

NORTH TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021



Rooted in Love

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Please silence cell phones as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE | “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” | Taylor Davis, arranger | Taylor Davis Quartet

***GREETING** | Rev. Georgiennette Haddock and Jordan McLarty

I tell you this: It is a wonderful thing when members of the family live together in love and peace.

All: **They shall be like trees planted beside flowing rivers.**

May the church be one, just as Christ and God are one, that Christ may be glorified in us.

All: **They shall yield good fruit in its season,
and their leaf shall never wither.**

The grace, mercy, and peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Let us worship God!

***HYMN 57** | “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” | AZMON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** | Rev. Dr. Sheron C. Patterson

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

REMEMBERING WHO WE ARE: PREAMBLE TO THE UNITED METHODIST SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

Rev. Dr. Edilson Volfe

We, the people called United Methodists, affirm our faith in God, our Creator and Father, in Jesus Christ, our Savior, and in the Holy Spirit, our Guide and Guard.

We acknowledge our complete dependence upon God in birth, in life, in death, and in life eternal. Secure in God's love, we affirm the goodness of life and confess our many sins against God's will for us as we find it in Jesus Christ. We have not always been faithful stewards of all that has been committed to us by God the Creator. We have been reluctant followers of Jesus Christ in his mission to bring all persons into a community of love. Though called by the Holy Spirit to become new creatures in Christ, we have resisted the further call to become the people of God in our dealings with each other and the earth on which we live.

We affirm our unity in Jesus Christ while acknowledging differences in applying our faith in different cultural contexts as we live out the gospel. We stand united in declaring our faith that God's grace is available to all, that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Grateful for God's forgiving love, in which we live and by which we are judged, and affirming our belief in the inestimable worth of each individual, we renew our commitment to become faithful witnesses to the gospel, not alone to the ends of earth, but also to the depths of our common life and work.

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FINDING GOD TOGETHER | Taylor Davis Quartet; Actors

The image you have shaped within us, mysteriously, incredibly, a reflection of your own Being,
Is best seen in the multiple refractions, of our variegated humanity; in the prismatic kaleidoscopes,
of our shared life, our interconnectedness, our being with each other.

We seek you, God, we long for you and, thankfully, you are not far off, not hidden;

We need only remember that you are most easily found when we find you together, and when we are
humble enough to look even in the faces we find most strange and unfamiliar.

Written by John van de Laar

PASTORAL PRAYER | Bishop Michael McKee

A MODERN LETTER TO EPHESUS (BASED ON EPHESIANS 3:14-21) | Bob Reed, writer

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: HYMN 267 | "O Love, How Deep" | O W^AL^Y W^AL^Y

SCRIPTURE READING | Ephesians 3:14-21 | Rev. Danielle Kim

SERMON | "What's Love Got to Do With It?" | Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

CALL TO OFFERING | Kirsten James, Executive Director, and Shirley Ramirez, Corp Member;
Project Transformation, North Texas

OFFERTORY | "Come Sunday" | Duke Ellington, composer | Taylor Davis Quartet; Sarah Brammer, soloist

***CLOSING HYMN 384** | "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" | H^YF^RY^DO^L

***BENEDICTION** | Bishop McKee

POSTLUDE | "Air on Beach Spring" | Taylor Davis, arranger | Taylor Davis Quartet

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Bishop Michael McKee | North Texas Annual Conference

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer | West Ohio Annual Conference

Reverend Georgiennette Haddock | Senior Pastor, Jahweh Rafa Mission Congregation

Jordan McClarty | Member, North Texas Conference Core Leadership Team,
First United Methodist Church Wichita Falls

Reverend Dr. Sheron C. Patterson | Senior Pastor, Hamilton Park United Methodist Church

Reverend Dr. Edilson Volfe | Associate Pastor, First United Methodist Church McKinney

Reverend Danielle Kim | Associate Pastor, Custer Road United Methodist Church

Kirsten James | Executive Director, Project Transformation, North Texas

Shirley Ramirez | Corp Member, Project Transformation, North Texas

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Reverend Allison Jean | Associate Pastor, Worship and Arts

Taylor Davis | Director of Music and Worship Arts

Phillip Haworth | Associate Director of Music

Dr. Jonathan M. Gregoire | Organist

Taylor Davis, piano; Micah Bell, flugelhorn; Steven Heffner, bass;

Matt Young, drums | Taylor Davis Quartet

Denise Lee, Monalisa Amidar, Lee George, Matt Gray, Bob Reed | Actors



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