

NORTH TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021



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

*Please rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE | Organ and Brass | Dr. Jonathan M. Gregoire and Imperial Brass

WORDS OF WELCOME | Rev. Arthur Jones

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 715** | “Rejoice, the Lord is King” | DARWALL’S 148TH

Dr. Jonathan M. Gregoire and Imperial Brass

***GREETING AND PRAYER** | Rev. Dr. Edgar Bazan-Garza and Kelly Carpenter

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

The Holy Spirit is among us.

All: **Move us, Holy Spirit!**

Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit you gave to your apostles and all your church many excellent gifts. Come upon us gathered here to set apart those who will lead among us by calling and equipping us to fulfill your desire that we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Recognition of Common Ministry and Reaffirmation of Baptism

Bishop Michael McKee: 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: Remember your baptism and be thankful.

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

🌿 | Presentation of Persons to Be Commissioned, Ordained, or Recognized

Bishop Michael McKee: Who presents these candidates to be ordained, commissioned, or recognized?
Kim Brannon, Lay Leader, North Texas Annual Conference, and all Laity: **We have recommended them in our local congregations. We present them with our prayers and support.**

Rev. Chris Dowd, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, and all Board of Ordained Ministry Members: We have examined these candidates according to the standards of our Discipline and this annual conference of The United Methodist Church. We present them with our prayers and support.

Rev. Derek Jacobs, Chair of the Order of Elders: We present these persons for ordination as elder. We present them with our prayers and support.

Joshua Esparza	Joshua Manning
Sandra Heard	Payton Parker

Rev. Patricia Froehlich, Chair of the Order of Deacons: We present these persons for ordination as deacon. We present them with our prayers and support.

Abbey Echols	Eva Englert-Jessen
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Rev. Chris Dowd: We present these persons for commissioning as provisional members. We present them with our prayers and support.

Anna Bundy	Kurt Maerschel
David Magallanes	Meredith Scruggs
Jennifer Kilpatrick	Kyle Walden
Stephen Lashley	Angela Williams

We also present Bob Williams for Recognition as an Associate Member. We present him with our prayers and support.

Bishop McKee: We rejoice in the Spirit's work in our lives and the lives of these who come to serve and lead among us.

All: **We will uphold them with our prayers and support. Thanks be to God.**

🌿 | General Examination

The Bishop examines the candidates as they profess their Christian faith and affirm their calling to ordained ministry.

ANTHEM | "Flourishes" | Carlyle Sharpe, composer | Dr. Jonathan M. Gregoire and Imperial Brass

🌿 | Examination of Persons Being Commissioned

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

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 your 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. Amen.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon _____. 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: **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC | "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" | Taylor Davis, arranger | Phillip Haworth, soloist

🌿 | **Proclamation and Response**

SCRIPTURE READING | 1 Samuel 3:1-10 | Rev. Don Lee

This is the Word of God for the people of God!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON | "Speak, for Your Servant is Listening" | Bishop Michael McKee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD | Joseph Bradley, Camping and Retreat Ministries
Zach Hopson and Noah Ryu, First United Methodist Church Plano

OFFERTORY | "For the Beauty of the Earth" | John Rutter, composer | Chancel Choir Ensemble

🌿 | **Recognition of Associate Member**

You have served among us faithfully as a local pastor, demonstrating your commitment to accept and uphold the doctrine, liturgy and discipline of The United Methodist Church, under the appointment of the Bishop.

You have now fulfilled the requirements and been elected by the clergy session of this annual conference as an associate member. We rejoice that you have been called to serve among us, and pray that God may guide your ministry. Bob Williams, we now recognize you as an associate member in the North Texas Annual Conference.

SPECIAL MUSIC | "Clair de Lune" | Debussy, Arr. Scott | Michael Soto, organ; Dr. Jonathan Gregoire, piano

🌿 | Examination of Deacons

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR DEACONS

As these persons are ordained or recognized 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.

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

Almighty God, pour upon _____ the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a deacon in Christ's holy church.

All: **Amen.**

_____, 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.

All: **Amen.**

HYMN 561 | "Jesus, United by Thy Grace" | ST. AGNES

🌿 | Examination of Elders

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR ELDERS

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

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

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

All: **Amen.**

_____, 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.

All: **Amen.**

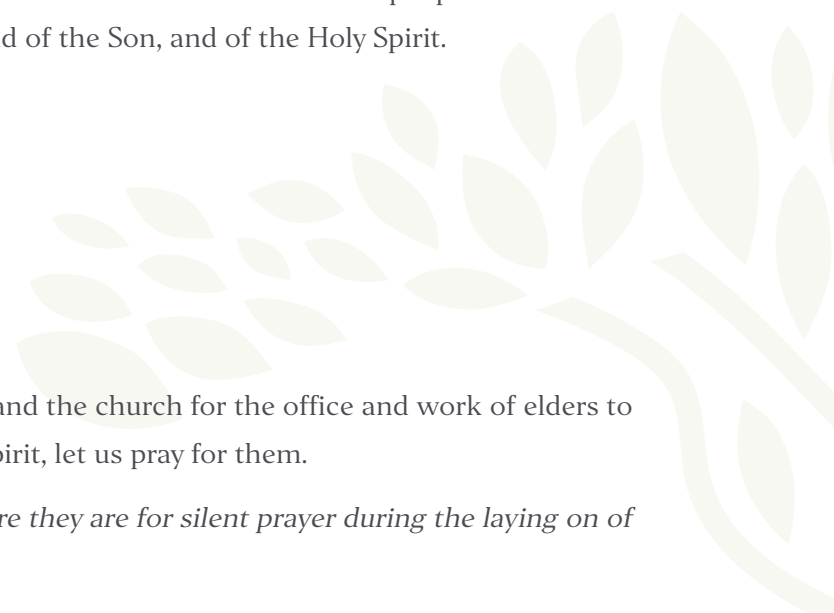
ANTHEM | "Set Me As a Seal" | Rene Clausen, composer | Chancel Choir Ensemble

Let us pray together.

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.**

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 584 | "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" | ABBOT'S LEIGH

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING | Bishop McKee



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