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June 6, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.

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

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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GATHERING MUSIC | Chris Brunt, pianist

PRELUDE

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA  
arr. Thomas Fielding

GREETING AND PRAYER | Bishop Michael McKee

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 McKee: Sisters and brothers in Christ, we are all made one with the death of Jesus Christ and raised with him to walk in newness of life in the gift of baptism by water and the Spirit. The same Spirit who enlivens us empowers us with many and diverse gifts to serve as new creatures, renouncing evil, embracing and submitting to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and joining together as his body to serve as his representatives in the world. We all start here. The Spirit leads us all. Remember your baptism and be thankful.

All: **We reaffirm our baptism and our common call to ministry.**

PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE COMMISSIONED, ORDAINED, OR RECOGNIZED

Bishop McKee: Who presents these candidates to be ordained, commissioned, or recognized?

All Laity: **We have recommended them in our local congregations. We present them with our prayers and support.**

All Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry: 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 Order of Elders: We present for ordination as elder:

Roy Garrett Atwood	Aaron Shockley Logan
Chad Taylor Johnson	Keri Lynn Lucas
Danielle Buwon Kim	Peter Hyer McNabb
Cottrell King	Kyoungwon "Ken" Park
Macie Alexandria Liptoi	Jeffrey Alan Pehl

We present them with our prayers and support.

Rev. Patricia Froehlich, Chair of Order of Deacons: We present for ordination as deacon:

Chelsea Patricia Peddecord

We present her with our prayers and support.

Rev. Chris Dowd, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry: We present for commissioning as provisional members:

Travis Netherton Burdett	Grace Marie Millard
Laura Watson Byrd	Melissa Ethlyn Nelms
Beate Jane Hall	Christopher Michael Vaughan
Randall Glen Lucas	

We present them with our prayers and support.

We also present for Recognition of Orders in The United Methodist Church:

Richie Lamont Butler

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 for commissioning, ordination, and recognition.

EPISTLE READING | 2 Corinthians 3:4-6 | Rev. Chiv In

\* GOSPEL READING | Mark 10:35-45 | Kim Brannon

\* HYMN 451

Be Thou My Vision  
*Rev. Dr. Cynthia Wilson, soloist*

SLANE  
arr. Alice Parker

Verse 1 all men, verse 2 all women, additional verses soloist and choir, final verse all

SERMON | “Now This... Now What?” | Bishop Michael McKee

CALL TO OFFERING | Jillian Jackson and Will Peterson, Conference Camp Youth Leadership Program

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Be Thou My Vision  
*Rachael Franklin, soloist*

arr. Bob Chilcott

### COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

Bishop McKee: 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 Holy 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.

### PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

Bishop McKee: 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.

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.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

Jesus Christ Is the Way  
*Rev. Dr. Wilson, soloist*

arr. Walter Hawkins

### RECOGNITION OF ORDERS

Bishop McKee: After due examination of your call and ministry in another part of Christ’s holy church, we now welcome you to this communion. You have given assurance of your faith and Christian experience. You have renewed the vows of your ordination and embraced our own, committing yourself to accept and uphold faithfully the doctrine, liturgy, and discipline of The United Methodist Church. We rejoice that you have been called to serve among us and pray that God may guide your ministry.

Richie Lamont Butler, we now recognize you as a provisional elder in The United Methodist Church.

HYMN 399

Take My Life and Let It Be

MESSIAH

Verse 1 soloists (Henry L’Roy, Allie Driver, Isaiah McDaniels, and Kay Haden), verse 2 candidates for ministry, verse 3 all

## EXAMINATION OF DEACON

Bishop McKee: 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, to lead in worship, to teach and proclaim God's Word, to assist elders and appointed local pastors at Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, 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?

Candidate: I do so believe.

## LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR DEACON

Bishop McKee: As this person is ordained by God and the church for the ministry of deacon to which we believe she has been called by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for her. 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 this servant grace to be faithful to her promises, constant in her discipleship, and always ready for works of loving service. Make her modest and humble, gentle and strong, rooted and grounded in love. Give her a share in the ministry of Jesus Christ, who came not to be served but to serve.

All: **Amen.**

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

Father Almighty, pour upon Chelsea Patricia Peddecord the Holy Spirit, for the office and work of a deacon in Christ's holy church.

All: **Amen.**

Chelsea Patricia Peddecord, 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.**

*Retirees present the deacon with a pitcher in honor of her ordination.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Open My Eyes That I May See

arr. Rich Heffler and Jason Bishop

*Megan Lewis and McKenna Stenson, soloists | April Kondrat, viola | Chris Brunt, piano*

## EXAMINATION OF ELDERS

Bishop McKee: An elder is called to share in the ministry of Christ and of the whole church: to preach and teach the Word of God and faithfully administer the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; to lead the people of God in worship and prayer; to lead persons to faith in Jesus Christ; to exercise pastoral supervision, to order the life of the congregation and the connection; to 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?

Candidates: I do so believe.

## LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR ELDERS

Bishop McKee: As these persons are ordained or recognized by 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. 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. 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.

All: **Amen.**

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

Father 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.**

We recognize you as elders of The United Methodist Church.

*Retirees present each elder with a chalice in honor of ordination.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Dan Forrest

Verse 1 all, verses 2 and 3 choir, \*verse 4 all

\* SENDING FORTH

Bishop McKee: Let us pray. 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.

All: **Amen.**

\* CLOSING HYMN 584

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

\* BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Bishop McKee: The grace of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all always. Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

All: **We are sent in Christ's name. Thanks be to God!**

GOING FORTH

Toccata  
*Dr. Julia Lee, organist*

Eugène Gigout

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Bishop Michael McKee | North Texas Annual Conference  
Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer | West Ohio Annual Conference  
Bishop D. Max Whitfield, Retired  
Bishop Erik E.J. Gronberg | Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Reverend Dr. Cynthia Wilson | Founder and Director, Junius B. Dotson Institute  
for Music and Worship in the Black Church and Beyond  
Reverend Andrew J. Lewis | Clergy Assistant to the Bishop and Director, Center for Missional Outreach  
Reverend Cassandra Wade | Superintendent, East District  
Reverend Edlen O. Cowley | Superintendent, Metro District  
Reverend Debra Hobbs Mason | Superintendent, North Central District  
Reverend Todd Harris | Superintendent, Northwest District  
Reverend Owen K Ross | Director, Center for Church Development  
Reverend Camille Gaston | Director, Center for Leadership Development  
Reverend Dr. Ronald D. Henderson | Director, Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion  
Kim Brannon | Lay Leader, North Texas Annual Conference  
Reverend Chris Dowd | Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry  
Reverend Kay Eck | Vice Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry  
Reverend Marsha Engle Middleton | Registrar, Board of Ordained Ministry  
Reverend Derek Jacobs | Chair, Order of Elders  
Reverend Patricia Froehlich | Chair, Order of Deacons  
Reverend Chiv In | Associate Pastor, First United Methodist Church Carrollton  
Jillian Jackson | Lay Member, Hamilton Park United Methodist Church  
Will Peterman | Lay Member, First United Methodist Church Plano  
Charlotte Gill | Acolyte, First United Methodist Church Richardson  
Cooper Gill | Crucifer, First United Methodist Church Richardson

## MUSICIANS

Christ United Methodist Church Plano | Jason Bishop, Director  
Custer Road United Methodist Church | Rev. Tim Morrison, Director  
Dr. Julia Lee, organist | Christ United Methodist Church Plano  
Chris Brunt, pianist | Custer Road United Methodist Church

Please join a reception in honor of our new elders, deacons, and commissionees  
immediately following worship in the Bartula Family Life Center Gym.