

# Memorial Service

Thursday, June 2, 2016

7:15 p.m.



*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.*

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

GATHERING MUSIC

InsideOut

PRELUDE

WELCOMING

Vicki Putney  
Benefits Officer

*\*OPENING HYMN: Amazing Grace, UMH #98*

*Flute, band, organ*

*Instrumental 1 verse*

*Band joins for singing of verses 1, 4*

*Organ joins for verse 6*

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.

Verse 4

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

Verse 6

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**ALL: Sing! Sing to the Lord a new song!**

ONE: for "new every morning mercies," for "what the Lord  
has done for you!"

**ALL: Sing! Sing to the Lord a new song!**

ONE: for forgiving the sin that only God knew about, for grace  
that is more than sufficient.

**ALL: Sing! Sing to the Lord a new song! For every mountain  
God brought us over, for every hardship God saw us  
through, our souls sing, "Hallelujah, yes, and amen."**

A WORD TO THE FAMILIES

Bishop Mark J. Webb

MUSICAL RESPONSE

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*, TFWS #2146

### Verse 1

Why should I feel discouraged  
Why should the shadows come  
Why should my heart be lonely  
And long for heaven and home  
When Jesus is my portion my constant friend is He  
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me  
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me

### Chorus

I sing because I'm happy I sing because I'm free  
For His eye is on the sparrow  
And I know He watches me

### Verse 2

Let not your heart be troubled  
His tender words I hear  
And resting on His goodness  
I lose my doubt and fear  
Tho' by the path He leadeth but one step I may see  
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me  
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me

### Chorus

### Verse 3

Whenever I am tempted whenever clouds arise

When songs give place to sighing  
When hope within me dies  
I draw the closer to Him from care He sets me free  
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me  
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me

Chorus

SCRIPTURE: Lamentations 3:18-24 (CEB)

SERMON: *A Reason to Hope*

The Rev. Nola Anderson  
District Superintendent, Crossroads District

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

The Rev. Everett Bassett and The Rev. Vonda Fossit  
Conference Superintendents Elect

As the names of clergy spouses who died this past year are read, a bell will toll, and a district superintendent will light a candle. Friends and families are invited to stand with the reading of the name. A youth representative will give the family a gift of olive oil symbolizing the fruit born from the ministry of the deceased.

## CLERGY SPOUSES

Elizabeth Freeman	February 16, 2015
Joseph Coltrain	March 24, 2015
Leora Trembly	May 26, 2015
Donna Doud	May 31, 2015
Mary Rowe	July 6, 2015
Carol Craik Viger	July 29, 2015
Marguerite Shumway	August 3, 2015
Sarita Fiske	September 18, 2015
Alberta Geisler	September 19, 2015
Karen Bartz	September 21, 2015
Lois Peterson	September 26, 2015
Dorothy Dolch	October 15, 2015
Alice Wheatley	November 8, 2015
Vivian Mayo	November 15, 2015
Alice Phelps	December 3, 2015
Mary Emma Mohler	December 22, 2015
M. Danielle Kish	December 29, 2015

Helen Jones	February 10, 2016
Daniel Baker	February 26, 2016
Wilma MacLaughlin	March 9, 2016
Hildred Brothers Cayce	March 15, 2016
Mary Lou Day	March 29, 2016
Nancy Clark	April 2, 2016
Caroline Grant	April 5, 2016
Virginia Caldwell	April 6, 2016
Linda Crout	April 25, 2016

### **CLERGY**

Peter Hanson	March 8, 2015
Verne Schattner	May 29, 2015
Everett Fitts	July 28, 2015
Theressa Hough	July 31, 2015
Robert A. Johnson	August 8, 2015
Herbert Loomis	August 13, 2015
Theodore Richards	September 11, 2015

Andrew Russ	September 29, 2015
Charles Warner	October 6, 2015
Norman J. Mead	October 7, 2015
Jon C. Stenberg	October 22, 2015
Walter G. Connor	November 2, 2015
James Barrett	November 12, 2015
Gregg Trask	November 16, 2015
Stephen Parr	November 25, 2015
David W. Bouton	December 22, 2015
Dolen Morris	December 25, 2015
James Carr	February 8, 2016
Roger J. Crout	February 22, 2016
Emerson Rugh	February 24, 2016
Roger Smith	February 24, 2016
David L. Derk	March 17, 2016
Richard Anthony Santella	April 22, 2016
Donald Schalk	May 2, 2016



## REMEMBERING THE LAY MEMBERS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Scott Johnson  
Conference Lay Leader

The names of those persons who died this year and who served as lay members to Conference may be lifted.

## A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

*An usher will guide you to a communion station. Communion is by intinction. Receive the bread and dip the bread into the cup.*

*There are two gluten-free stations, one center front and one center back. Communion is served by cabinet members and those who will be ordained Saturday, June 4, 2016.*

## INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, and 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

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
We have broken your law,  
We have rebelled against your love,  
We have not loved our neighbors,  
And we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
That proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

## **THE PEACE**

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
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,  
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with  
us a new covenant

by water and the Spirit...

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 for 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.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

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 for  
ever.

Amen.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop Mark J. Webb

\*HYMN: *In Christ Alone*, Worship and Song #3105

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

### Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

### Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

### Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man

Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

#### SENDING FORTH

Go forth in peace.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**Amen.**

#### POSTLUDE

Bishop Mark J. Webb

## Music

- *Amazing Grace, The United Methodist Hymnal #378*; Words: John Newton, 1779; Music: 19<sup>th</sup> Century USA melody; harm. By Edwin O. Excell, 1900
- *His Eye Is on The Sparrow, The Faith We Sing #2146*; Words: Civilla Martin; Music: Charles H. Gabriel
- *In Christ Alone, Worship and Song #3105*; Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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**Organist:** The Rev. Bill Verity

**Call to Worship:** *Worship & Song Worship Resources, #9* (altered)

**Service of Word and Table II:** *The United Methodist Hymnal*

*Allen Organ* supplied by Piano & Organ Center, 102 Lawrence Rd. E. North Syracuse, NY 13212, Phone 315-454-3823.