

NORTH TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022

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June 6, 2022 | 11:00 a.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

\* OPENING HYMN 711

For All the Saints

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### LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Pastor Mauricio Orozco: Eternal God, your Word declares that the life that is laid down in faith will be raised and produce a great harvest. This we celebrate as we proclaim:

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pastor Lynda Mayberry: We thank you for those who chose the way of your Son, our brother Jesus Christ. In the midst of trial, they held out hope; in the midst of hatred, they kindled love; in the midst of persecutions, they witnessed to your power; in the midst of despair, they clung to your promise. We remember and praise you for the saints and martyrs of this and every age who in life and death faithfully proclaimed:

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Bishop Michael McKee: In the company of all these saints, we look to Jesus, the Risen Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. In his holy name, we remember and name before you now those whose faith strengthened our own:

Rev. Eddie Jean Adams	Rev. S. Richard Flach, Jr.	Mrs. Ethel C. Rentfro
Mrs. Charlotte Blackmon	Mr. Jerry Carl Gilmore	Mrs. Sandra Shawver
Rev. David R. Blackmon	Mrs. Barbara D. Hargrove	Mrs. Lillian Sills
Rev. Norman Bouffard	Mr. David Landis	Rev. Allen Wesley Snider
Rev. Mary Elizabeth Brundige	Rev. Steven E. Matthew	Rev. Charles W. Stokes
Mrs. Sue Bryan	Mrs. Bobbie Holsey Sharp McAnelly	Mrs. Elaine Ward
Pastor Mary Kathryn Corley	Mrs. Iweeta N. Blasienz McIntosh	Rev. Bobby D. Wilkie
Rev. Allie Morgan Davenport, Jr.	Mrs. Betty Arntz Neustifter	
Mrs. Betty Carole Edwards	Rev. Larry David Nicholson	

We also remember all others whom we hold in our hearts and name aloud to God now. These lives, like seeds, dropped to the ground, yet their witness has borne fruit and enables us to say:

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Erin Blankenship: We pray for your church throughout the world and for that part to which we belong, that it may be ready to spend and to be spent in your service, that the love of self-preservation may be set aside, that the deaths you demand of it may be embraced joyfully, and that through all it may proclaim:

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Rev. Stephen Cotten: In silence we surrender to your will and purpose ourselves and all that we count important. For we cannot know the glory of Christ's resurrection if we do not have the fellowship of sufferings. And we cannot expect to gather the kingdom's harvest if we do not sow the kingdom's seed. In us and through us, may your Spirit proclaim:  
**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Deep River  
*Gary Williams, soloist*

Harry Thacker Burleigh

A LITANY OF LAMENTATION FOR A COMMUNITY'S END

Written by Lydia Wylie-Kellermann

*We remember and give thanks for Anna UMC, Casa Linda UMC, Garvin UMC, and Lannius UMC.*

Rev. Stephen Cotten: O God, it is time. Like the leaves that fall upon autumn ground, there is a dying time for all of creation. Bless this dying time. With hearts filled with love, grief, fear, regret, and yearnings yet unknown, we turn off the lights and say goodbye.

**All: Love lingers between us, and the Spirit dwells among us.**

Pastor Lynda Mayberry: We are mindful of the ways we have hurt one another, in words, in what we have done, and in what we have left undone. We ask forgiveness now. Even amid the pain, we know that we have loved and been loved in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of our lives. We proclaim gratitude again and again for all that we are and the gifts that were given.

**All: Love lingers between us, and the Spirit dwells among us.**

Erin Blankenship: We give thanks for these spaces, for all those who have walked through the doors and found welcome. For tears and laughter, for dishes and bathroom floors, for the work and the dreams, for the history these places hold, and for what comes next.

**All: Love lingers between us, and the Spirit dwells among us.**

Pastor Mauricio Orozco: We set one another free to love, to live, to be always held by this history, these places, and these hands. Know always, that indeed...

**All: Love lingers between us, and the Spirit dwells among us.**

**All: Go forth into the world, fully alive with the joy of creation. Be who you were called by the Spirit to be. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE | Psalm 8 | Rev. Maggie Proshek

SERMON | "Grateful for Faithful Stewards" | Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Henderson

SPECIAL MUSIC

CLOSING REMARKS | Bishop McKee

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Bishop Michael McKee | North Texas Annual Conference

Reverend Dr. Cynthia Wilson | Founder and Director, Junius B. Dotson Institute  
for Music and Worship in the Black Church and Beyond

Reverend Dr. Ronald D. Henderson | Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, North Texas Annual Conference

Monya Logan | Minister of Worship and Arts, St. Luke “Community” United Methodist Church

Reverend Stephen Cotten | Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church Kaufman

Pastor Mauricio Orozco | Associate Pastor, First United Methodist Church Denton

Pastor Lynda Mayberry | Associate Pastor, St. Luke “Community” United Methodist Church

Erin Blankenship | Family and Children’s Ministry Director, First United Methodist Church Whitesboro

Reverend Maggie Proshok | Associate Pastor, Arapaho United Methodist Church