

The Southeastern Jurisdiction, the United Methodist Church

Opening Worship
A Service of Word and Table
Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Entrance, Praise and Prayer
Service of the Word

Music for the Gathering

*Greeting

Rev. Roger Dowdy

Grace to you and peace from God,
who is, and was, and is to be.

Amen.

The risen and victorious Christ
is here among us as we worship on this day.

Amen.

Entrance

*Each petition stated first by the Leaders in indigenous tongues,
then the People responsively in English.*

Native Flute, Reader, Drumming

Cathy Nelson, Rev. Cheryl Toothe

Make your ways known upon earth, O Great Spirit-Grandfather,
your saving power among all peoples.

All creation praises your name,
in all seasons life and from every corner of the globe.

Hispanic-Latino Reader, Musicians

Rev. David Ortigoza

Guide the leaders of this and every nation; Santo eres, Dios!
**May justice roll down like a stream,
and peace prevail throughout the world.**

African-American Reader, Musicians

Jennifer Davis, Jarvis Wilson

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,
**and those in pain, submission, or danger
be lifted up and not lose hope.**

Korean-Asian Reader
Come, Hope of unity. Make us one Body;
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Miran Kim

All the People
Make us instruments of reconciliation and of your peace, O God;
so that all people may live together in harmony,
and your glory spread over all the earth.
May it be so. Amen.

Zachary Ferguson

The music continues under the reading; concluding before the prayer which follows.

Pray with me.

Stephanie Kimec

Gracious and loving God,
We come to you because you have first come to us.
We know you because you have revealed yourself to us.
Be with the church gathered this day.
We are many-colored and multi-shaped,
with fragments that focus and focus again
always in different patterns
as we turn to the light of your presence.

Help us to love the patterns and the turning,
and to trust in the beauty of a wholeness
we may rarely see. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

Praise God for This Holy Ground

W&S 3009

Proclamation and Response

Prayer for Illumination

Hannah Hanson

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.
Silence in us any voice but your own,
so that we may hear your Word and also do it;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Scripture Reading**

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Rev. Dowdy

In those days Peter stood up among the believers...and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."...For as it is written,...'Let another take his position of overseer.' So they proposed two, Joseph...and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Sermon

Come, Holy Spirit

Bishop Will Willimon

***Response to the Word**

A Prayer to the Spirit - Sung responsively, as led by the Bishop

O Holy Spirit
Veni Creator Spiritus

Sung to the tune:
HAMBURG [UMH 298]

Bishop:

O Holy Spirit, by whose breath
life rises vibrant out of death;
come to create, renew, inspire;
come, kindle in our hearts your fire.

The Congregation continues:

**You are the seeker's sure resource,
of burning love the living source,
Protector in the midst of strife,
the giver and the Lord of life.**

Bishop:

In you God's energy is shown,
to us your varied gifts make known.
Teach us to speak, teach us to hear;
yours is the tongue and yours the ear.

Women:

**Flood our dull senses with your light;
in mutual love our hearts unite.
Your power the whole creation fills;
confirm our weak, uncertain wills.**

Men:

**From inner strife grant us relief;
turn nations to the ways of peace.
To fuller life your people bring
that as one body we may sing:**

All:
**Praise to the Father, Christ, his Word,
and to the Spirit: God the Lord,
to whom all honor, glory be
both now and for eternity.**

Thanksgiving and Response **Service of the Table**

Invitation

Bishop Timothy Whitaker, Celebrant

Christ invites to his table all who love him,
Who earnestly repent of their sin
And seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

UMH 893
SEJ Young Adult Missionaries

Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human.
Lord, we confess to you.
Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all that we have and are,
often because we do not fully understand what loving means,
often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.
Lord, we confess to you.
Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division.
Lord, we confess to you.
Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word
we have built up walls of prejudice.
Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy
we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.
Holy Spirit, speak to us.
Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very hard of hearing.
Come, fill this moment and free us from sin. Amen.

Silence

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Alleluia! Amen.

Bishop Whitaker

The Deacon prepares the Table. The Celebrant offers Thanksgiving.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Musical Setting 3171, W&S

Those who are able may stand.

The Lord be with you.

Bishop Whitaker

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

You built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
and instituted a holy ministry so that your prophetic and apostolic Word
might be heard in the Church and in the world until the end of time.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise
Your name and join the unending hymn. *(all singing)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

*Those who are standing may be seated.
The Celebrant continues the prayer.*

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him

to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would come to save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

He promised to be with them always,

and sent the Holy Spirit to lead them.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given to you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith. *(all singing)*

Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. *(all singing)*

Amen, Amen, Amen.

And now with the confidence of children of God, let us boldly pray:

The Lord’s Prayer

Ecumenical Text

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name;
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body,
for we all partake of the one loaf.
The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Giving the Bread and Cup

All are invited to one of the communion stations as directed.

Please come to a station from your left, returning to your seat by your right.

Communion servers are the presiding bishops and lay leaders of the annual conferences.

*As others are receiving communion, all are invited to join in singing
the following hymns and songs:*

No. 3168 (W&S) "Come to the Table of Grace"

No. 2007 (FWS) "Santo, Santo, Santo"

No. 3167 (W&S) "Feed Us, Lord"

No. 2255 "In the Singing"

No. 2025 "As the Deer"

No. 2260 (FWS) "Let Us Be Bread"

Prayer after Communion

Bishop Whitaker and People

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,

and give ourselves for others;

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn**

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

UMH 589

Sung to the tune: ROCKINGHAM (299)

Commissioning

Go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit!

Rev. Dowdy

Proclaim the gospel throughout the earth in all you do or say!

Serve God with gladness, in deeds of justice and mercy!

We are sent in the name and with the power of

Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

Blessing

Bishop Willimon

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ,

The love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Postlude

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