

**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:

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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:

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(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

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.

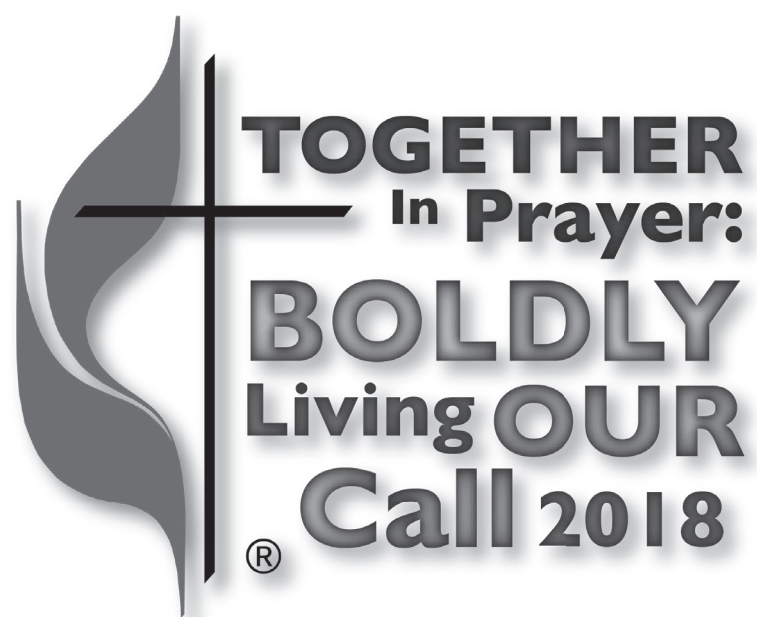
InsideOut Band members: Nairobi O. Smith; David Wood; Iain Cockram; Chris Cockram; Kaylee Parish; Elliott Lawrence

Special thanks to all who have helped with this service in any way.

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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