

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

*Together in Prayer: Boldly Living Our Call*



**Opening Worship**

**Thursday, May 31, 2018 9:15 a.m.**





**Witness**

“Daniel”

Phil Eisenman

**Opening Song**

“Thousand Tongues”

Vertical Church

We are a sea of voices, we are an ocean of Your praise  
Gathered under one name  
We are a tide that’s rising, and we cannot be contained  
Gathered under one name

*Chorus*

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
The glories of our Lord God Almighty  
O to sing the Savior’s praise, a triumph of His grace  
You are worthy, You are worthy God

We have found our anthem at the cross where sin was slain  
Gathered under one name  
Where ev’ry chain is broken and ev’ry sorrow swept away  
Gathered under one name

*Chorus*

With all heaven sing and all earth below  
One holy King, one highest throne  
With all heaven sing and all earth below  
One holy King, one highest throne

*Chorus (sing twice)*

**Song**

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (verse 1)

UMH #57

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer’s praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of His grace.

**Special Offering for our Mission Central HUB**

Mike Block

*Our offering will support the Upper New York Mission Central Hub, a mission site located at the Upper New York Annual Conference Center to train Volunteers in Mission and to collect and assemble materials for Disaster Response.*

**Witness**

“Georgia Harkness”

Rebecca Jensen

**Biblical Storytelling**

Mark 8:27-38

Lisa Kisselstein

**Entering the Narrative**

Rev. Nancy Dibelius

“Who Do *You* Say That I Am?”

**Song**

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

TFWS #2200

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.

**Sermon**

Bishop Mark Webb

“Wade in the Water”

**Response**

Susan Hardy and Bishop Mark Webb

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Call & Holy Communion

## Music During Response

“Down to the River to Pray”

Worship & Song #3164

### *Refrain*

As I went down to the river to pray  
studyin' about that good ol' way  
and who shall wear the starry crown,  
Good Lord, show me the way!

O sisters let's go down, let's go down, come on down  
O sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

### *Refrain*

O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down  
O brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

### *Refrain*

O fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down  
O fathers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

### *Refrain*

O mothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down  
O mothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

### *Refrain*

O sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down  
O sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

“Sinking Deep”

Hillsong Young & Free

Standing here in Your presence, in a grace so relentless,  
I am won by perfect love.  
Wrapped within the arms of heaven  
in a peace that lasts forever, sinking deep in mercy’s sea.

*Chorus*

I’m wide awake, drawing close,  
Stirred by grace and all my heart is Yours.  
All fear removed, I breathe You in, I lean into Your love.  
Oh, Your love.

When I’m lost You pursue me, lift my head to see Your glory,  
Lord of all, so beautiful  
Here in You I find shelter, captivated by the splendor of Your  
face,  
My secret place

*Chorus*

Your love so deep is washing over me  
Your face is all I seek, You are my ev’rything  
Jesus Christ, You are my one desire  
Lord, hear my only cry to know You all my life  
(Repeat)

*Chorus*

## **“The River”**

Jordan Feliz

I know a place where we can go  
To lay the troubles down eating your soul  
I know a place where mercy flows  
Take the stains make you whiter than snow

### *Pre-Chorus*

Like a tide it is rising up deep inside  
A current that moves and makes ya come alive  
Living water that brings the dead to life, oh, oh

### *Chorus*

We're goin' down to the river,  
Down to the river, down to the river to pray  
Let's get washed by the water  
Washed by the water, and rise up in amazing grace  
Let's go down, down, down to the river  
You will leave changed  
Let's go down, down, down to the river  
Never the same

I've seen it move in my own life  
Took me from dusty roads into Paradise  
All of my dirt all of my shame  
Drowned in the streams that have made me born again

### *Pre-Chorus*

### *Chorus*

Let's go down, Oo oo oo (Repeat)

### *Chorus*

Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace  
Let's go down, down, down to the river  
Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace

**Witness**

Pastor Joe Pascoe

**Benediction**

Bishop Webb

**Closing Song**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

UMH #577

God of grace and God of glory,  
on Thy people pour Thy power;  
crown Thine ancient church's story;  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us  
scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to Thy control;  
shame our wanton selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for Thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.



**Worship Planning Team:**

The Rev. Rachel Morse, chair; the Rev. Nancy Dibelius; the Rev. Chad Sayers; Nairobi Smith; Lisa Kisselstein.

**InsideOut Band members:**

Nairobi O. Smith; David Wood; Iain Cockram; Chris Cockram; Kaylee Parish; Elliott Lawrence.

**Actors:**

Daniel: Phil Eisenman, Syracuse Opera Chorus; Georgia Harkness: Rebecca Jensen, retired music director, Baldwinsville First UMC.

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

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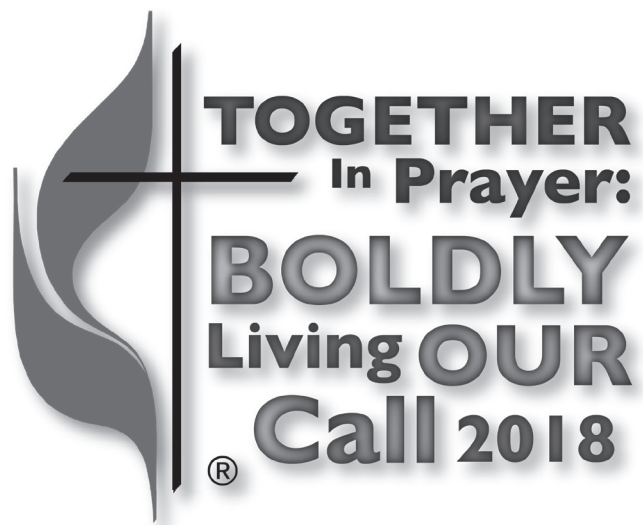
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