

Upper New York Conference
The United Methodist Church

The Upper New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

2022 Annual Conference, Syracuse, NY



Memorial Service

Friday, October 7, 2022, 7:30pm
Liverpool UMC

Call to Worship

Leader: I will seek your face, O God, even when the storms of life
rage about me

All: For you are the lighthouse which guides us to safety.

Leader: I will seek your face, O God, as I wait on you and hope in
your mercy

All: For you extend mercy to we who stumble and fall.

Leader: I will see your face, O God, as I search for comfort and rest

All: For in the arms of God, we are called Beloved.

Leader: Let us seek your face, O God, and renew our hope in you

All: For when fear assails us, you are still God.

Processional Hymn: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

UMH#479

A Word to the Families

Bishop Mark Webb

Reading of Scripture

Psalm 27 (NRSV)

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold[a] of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

- 2 When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

- 3 Though an army encamp against me,
 my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
 yet I will be confident.
- 4 One thing I asked of the Lord;
 this I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord
 all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
 and to inquire in his temple.
- 5 For he will hide me in his shelter
 in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
 he will set me high on a rock.
- 6 Now my head is lifted up
 above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
 sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
- 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
 be gracious to me and answer me!
- 8 “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
 Your face, Lord, do I seek.
- 9 Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
 you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,
 O God of my salvation!

- 10 If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.
- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
- 12 Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.
- 13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
- 14 Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

Message

Rev. Rhonda Kouterick

Naming of the Saints

Our District Superintendents will read the names of those deceased and a light candle for each departed saint. Friends and family members are invited to stand as the name of your loved one is read.

Clergy spouses

Jane P. Smith, June 2, 2021
Richard Haug, June 4, 2021
Maxine Spring, June 7, 2021
Helen Wolter, July 1, 2021
Cleo Darling, August 1, 2021
Martha Sue Burdick, August 4, 2021
Dolores Kissel, August 29, 2021
Steven Fargo, September 20, 2021
Zella Corbett, October 31, 2021
Wilfred Bowley, November 10, 2021
Jean Wallace, November 16, 2021
Charles Tompkins, December 30, 2021
Edah Osgood, January 14, 2022
Marilyn Connor, January 20, 2022
Nancy J. Morris, January 20, 2022
Merton Kimpland, January 22, 2022
Ann Bowen, February 3, 2022
Marjorie Traxler, February 18, 2022
Bertha Kauffman, March 19, 2022
Jeanne Barger, March 30, 2022
Cordelia Bowen, April 1, 2022
Pamela Moore, April 6, 2022
Kay Woike, April 18, 2022
Barbara Ayer, April 30, 2022

Clergy

Frank Cahill, January 5, 2021
John Pouncy, January 29, 2021
Carol Sierk, June 29, 2021
Gregory DeSalvatore, July 17, 2021
Alan Rhodes, July 24, 2021
William McFarland, July 26, 2021
Donna Lavender, September 8, 2021
Nelson Reppert, September 9, 2021
Robert McCune, September 27, 2021
E. Clayton Burgess Jr., October 26, 2021
Paul Freeman, November 22, 2021
Anthony Bradseth, December 1, 2021
Donald R. Buckey, December 2, 2021
Davis Kubiak, December 2, 2021
Susan Kraybill Kaiser, December 3, 2021
Patience Kisakye, December 9, 2021
Robert L. Johnson, December 26, 2021
Thomas G. Taylor, January 8, 2022
Lee Prong, January 19, 2022
Garry Campbell, March 11, 2022
Gary Freeland, March 12, 2022
Bryant Hudson, March 20, 2022
Viki Andrews, March 30, 2022
William Whitefield Jr., April 5, 2022
Arturo Soto, April 6, 2022
Kenneth Wood, April 13, 2022
Winifred Clara Nelson, April 24, 2022

Lay Members to Annual Conference

Your are invited to lift up the names of those persons who have died this past year and who have served as lay members to The Annual Conference.

Hymn

Take Our Bread, UMH#640

A Service of Word and Table

Leader: The Lord of light and life is among us.

All: May we seek to reflect this light.

Leader: The Lord of goodness and mercy calls to us.

All: May we follow the path of goodness and mercy.

Leader: Let us sing and make melody to the Lord.

Let us sing our praise and thanks to you Lord, God who created and creates still, the One who gave us the breath of the Holy, who offered us a life lived in communion with you.

The One who offers us again and again that life of wholeness in spite of our disobedience, our failure to honor the God who offers life in abundance; you continue to offer us refuge and comfort and your presence in the anxious, fearful spaces of our lives.

As we seek to trust in what we cannot see, to trust enough to truly walk in faith, we offer to you, along with all people, visible and invisible, all that is and is to be, these words of confidence and honor:

All: God of goodness and mercy, Holy is your name.

Leader: As we struggled with our faithfulness, you sent Christ to walk among us, to be for us a model of the life offered to each of us, to be the harbinger of the Kingdom that is to come, the One who sees what we cannot, who challenges us to see with our inner nature. Anointed by the Spirit, Christ

came to fulfill your deep desire for creation, to fulfill prophecies of old; from the words of Isaiah, the Spirit anointed Christ to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, to offer sight to the blind, to give freedom to those who are oppressed, and to proclaim God's faithfulness.

"While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'"

Christ proclaimed, "I am the resurrection and the life," Christ promised a 'house eternal' to those who believed. He asked then and asks us now, "Do you believe this?" And we answer with confidence and faith in this promise, knowing yet that it remains a mystery:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Holy God, pour out your spirit, as of old, on this cup and this bread, that they would become for us the body and blood of Christ; the One who came to offer himself for the world and for all those in need, that we might then also be a holy and living offering to a world in need. That we would walk in this world through faith and confidence without fear or trepidation, knowing that you Lord are with us. All honor and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Meal

Music During Communion *In Remembrance of Me* TFWS#2254

Prayer after Communion

As we are sent from this place, this table, this coming home, we give thanks for your faithfulness, your presence at this table. And we hear the invitation to take something back into the world, to take a cup of cold water for the thirsty.

Hymn

Abide with Me, UMH #700

Closing Prayer

God of peace and God of love,
Comfort us in our sorrow. Gather around us and hold us dear, that we might know the comfort of your everlasting presence. As you hold our loved ones who have gone to their eternal rest, may we remember that you hold us as well. May we come to know that you are the One who bridges the gap, who crosses the divide, who overcomes death, even now. Be our strength in times of weakness. Be our comfort in times of fear. May we rise again by the power of your love. May we continually seek your face. May we wait on you, O God, as we remember them in great love. In life, in death, in life beyond death, you are with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.
Amen.

Benediction

Bishop Mark Webb

Worship Planning Team: Rev. Nancy Dibelius, chairperson, Rev. Chad Sayers, Pastor Kevin Kitto, Pastor Rebekah Solar, Rev. Theresa Eggleston

Musicians: Marietta Kitto, Rev. Chad Sayers, Pastor Kevin Kitto, Pastor Rebekah Solar, Rev. Nancy Dibelius

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



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