

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

*Together in Prayer: Boldly Living Our Call*



**Memorial Service**

**Thursday, May 31, 2018 7:30 p.m.**





## **Gathering**

### **Opening Reading** Isaiah 25

O Lord, you are my God;  
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow,  
of will-aged wines strained clear.

And God will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
God will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of God's people God  
will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

**Processional Hymn** "Sing With All the Saints in Glory" UMH #702

Sing with all the saints in glory;  
sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,  
to the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking,  
soon the storms of time shall cease;  
In God's likeness we awaken,  
knowing everlasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding  
all that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading  
never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it,  
there on high our welcome waits.  
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it;  
Christ has passed the eternal gates.

Life eternal! heav'n rejoices:  
Jesus lives who once was dead.  
Join we now the deathless voices!  
Child of God, lift up your head!  
Patriarchs from the distant ages,  
saints all longing for their heav'n,  
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages,  
all await the glory giv'n.

Life eternal! O what wonders  
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
when, amidst earth's closing thunders,  
saints shall stand before the throne!  
Oh, to enter that bright portal,  
see that glowing firmament,  
know, with you, O God immortal,  
Jesus Christ whom thou have sent!

**Scripture**            Hebrews 12:1-3

So then let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter. He endured the cross, ignoring the shame, for the sake of the joy that was laid out in front of him, and sat down at the right side of God's throne. Think about the one who endured such opposition from sinners so that you won't be discouraged and you won't give up.

**A Word to the Families**

Bishop Webb

**Choir Anthem**

Korean Clergy Choir

**Gospel Lesson**        John 11:17, 19-27, 32-46

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother's death. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you." Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again. Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She replied, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God's Son, the one who is coming into the world."

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**Gospel Lesson**     John 11:17, 19-27, 32-46 *(Continued)*

When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.” When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. He asked, “Where have you laid him?” They replied, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to cry. The Jews said, “See how much he loved him!” But some of them said, “He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. Jesus said, “Remove the stone.” Martha said, “Lord, the smell will be awful! He’s been dead four days.” Jesus replied, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believe, you will see God’s glory?” So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me.” Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.” Therefore, many of the Jews who came with Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

**Sermon**     “Jesus Calls Us Out”

Rev. Corey Turnpenny

## **Naming of the Saints**

*District Superintendents will read the names of those deceased and light candles for each name. Friends and family members are invited to stand with the reading of the name.*

## **Clergy Spouses**

Rosella S. Ewen	April 7, 2017
Jo Ellen Shea	April 15, 2017
Helen P. Jones	May 21, 2017
Margaret Harrington	June 7, 2017
Martha Munson	July 2, 2017
Ronald Rhodes	July 11, 2017
George Aberle	July 19, 2017
Mary Cunningham	August 1, 2017
Myron Ellsworth	August 2, 2017
Susan Andrews	August 13, 2017
Dorothy Emerson	August 16, 2017
Beatrice Whitney	August 31, 2017
Margaret Easton	October 8, 2017
Ruth Thornton	November 9, 2017
Helen Bowen	November 28, 2017
Marco Araujo	November 30, 2017
Nan Valencia	December 3, 2017
Shirley Spencer	December 9, 2017
Della Finney	December 11, 2017
Erwin James Wendt	January 5, 2018
Thelma Sue West	January 10, 2018
Thomas J. Bement	January 31, 2018
Retha Brown	February 11, 2018
Ruth Huff	February 17, 2018

## **Clergy**

Alden Asbornsen	April 2, 2017
Wiley White	April 4, 2017
Benson Benton	May 14, 2017
William N. Walter	May 21, 2017
Janet Atkins	May 26, 2017
Bruce Benson	June 9, 2017
Donald Scandrol	June 15, 2017
John Lee "Jack" Love	June 18, 2017
Robert A. Jones	July 4, 2017
Charles A. Rudd	July 8, 2017
Leland Leslie Bowman	July 10, 2017
Lyle Linder	August 3, 2017
Laura Chatelle	August 4, 2017
Douglas G. Lathrop	August 7, 2017
William A. Kark	September 15, 2017
Robert William Smith	October 5, 2017
William Reeder	October 19, 2017
Robert B. Lewis	October 31, 2017
Karen Patrice Snyder	December 4, 2017
Allen Lum	December 18, 2017
Jessie Marie Willkens	December 31, 2017
Daniel T. Moore	January 1, 2018
R. Carol Coltrain	January 2, 2018
Walter Edmund Taylor	January 4, 2018
Brolin Christopher Parker	January 11, 2018
Robert H. Darling	January 12, 2018
Barbara Beaudry	January 13, 2018
Herbert B. Bowen	January 22, 2018
Rene Carrillo	February 14, 2018
M. Edward Lincoln	March 3, 2018
F. Ray Hazlett	March 16, 2018
William Alan Burnop, Jr.	March 22, 2018
Verne A. Slighter	March 27, 18
Leo Sidman	April 5, 2018
Robert Boston	April 14, 2018
Edith A. "Edie" Poland	April 30, 2018

## Lay Members to Annual Conference

Susan Hardy

*The names of those persons who died this past year who served as lay members to conference may be lifted up.*

**Hymn** "God, We Walk Through Death's Deep Valley"

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Tune: CONVERSE

God, we walk through death's deep valley,  
where such grief and pain abound.

In the midst of so much sorrow, where, we ask, can you be found?  
Where are hope and reassurance? Who will take away our fear?  
God, we trust your presence with us: in our sorrow, you are here.

As an ordinary pebble tossed upon a quiet pond  
sends out rings of rippling waters, moving waters far beyond —  
so we touch the lives of others; we are moved by how they live.  
Help us, in our joy, remember; help us, in our pain, forgive.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled," Jesus said to those he loved.  
"There are many dwelling places in my Father's house above."  
Jesus, you have gone before us; Jesus, you will guide us there.  
Lord, we trust your hand to lead us to the place that you prepare.

We hold onto what you promise: earth and heav'n will be made new.  
Then your home will be among us; we will always dwell with you.  
There will be no sound of weeping; you will wipe away each tear.  
God, we trust your promise to us: now and always, you are here.

## A Service of Word and Table

Cantor: Jongdeok Park

### Holy, Holy, Holy: A Sung Communion

Text: Beth Quick, 2018

Tune: NICAEA

*Written for the Upper New York Annual Conference*

*2018 Memorial Communion Service*

*Incorporating phrases from "Holy, Holy, Holy" by Reginald Heber*

Holy, holy, holy! God, you are most holy.

We lift up our hearts to you. Together, voices raise:

**We, your people gather, at the table gather!**

**God, in thanksgiving, now we sing your praise.**

You, O God, have formed us, shaped us in your image.

Breathed in us the breath of life and gave to us the earth.

**Still, we turn away, God. Still, we wander from you.**

**God, you are calling. Let us hear your words!**

God of priests and prophets, God of all disciples,

God of the faithful who have run their course in faith:

Saints whose lives inspire us, holy friends who've shaped us,

**God, for this witness, we give thanks and praise.**

**Holy, holy, holy, God of light and glory**

**Blessed is the one who comes, carrying your name**

**Holy, holy, holy, you are most holy.**

**You sent us Christ to usher in your reign.**

Gathered at the table, sharing with disciples

Jesus took and broke the bread as he gave thanks to you.

"Take and eat this bread, friends, symbol of my body.

Share and remember these my words to you."

When the meal was over, Jesus shared the wine

"Drink from this, the cup life, forgiveness shared with you."

Jesus, we remember. Jesus, we are grateful.

Gift of redemption, covenant made new.

**Holy God, we praise you! All the saints adore you.  
All their days they walked your ways and followed Jesus Christ.  
In this bless'd communion, we are all your people,  
then, now, and always, to eternal life.**

Spoken words of consecration:

**Holy, Holy, Holy God, pour out your Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts: the fruit of the vine, the bread of life. Make  
them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we might be for  
the world the body of Christ, redeemed by the love, the life, the  
death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **Sharing the Meal**

### **Music during Communion**

"Let Us Be Bread"

TFWS #2260

*Refrain:*

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,  
Broken and shared, life for the world.  
Let us be wine, love freely poured.  
Let us be one in the Lord.

I am the bread of life, broken for all.  
Eat now and hunger no more. (Refrain)

You are my friends if you keep my commands,  
no longer servants but friends. (Refrain)

See how my people have nothing to eat.  
Give them the bread that is you. (Refrain)

As God has loved me so I have loved you.  
Go and live on in my love. (Refrain)

“One Bread, One Body”

UMH #620

*Refrain:*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
Woman or man, no more. (Refrain)

Many the gifts, many the works.  
One in the Lord of all. (Refrain)

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one, for all. (Refrain)

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

UMH #641

Fill my cup Lord I lift it up Lord  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul  
Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more  
Fill my cup fill it up and make me whole

**Prayer after Communion (“Holy, Holy Holy”)**

**Sent forth from the table, thankful for the mystery,  
thankful for this holy meal in which we share in Christ,  
joining with your saints, God, we are Christ’s body.  
Sent forth to change the world, giving others life.**

**Hymn**

"It Is Well"

UMH #377

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain:*

It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul),  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

**Benediction**

Bishop Mark Webb

**Exit Music**  

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