

A Service of Blessing and Anointing: Rejoice

Friday, June 2, 2017



2 Chronicles 7:14

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING LITANY

Based on Ecclesiastes 3

*SONG: *Turn, Turn, Turn*

InsideOut

Chorus

To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose, under heaven

Verse 1

A time to be born, a time to die
A time to plant, a time to reap
A time to kill, a time to heal
A time to laugh, a time to weep

Chorus

Verse 2

A time to build up, a time to break down
A time to dance, a time to mourn
A time to cast away stones, a time to gather stones together

Chorus

Verse 3

A time of love, a time of hate
A time of war, a time of peace
A time you may embrace, a time to refrain from embracing

Instrumental

Chorus

Verse 4

A time to gain, a time to lose
A time to rend, a time to sew
A time for love, a time for hate
A time for peace, I swear it's not too late

RECOGNIZING CLERGY RETIREES AND SPOUSES

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. We celebrate with these women and men who have served as clergy, along with their spouses.

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THE HISTORICAL QUESTIONS

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. We affirm those who answer the call to enter into ordained ministry.

To Be Commissioned for the Work of a Deacon

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LITANY TO SET APPOINTMENTS By Rev. Rebekah Sweet

Lay Leader 1:

The heart of Christian ministry is outreaching love. It is the expression of the mind and mission of Christ by a community that demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion,

Left:

witness and service,

Right:

celebration and discipleship.

Lay Leader 2:

All Christians are called through their baptism to this ministry of servanthood in the world to the glory of God.¹

Lay Leader 1:

Ministry in Christ's name and spirit is both a gift and a task.

¹ 2016 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, ¶126, *The Ministry of All Christians*, Nashville: United Methodist Publishing House ©2016. ADAPTED

Left:

The gift is God's unmerited grace;

Right:

The task is extravagant and loving service.²

Lay Leader 2:

The Church, as the community of the new covenant, has participated in Christ's ministry of grace and service across the years and around the world.

Left:

It stretches out to human needs wherever love and service may convey God's love and ours. The outreach of such ministries knows no limits.

Right:

This means that all Christians are called to minister wherever Christ would have them serve and witness, in deeds and words that heal and free.³

Youth/Young Adult:

The ministry of all Christians is shaped by the teachings of Jesus. The handing-on of these teachings is entrusted to leaders who are gifted and called by God to appointed offices in the church: some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers ...

² *ibid*, ¶129.

³ *ibid*, ¶128.

Left:

**for the work of serving and building up
the body of Christ,**

Right:

***forming Christian disciples while vitally involved in the
mission of God in the world.***⁴

Bishop or Appointive Cabinet member:

The servant leadership of elders, deacons, associate members and licensed local pastors is essential to the mission and ministry of congregations. They help to inform Christian disciples in covenant community within the local congregation

Left:

through spiritual formation

Right:

and guidance for Christian living in the world.⁵

Bishop or Appointive Cabinet member:

Together we pray,

All:

O God, you are the source of blessings and gifts, equipping and calling us to serve you faithfully as you help us to grow in Christ-likeness. You made everything suitable for its time. You help us to honor the ministries of those upon whose shoulders we stand. And you give us a vision of your

⁴ *ibid*, ¶133.

⁵ *ibid*, ¶134.

reign in the future. As we endeavor to live fully in this season of your creation, we seek the guidance of your Holy Spirit to inspire our witness to Jesus Christ in the world. Through acts of worship, devotion, compassion, and justice may we humbly lead all who will follow Christ to live into your reign on Earth. With joyful spirits we eagerly anticipate your leading in our lives, in our churches, communities, and world through humble and faithful servants. Amen.

Lay members of churches receiving a new pastor stand as able, and remain standing.

Bishop to Laity:

Your ministry flows from a commitment to Christ's outreaching love. The congregation you represent is about to enter into a covenantal partnership with a new spiritual leader, pastor, and sibling servant of Christ. On behalf of that congregation, as God gives you grace and a charge to extravagant service, will you enter into this covenant with gratitude and follow John Wesley's encouragement to "watch over one another in love?"

Laity:

As the Spirit guides me, I will.

Clergy members receiving a new appointment also stand, and remain standing.

Bishop to Clergy:

Your ministry flows from a response to Christ's call to devote your life to professional pastoral leadership through the United Methodist Church. You are soon to enter into a covenantal partnership with a new congregation, serving Christ in their community and in our world. God continues to equip you for servant leadership in this new place and in the midst of a constantly changing culture. Will you dedicate your passion for serving Christ, your skills, knowledge, wisdom, and love as you enter into this covenant with gratitude, and follow John Wesley's encouragement to "watch over one another in love?"

Clergy:

As the Spirit guides me, I will.

Bishop:

I declare that, by the grace of God, these appointments are fixed, that Christ may be glorified in the Upper New York Annual Conference and wherever the love of these congregations may reach. As we seek to be partners of Christ in birthing God's reign on earth, may the many ministries represented by the laity and clergy here, be fruitful in reconciling humanity to our gracious Creator God.

All:

Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

*SONG: *You Are Mine*

I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice
I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am near

I am hope for all who are hopeless
I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light
Come and rest in Me

Chorus:

Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine

I am strength for all the despairing
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
And all will know My name

Chorus

I am the Word that leads all to freedom
I am the peace the world cannot give
I will call your name, embracing all your pain
Stand up, now, walk, and live

Chorus

BLESSING AND ANOINTING

You are invited to receive anointing oil and a blessing for
your season of life or ministry.

SONG: *Beautiful Things*

All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change
At all

Verse 2

All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this ground
At all

Chorus

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

Verse 3

All around

Hope is springing up from this old ground

Out of chaos life is being found

In You

Chorus (2x)

Bridge (2x)

You make me new You are making me new

You make me new You are making me new

Chorus

SONG: *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

You call me out upon the waters

The great unknown where feet may fail

And there I find You in the mystery

In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus

And I will call upon Your name

And keep my eyes above the waves

When oceans rise

My soul will rest in Your embrace

For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

Chorus

Interlude

Bridge (4x)

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior

Chorus 2

I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

UNISON PRAYER OF BLESSING

Navajo Prayer Tradition

*Before us it is blessed.
Behind us it is blessed.
Below us it is blessed.
Above us it is blessed.
Around us it is blessed as we set out with Him.
Our speech is blessed as we set out for Him.
With beauty before me,
with beauty behind me,
with beauty below me,
with beauty above me,
with beauty around me,
I set out for a holy place indeed.*

MUSICAL BENEDICTION

Rev. Abigail Browka

- *Blessed Are The Ones*

POSTLUDE/EXIT MUSIC

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit.*

To honor the difference and diversity in each experience and expression of God, the leadership involved in crafting this worship environment seeks to embody an expansive understanding of God in our language and music. For this reason we seek to use a wide range of images and names for God recognizing that our expression or description of God should not be limited to one image, gender, or culture. May you find yourself in the presence of God in this place today.

Music

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