

# *Service of Ordination & Recognition*



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# **The Service of Word and Table for the Ordination of Deacons and Elders and Recognition of Associate Members**

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Pentecost Sunday

10:00 a.m. Hofstra University

Anchored in the baptismal call to lives of love, justice, and service, there are some Christians whose “gifts, evidence of God’s grace, and promise of future usefulness are affirmed by the community, and who respond to God’s call by offering themselves in leadership as ordained ministers” (Discipline—301.2; see also ¶¶ 125 and 137).

Ordination is chiefly understood as the act of the Holy Spirit. As a liturgical act, ordination is also understood as the public prayer of the church confirming the Spirit’s call to individuals and asking for them gifts and power for the ministry of deacon or elder.

The rite of ordination is the climax of a process in which the faith community discerns and validates the call, the gifts, and effectiveness for apostolic ministry by agency of the Holy Spirit. Always more than a single liturgical moment, ordination is a full process in which all of the baptized share. The process begins with the church’s discernment of God’s call to individuals for service as ordained leaders, continues with support and scrutiny as they prepare for this work, culminates in electing them to the office and work of a deacon or an elder, and is celebrated and enacted liturgically in the service of ordination.

## ENTRANCE

### GATHERING OF THE NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE FAITH COMMUNITY

#### GATHERING MUSIC

##### PRELUDE

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

**arr. T. March  
Brass Quartet**

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##### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

*O For A Thousands Tongues To Sing*

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O for a thousand tongues to sing; My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace

Mi Amo y mi Dios de gracia, ayúdame a proclamar,  
a propagar por toda la Tierra el honor de Tu nombre.

내주의귀한이름이날위로하시고이귀에음악같으니참희락되도다

Il brise la puissance de l'annulé le péché, il définit le prisonnier libre,  
son sang peut faire la foulest propre son sang a profité pour moi.

*Repeat Verse 1 in your heart language*

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

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Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, where my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
All around me looks so shine, I ask my Lord if all was mine. (Refrain)

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Jordan river runs chilly and cold, it chills the body, not the soul.  
Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.

*Soul on Fire*

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God, I'm running for Your heart I'm running for Your heart  
Till I am a soul on fire Lord, I'm longing for Your ways  
I'm waiting for the day When I am a soul on fire Till I am a soul on fire

God, I'm running for Your heart I'm running for Your heart  
Till I am a soul on fire Lord, I'm longing for Your ways  
I'm waiting for the day When I am a soul on fire Till I am a soul on fire

Lord, let me burn for You again Let me return to You again  
Lord, let me burn for You again let me return to You again

**DANCE CALL TO WORSHIP**

*I Feel the Spirit*

by Hezekiah Walker  
Spirit Builders NYAC Praise Dance Team

**\*GREETING AND PRAYER**

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Spirit is among us.

**Move us, Holy Spirit!**

**Let us pray**

**Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit**

**you gave to your apostles and all your church**

**many excellent gifts.**

**Come upon us gathered here to set apart those who will lead among us**

**by calling and equipping us to fulfill your desire**

**that we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**WELCOME**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 2:1-21

*A multitude of voices*

**PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE BAPTIZED**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE<sup>1</sup>**

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation

and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

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## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

I present

***Holden James Carrubba***

*Parents – Chris & Elizabeth Carrubba*

*Sponsors – T.J. & Claire Bickerton*

*Grandparents – Tom & Sally Bickerton, Alice Carrubba, Becky & David Fisher*

*Uncles – Bruce Nicholas Edwards and Ian Robert Edwards*

*Great Uncle & Aunt – Jamie & Brian Rozelle*

*Great Grandfather – James Bickerton*

***Grayson Allen Goodman Chupungco***

*Parents – Angelo & Susan Goodman Chupungco*

*Sponsors – Rev. Michael Barry & Rev. Linda Dew-Hiersoux*

for baptism.

## RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world,  
and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you  
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as your Lord,  
in union with the Church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

Will you nurture these children in Christ's holy Church  
that by your teaching and example they may be guided  
to accept God's grace for themselves,  
to profess their faith openly,  
and to lead a Christian life?

**I will.**

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,  
reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life  
and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons  
with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that they may grow in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,  
that they may be true disciples  
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith:

**We believe in God the Creator,  
who created and is creating everything:  
the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;  
each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God.**

**We believe in God the Christ,  
who saved and is saving everything:  
the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;  
each of us; unique, individual and beloved of the Christ.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who guided and is guiding everything:  
the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;  
each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit.**

**We believe that this one God in three persons, is present among us,  
working directly in our lives and the lives of all who are born into this world,  
striving to bring us back into harmony with all creation and with God:  
forgiving, healing, touching everyone, never rejecting any who willingly  
receive this freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal life.**

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## **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us pray

*Bishop blesses the water, ending with these words:*

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it  
to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives  
that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory

All praise to you, Eternal God,  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
lives and reigns forever.

**Amen.**

## BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

*Name(s)*, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you,  
that being born through water and the Spirit,  
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new siblings in Christ.

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation  
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.**

**We are all one in Christ Jesus.**

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.**

## COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, commend these persons to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian  
love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this gathering of  
The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the  
ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, and our  
witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
that you may live in grace and peace.

## REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

*Child Of Blessing Child Of Promise*

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## COMMENDATION AND WELCOME OF CONFIRMANDS

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian  
love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this annual conference  
of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the  
ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our  
witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
that you may forever live in grace and peace.

**PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE ORDAINED OR RECOGNIZED**

*Bishop:*

Who presents these candidates to be ordained or recognized?

*All laity led by Conference Lay Leader Ms. Roena Littlejohn:*

**We have recommended them in our local congregations.**

**We present them with our prayers and support.**

*Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry, led by chairs,*

*Rev. Lydia Lebron and Rev. Samuel Ahrin:*

We have examined these candidates according to the standards of our Discipline and this annual conference of The United Methodist Church

We present them with our prayers and support.

*Registrar, Rev. Dale Ashby, to the Ordinands:*

We present

*Carol A. Bloom*

*Susan F. Goodman Chupungco*

*Karina Feliz*

*Matthew Allan Querns*

*Jody L. Spiak*

*Elon Sylvester*

for ordination as elders.

We present them with our prayers and support.

We present

*Janet L. Cox*

*Lea A. Matthews*

*Arletha (Lisa) Miles Boyce*

for ordination as deacons.

We present them with our prayers and support.

*Registrar, Rev. Eileen Daunt, to Associate Members:*

We also present

*Gregory K. Higgins*

*Kevin J. Mulqueen*

*Dora Janeway Odarenko*

for recognition as associate members.

We present them with our prayers and support.

*Bishop to candidates:*

We rejoice in the Spirit's work in the our lives

and the lives of these who come to serve and lead among us.

**All:**  
**We will uphold them with our prayers and support.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Bishop:*

These persons are by God's grace  
to be ordained or recognized for  
set apart ministry in Christ's Holy Church.  
Those authorized by the Church to inquire about them  
have discerned that they are persons  
of sound learning and of Christian character,  
possess the necessary signs of God's grace,  
and have demonstrated a profound commitment to serve Jesus Christ.  
Therefore, they believe them to be duly called to serve God.  
We ask you, people of God, to declare your assent  
to the ordination or recognition of these persons

Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace,  
to be ordained or recognized?

**We do! Thanks be to God!**

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

**With God's help, we will.**

## **THE GENERAL EXAMINATION**

### **THE WESLEYAN HISTORICAL QUESTIONS**

Have you faith in Christ?

*Candidates:* I have.

Are you going on to perfection?

*Candidates:* I am by the grace of God.

Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?

*Candidates:* God willing, I do.

Are you earnestly striving after it?

*Candidates:* With God's help, I am.

Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and God's work?

*Candidates:* I am so resolved.

Do you know the General Rules of our Church?

*Candidates:* I do.

Will you keep them?

*Candidates:* I will so endeavor.

Have you studied the doctrines of The United Methodist Church?

*Candidates:* I have studied them.

After full examination,

do you believe that our doctrines are in harmony with the Holy Scriptures?

*Candidates:* I believe they are.

Will you preach and maintain them?

*Candidates:* To the best of my ability, I will.

Have you studied our form of Church discipline and polity?

*Candidates:* I have studied them.

Do you approve our Church government and polity?

*Candidates:* I do so approve.

Will you support and maintain them?

*Candidates:* I will with God's help.

Will you diligently instruct the children in every place?

*Candidates:* I will.

Will you visit from house to house?

*Candidates:* This is my commitment.

Will you recommend fasting or abstinence, both by precept and example?

*Candidates:* I will so recommend.

Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God?

*Candidates:* This is my intention.

Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in your work?

*Candidates:* I am not.

Will you observe the following directions?

- a) Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed.  
Never trifle away time;  
neither spend any more time at any one place than is strictly necessary.
- b) Be punctual.  
Do everything exactly at the time.  
And do not mend our rules, but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience sake

*Candidates:* The Lord being my helper, I will.

## **THE GENERAL QUESTIONS**

*Bishop:* My siblings in Christ, you have been called to an ordained and set apart ministry.

The church now confirms your calling.

As ordained elders and deacons, and associate members  
you are to be coworkers with all the people of God:

with laity, bishops, elders, deacons, local pastors, associate members, provisional members, diaconal ministers, deaconesses, home missionaries, supply pastors, with all who serve God in the Church.

Remember you are called  
to serve rather than to be served,  
to proclaim the faith of the church and no other,  
to look after the concerns of God above all.

So we may know you believe yourselves  
to be called by God and that you profess the Christian faith, we ask you:

Do you believe that God...ordained and set apart ministry?

*Candidates:* I do so believe.

Do you believe in the Triune God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer?  
and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

*Candidates:* I do so believe and confess.

Are you persuaded  
that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments  
contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ  
and are the unique and authoritative standard  
for the church's faith and life?

*Candidates:* I am so persuaded, by God's grace.

Will you be faithful in prayer,  
in the study of the Holy Scriptures,  
and with the help of the Holy Spirit  
continually rekindle the gift of God that is in you?

*Candidates:* I will, with the help of God.

Will you do your best to pattern your life  
in accordance with the teachings of Christ?

*Candidates:* I will, with the help of God

Will you, in the exercise of your ministry,  
lead the people of God to faith in Jesus Christ,  
to participate in the life and work of the community,  
and to seek peace, justice, and freedom for all people?

*Candidates:* I will, with the help of God.

Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church,  
accepting and upholding its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline,  
defending it against all doctrines contrary to God's Holy Word,  
and committing yourself to be accountable with those serving with you,  
and to the bishop and those who are appointed to supervise your ministry?

*Candidates:* I will, with the help of God

Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission,  
covenant to participate in the life of the order, into which you are ordained?  
Will you give yourself to God through the order in order to sustain  
and build each other up in prayer, study, worship and service  
under the rule of life set forth in the vows you take this day?

*Candidates:* I will, with the help of God.

May God,  
who has given you the will to do these things,  
give you grace to perform them,  
that the work begun in you may be brought to perfection.

All audibly affirm the action, saying,  
**Amen.**

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

*Total Praise*

R. Smallwood  
Conference Choir

### **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE OF THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Ephesians 4:1-6

**SERMON**

The Divine Progression

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton

**Music Ministry**

*I Still Have A Praise Inside of Me*

Conference Choir

### **EXAMINATION OF ELDERS**

An elder is called to share in the ministry of Christ  
and of the whole church:  
to preach and teach the Word of God

*A Bible is lifted by Rev. Jessica Anschutz, Chair of Order of Elders*

and faithfully administer  
the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion;

*A paten and chalice is lifted.*

to lead the people of God in worship and prayer;  
to lead persons to faith in Jesus Christ;  
to exercise pastoral supervision,  
to order the life of the congregation and the connection, to counsel the troubled,  
and declare the forgiveness of sin;

to lead the people of God in obedience to Christ's mission in the world;  
to seek justice, peace, and freedom for all people;  
and to take a responsible place in the government of the Church  
and in service in and to the community

This is the rule of life and work of an elder.

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of an elder?

**I do so believe.**

## EXAMINATION OF DEACONS

A deacon

is called to share in Christ's ministry of servanthood,  
to relate the life of the community to its service in the world,  
to lead others into Christian discipleship,  
to nurture disciples for witness and service,

*A Bible is lifted by Rev. Doris K. Dalton, Chair of Order of Deacons*

to lead in worship,  
to teach and proclaim God's Word,  
to assist elders and appointed local pastors at Holy Baptism and Holy Communion,  
A towel and basin with pitcher is lifted.

to interpret to the church the world's hurts and hopes,  
to serve all people, particularly the poor, the sick, and the oppressed,  
and to lead Christ's people in ministries of compassion and justice,  
liberation and reconciliation,  
especially in the face of hardship and personal sacrifice

This is the rule of life and work of a deacon.

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of a deacon?

*Deacon Candidates: I do so believe.*

## EXAMINATION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

An associate member has made a full commitment of life and service  
to the itinerant ministry of The United Methodist Church  
as demonstrated through service during provisional membership  
and ongoing examination, formation, supervision, and reflection  
on the practice of ministry.

You now pledge to go wherever you are sent,  
to serve however you are called,  
to exercise your ministry within and on behalf of the whole Church,  
to love all among whom you are placed,  
and to love God above all.

This is the way of life of a clergy member in associate connection.

Do you believe God has called you to this way of life?

*Candidates for Associate Membership: I do so believe.*

## LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR ELDERS

As these persons are ordained by the church  
for the office and work of elders  
to which we believe they have been called by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray for them.

### HYMN

*Yo quierero ser/ I want to be*

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We praise You, eternal God,  
because You have called us to be a priestly people,  
offering to You acceptable worship through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
Apostle and High Priest, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.  
We thank You that, by dying, Christ has overcome death  
and, having ascended into heaven,  
has poured forth gifts abundantly on Your people,  
|making some apostles, some prophets,  
some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,  
to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up Christ's body,  
and to fulfill Your gracious purpose in the world.

Give to these Your servants the grace and power they need  
to serve you in this ministry.  
Make them faithful pastors, patient teachers, and wise counselors.  
Enable them to serve without reproach, to proclaim the gospel of salvation,  
to administer the sacraments of the new covenant,  
and to offer with all Your people spiritual sacrifices acceptable to You;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Almighty God, pour upon *Name...* the Holy Spirit,  
for the office and work of an elder in Christ's holy church.

Amen.

*Full Name*, take authority as an elder  
to preach the Word of God,  
to administer the Holy Sacraments  
and to order the life of the Church;  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

### \*SUNG RESPONSE

*Let My Life Be A Worship*

D. Frazier Music Team

## LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR DEACONS

As these persons are recognized or ordained by God and the church  
for the ministry of deacons  
to which we believe they have been called by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray for them.

We thank you, Living God,  
that in your great love  
you sent Jesus Christ  
to take the form of a servant,  
becoming obedient even to death on the cross,  
and now resurrected and exalted in the heavens.

You have taught us, by his word and example,  
that whoever would be great among us must be servant of all.

Give these servants grace to be faithful to their promises,  
constant in their discipleship,  
and always ready for works of loving service.

Make them modest and humble, gentle and strong,  
rooted and grounded in love.

Give them a share in the ministry of Jesus Christ,  
who came not to be served but to serve.

Almighty God, pour upon *Name* the Holy Spirit  
for the office and work of a deacon in Christ's holy church.

Amen.

*Full Name*, take authority as a deacon  
to proclaim the Word of God  
and to lead God's people  
in ministries of compassion and justice;  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
All audibly affirm the action, saying,

**Amen.**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

*I Just Want to Praise You*

arr. J. Roberts

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## RECOGNITION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

You have served among us faithfully as local pastors,  
demonstrating your commitment to accept and uphold  
the doctrine, liturgy and discipline of The United Methodist Church,  
under the appointment of the bishop.

You have now fulfilled the requirements  
and been elected by the clergy session of this annual conference  
as associate members.



You love us just the way we are.

You have given us an infinite variety of shapes and sizes to portray the fullness of your glory. Each of our voices has its own tone and texture, necessary to produce the fullness of praise. All of us have been gifted by dreams and visions necessary for your creation of a world rich with compassion and grace.

**We are needed by you, and invited to join with you in transforming our world into a beautiful place.**

**We are all loved and inspired to love others.**

Every language has an aspect of your truth to tell.

You knew that it was not good for us to be alone, so you gave us the gift of each other.

You have made a special place at your table for each of us.

The gifts we bring are important to you.

This is the reason you invited us to join with the fullness of creation and with all those who have found themselves in heavenly places to proclaim:

**Amazing, Life-changing, Inclusive Love,  
Creator of every single life. Heaven and Earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are all who call upon your name for salvation. Hosanna in the highest.**

You fill us with awe and so does Jesus, whom you sent.

In Christ we have observed your love for:

the illegitimate and legitimate, the foreigner and the national, the unbeliever and believers, the demonic and the delivered, the impoverished and the wealthy, the ignorant and the brilliant, and for us.

We saw that there was no foot you would not wash:

no matter how arrogant,

how traitorous,

how cowardly,

even washing feet like ours.

During the Passover ritual,

Jesus took the bread that remembered all who struggle in life, and thanked you for your provision.

Jesus broke the bread and shared it with all, inviting: "Take and eat. This is my body and I share it with you." Remember how deeply you are loved.

After the Passover meal,

Jesus took the cup that remembered Divine deliverance, and thanked you for your provision.

Jesus shared the cup with all, inviting: "Drink with me each of you, for this is the cup of my blood poured out in recognition of God's eternal covenant of forgiveness with you and with all of creation." Remember how deeply you are loved.

We humbly take our place at your table,

and seek to live lives that reflect the same grace we find reflected in this Divine Mystery as we proclaim:

**Christ has died in our place  
Christ is alive in this place.  
Christ will come again and we have a place.**

Shower of gifts, unique and holy,  
energize these gifts of bread and wine,  
open them up for us to become the body of Christ,  
that all might feel included.

Shower of gifts, unique and holy,  
energize the gift of us, with all our imperfections,  
open them up for the world to become your church,  
the unassuming body, dearly beloved bride,  
that all might feel included.

Shower of gifts, unique and holy,  
be with those we have made to feel that they do not have a place with us at your table.  
Open their eyes and ours to the fact that the gift of themselves is necessary and irreplaceable to you.  
We are the delight of Jesus. We are the enthusiasm of the Holy Spirit. We are the joyous play of  
our Creator, so that they might receive our laughter and our tears, our dreams and our fears, now  
and always. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

adaptation by M. Miller

## **BREAKING THE BREAD**

## **GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

*All communion bread is gluten, dairy, soy and nut free. See the back page of this program for a complete ingredient list. All the cups contain non-alcoholic grape juice.*

### *Grace Greater than Our Sin*

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### *For Everyone Born*

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### *What A Beautiful Name It Is (Espanol)*

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### *Waymaker (Espanol)*

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### *You Are My Strength*

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## **PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

Ms. Roena Littlejohn, Conference Lay Leader

**Let us pray.**

**We thank you, gracious God, for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us, and united us in the communion of your Holy Spirit. We bless you for raising up among us faithful servants. Clothe them and us with your righteousness and grant that we, with them, may glorify you by giving ourselves to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Newly Ordained Deacons

Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.  
**We are sent in Christ's name. Thanks be to God!**

*The bishop blesses the people:*

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

### CLOSING HYMN

*We'll Understand It Better By and By*

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We are often tossed and driv'n on the restless sea of time.  
Somber skies and howling tempests oft succeed a bright sunshine.  
In that land of perfect day, When the mists have rolled away,  
We will understand it better by and by.

*Refrain:*

By and by when the morning comes, When the saints of God are gathered home,  
We will tell the story how we've overcome; For we'll understand it better by and by.

We are often destitute of the things that life demands.  
Want of food and want of shelter, thirsty hills and barren lands.  
We are trusting in the Lord, And according to his Word,  
We will understand it better by and by. *Refrain*

Trials dark on ev'ry hand, and we cannot understand,  
All the ways that God would lead us to that blessed Promised Land.  
But he guides us with his eye And we'll follow till we die.  
For we'll understand it better by and by. *Refrain*

Temptations, hidden snares often take us unawares,  
And our hearts are made to bleed for some thoughtless word or deed.  
And we wonder why the test When we try to do our best, but we'll understand it better by and  
by. *Refrain*

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# Gluten-Free Communion Bread

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Recipe developed by Linda Mellor  
in collaboration with New Paltz UMC

Makes 2 loaves, 9" round

## **Dry Ingredients:**

1 ½ cup white rice flour  
⅔ cup brown rice flour  
1 cup gluten-free oat flour  
⅔ cup tapioca flour/starch  
⅓ cup potato starch  
1 ½ tbl pectin  
1 ½ tbl xanthan gum  
1 tsp salt  
½ tsp baking soda

## **Leavening:**

2 ½ tsps active dry yeast (1 pkg)  
1 tsp sugar  
½ cup warm water

## **Wet Ingredients:**

½ cup canola oil  
½ tsp white vinegar  
2 to 2 ½ cups warm water

1. Combine dry ingredients in bowl and mix very well.
2. Proof leavening for a few minutes in large mixer bowl.
3. Create warm humid space for rising (I turn on the oven for a couple minutes then turn off. Also, I boil a small pot of water and place in the oven to create steam).
4. Add everything to the large mixer bowl and mix well. Add enough water to make dough the consistency of very thick cake batter. Mix for 5 to 10 minutes. Even though there is no gluten to develop, mixing/kneading is important to help the flours absorb the liquids and be less grainy. This also makes the bread less crumbly. (see NOTES)
5. Grease 2 round cake pans or pie plates (or line with parchment paper). Divide and spread dough to fill, but not quite touching the edges of the pan.
6. Place in warm, humid space and let rise for about 45 minutes to an hour.
7. Heat oven to 350 degrees.
8. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until bread just begins to brown. Remove bread from pan and return directly to oven rack to bake for another 5 minutes or so to nicely brown all over and develop a good crust.
9. Cool on wire rack.

## NOTES:

- This is a fussy recipe, so keep trying until you find the consistency and baking times that work for you.
- The dough should be VERY soft and fairly wet — don't expect a yeast bread dough. It will have more of a consistency of a soft muffin batter or "quick bread."
- Depending on your mixer, you may want to use the regular beater instead of the dough hook if it is not kneading correctly.
- If the bread comes out hard or dry or crumbly, try using more water next time.
- Best if baked fresh and served within a few hours. The bread dries out quickly and becomes very crumbly.
- Freezing the bread will also make it dry and crumbly.
- Freezing the raw mixed dough in a baking pan, and then thawing before baking works very well, but the bread does not rise quite as much.
- Because there are no eggs in the recipe, the bread takes longer to brown than what you might expect. I have baked it for as long as an hour. Again, be careful not to overbake, as it will get too dry and crumbly.

