carter

*Recessional Song: From The Day

Please remain standing as clergy recess.

* Indicates an invitation to rise
With Gratitude

Center Altarpiece Creators:

The center altarpiece is inspired by the work of Eleanore Feucht Sudbrock in her resource *Seasons for Praise: Art for the Sanctuary* (St. Louis: Creative Communications for the Parish, 2000.). In description of this piece, Sudbrock writes,

Imagine standing with the disciples looking up at Jesus ascending to the Father. Some artists show only Jesus’s feet, some show a top view as God the Father would see, and one of my favorites by an Indonesian artist depicts Christ ascending in a beautiful dancing posture.

As we Remember Who We Are, may our spirits, our bodies, and our expressions of faith be filled with such joy and gladness. May our joy and gladness make us bold in our acts of faith, mercy, and justice.

A group of artists at Tuskawilla UMC, serving the communities of Casselberry and Winter Springs, crafted together for over six months to create this banner. Thank you

Daryl Golden  Rev. Kate Ling  Sylvia North

I am grateful for the dedicated work these women. I am honored to serve as their pastor.

Bishop Ken Carter and 2018 Annual Conference Planning Team:

Thank you, Bishop Carter, for the invitation and privilege to serve as the Worship Coordinator for the 2018 Gathering of The Florida Annual Conference. These worship experiences are the result of incredible teamwork and discernment. I am grateful for the partnership and friendship of Rev. Alex Shanks, Rev. Sara McKinley, Rev. Andrew Miller, Rev. Debbie Casanzio, Rev. Bethany Douty, Jeremy Hearn, Pam Garrison, Gretchen Hastings, Winnie Dean, Shannon Redden, Holly Finley, and MABE Productions.

In God's Service,
Rev. Sarah B. Miller, Senior Pastor
Tuskawilla UMC serving Casselberry and Winter Springs

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