

**Upper New York Annual Conference  
of the United Methodist Church  
2018 Annual Conference Session**

*Together in Prayer: Boldly Living Our Call*



**Service of Blessing and Anointing**

**Friday, June 1, 2018 7:30 p.m.**





**Learn:** “Father, Let Your Kingdom Come”  
Hallelu, Hallelujah, Father, let your kingdom come.  
*(repeat 3 times)*

You make all things new  
You make all things new  
In places we don't choose  
You make all things new *(fade out)*

**Listen:**

**Acts 1:3-6**

After his suffering Jesus presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “**Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?**”

**Sing** *(more quietly)*

Hallelu, Hallelujah, Father, let your kingdom come.  
*(repeat 3 times)*

**Acts 1:10**

While Jesus was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “People of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?”

**Sing**

Hallelu, Hallelujah, Father, let your kingdom come.  
*(repeat 3 times)*

## Reading

*attributed to St. Teresa of Avila*

*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

## Sing

Hallelu, Hallelujah, Father, let your kingdom come.  
*(repeat 3 times)*

*(solo)*

*May the works of my hands bring you joy  
May the works of my hands bring you joy  
May the works of my hands bring you joy  
May the works of my hands bring you joy  
So we sing:*

Hallelu, Hallelujah, Father, let your kingdom come.  
*(repeat 3 times)*

*(solo)*

*May the words of my mouth speak your peace  
May the words of my mouth speak your peace  
May the words of my mouth speak your peace  
May the words of my mouth speak your peace  
And we sing:*

Hallelu, Hallelujah, Father, let your kingdom come.  
*(repeat 3 times)*

## **Recognizing Clergy Retirees and Spouses**

Theodore "Ted" Carl Anderson

James E. Barnes II

Bonita L. Bates

Alan S. Bill

K. Wayne Butler

Gail Conners

Gail Falsetti

Mark E. Flandreau

Carl E. Getz

Alan G. Howe

Bradford Hunt

Richard C. Hurd

Tae Kun Kim

Jeri O. Kober

Donald M. Langreck

Lawrence E. Lundgren

John W. McNeill

Sara G. Merle

Ray M. Noell

Anne H. O'Connor

Nancy S. Preston

Kathy L. Reese

Ann E. Robinson

Brian T. Rotach

William S. Rowe IV

Brian K. Scharf

Robert O. Sherburne

E. Allen Siebold

J. Elyse Skiles

Patricia L. Walz

Lawrence J. Wiliford

Terry Sue Wiliford

Byron Lee Williams

**Sing:**

You make all things new  
You make all things new  
In places we don't choose  
You make all things new

**Recognizing Ordinands and Commissioners**

**To be commissioned as elders**

Cheryl Ann Brown  
Raymond C. Gilman IV  
Linda Kay Haight  
Melissa Marie Killenberger McCarthy  
Danyal Mohammadzadeh  
Hector D. Rivera  
Lisa Dawn Taylor

**To be commissioned as deacon:**

Jessica Faye Glaser

**To be ordained as elder:**

Stephanie Jo Brown  
Kevin Duane Slough  
Paul D. Winkelman

**To be received into Associate Membership:**

James Edward Barnes II

**The Historical Questions**

Susan Hardy and Bishop Webb

**Sing:**

You make all things new  
You make all things new  
In places we don't choose  
You make all things new

Hallelu, Hallelujah, Father, let your kingdom come.  
*(repeat 3 times)*

## **Litany to Set Appointments**

written by Rev. Abigail Browka

**Leader:** From village to village boldly Jesus gave them authority. He told them take nothing for the journey, except a walking stick. Don't think you need a lot of equipment. You are the instrument of God's work. Whatever house you enter, remain there until you leave that place. So they preached with joyful urgency offering Christ.  
*(adapted from Mark 6:6-13)*

**Clergy Leader:** The authority God gives should not be taken lightly. We have this charge to keep: to offer Christ.

**Clergy:** **A charge I have to keep, a calling to fulfill.  
Help me to watch and pray to do God's holy will.**

**Leader:** We are each instruments of God's work when we are disciples of Christ.

**All:** **I am a disciple. I confess my faith in Jesus Christ and pray to be continually transformed by God's amazing grace.**

**Leader:** You are an instrument of God's work.

**All:** **I am a disciple. I boldly live life-long to learn and be formed to follow Jesus.**

**Leader:** You are an instrument of God's work.

**All:** **I offer Christ. I boldly connect to the world around me and share Good News to serve with urgency and love to transform the world. Jesus, we are Your disciples.**

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

**Bishop to Laity:** Dear Church: Will you accept now the authority God gives? Do not be weighed down on your journey ahead. I pray may God provide what you need to be an instrument of God's work offering Christ to all you meet.

**Laity:** We pray to be instruments of God's work.

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

**Bishop to Clergy:** Dear Pastors: Will you accept now the authority God gives? Do not be weighed down on your journey ahead. I pray may God provide what you need to be an instrument of God's work offering Christ to all you meet.

**Clergy:** We pray to be instruments of God's work.

**Bishop:** I declare now, by the grace of God, these appointments are fixed. May these charges be kept in such a way that Christ is offered joyfully throughout the Upper New York Annual Conference that we boldly live out our calling to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**All:** We receive this charge to keep: to offer Christ. Amen!

### **Blessing and Anointing**

*You are invited to receive anointing oil and a blessing for your season of life or ministry. Please bring your rocks forward at this time.*

## Music During Blessing and Anointing

“Establish the Work of Our Hands”

If You don't build it, we labor in vain,  
Without Your Spirit, we stand with no strength,  
I know my life is passing away,  
but the works of Your hands are what will remain.  
Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us.

O Lord, establish the work of our hands!  
O Lord, establish the work of our hands!

Teach us to number the length of our days,  
Pour out Your power,  
we'll pour out Your praise.  
Teach us to run, to finish the race  
For only what's done in love will remain.  
Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us.

O Lord, establish the work of our hands!  
O Lord, establish the work of our hands! (*repeat*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (*repeat*)

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Come set Your rule and reign  
in our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray,  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your church,  
We need Your pow'r in us

We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church,  
We pray revive this earth

*Chorus*

Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church,  
We are the hope on earth

*Chorus*

**Sending Out**

**Bless Us**

God, please bless us with a need  
to respect ourselves and others.  
Bless us with forgiveness that we may forgive others who wrong  
against us, or those whom we hurt in any way.  
Bless us with the power of love in all we do, in all we say.  
Bless us that we may gain a better education,  
a better understanding of what we are learning.  
Bless us with honesty, understanding, and compassion  
that may be honest with others and ourselves.  
Bless us with all these things.  
To you we are thankful.

**Exit Music**

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*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.*

**Worship Planning Team:** The Rev. Rachel Morse, *chair*; the Rev. Nancy Dibelius; the Rev. Chad Sayers; Nairobi Smith; Elisabeth Kisselstein.

**InsideOut Band members:** Nairobi O. Smith; David Wood; Iain Cockram; Chris Cockram; Kaylee Parish; Elliott Lawrence

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## Music

- “Father Let Your Kingdom Come” Album: Work Songs. Artist: The Porter's Gate, Urban Doxology. Authors: Ben Cooper, Latifah Phillips, Orlando Palmer, Liz Vice, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell. Arrangers: Fair Trade Music Publishing. CCLI Song #7097862
- “Establish The Work of Our Hands” Album: Work Songs. Artist: The Porter's Gate, Urban Doxology, Aaron Keys. Authors: Sandra McCracken, Aaron Keyes, Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice, Orlando Palmer, Madison Cunningham, Paul Zach. Arrangers: Fair Trade Music Publishing. CCLI Song #7097860
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