

**Sunday Service with the New York Annual Conference
of the United Methodist Church
Thomas J. Bickerton, Resident Bishop
June 14, 2020**

A Guide for Pastors and Worship Leaders

During these most challenging times we want to remind each of you to take good care of yourselves. As you are aware, our Annual Conference session has been postponed until this fall, but this gives us a window for much needed rest and renewal.

The dates for our Annual Conference (Thursday, June 11 – Sunday, June 14, 2020) should already be marked on your calendar. These are dates when you, as pastors, were already expected to be away from your pulpits and away from day-to-day activities. With this in mind, we encourage you to take these days as true sabbath. A time for respite, rest, reflection and renewal.

To help you make this a truly restful time, on Sunday, June 14, 2020 we will offer a full Sunday Worship Service recording as a gift to our pastors and churches during these difficult times to be used in a manner that is most appropriate for your ministries.

The 60-Minute Sunday of Respite Service recording includes:

- **Musical Prelude:** In Times Like These You Need a Savior
- **Greeting:** Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton, Resident Bishop, New York Annual Conference
- **Call to Worship:** NYAC Cabinet, Reading of Psalm 84
- **Hymn:** Marching to Zion (UMH # 733)
- **Scripture Reading:** Acts of the Apostles, 2:37-42, read by the Rev. Matt Curry, Director of Connectional Ministries, New York Annual Conference
- **Hymn:** “Spirit of the Living God”
- **Sermon:** “Go, Go, Go!” by Rev David A. Gilmore, Director of Congregational Development and Revitalization, New York Annual Conference
- **Anthem:** Credo, from the Virtual Choir Project, coordinated and directed by Rev. Dr. Cynthia A. Wilson, Executive Director for Worship Resources and Director of Liturgical Resources at Discipleship Ministries, a General Agency of the United Methodist Church.
- **Pastoral Prayer:** Rev. Doris K. Dalton, Director of Leadership Development and Intercultural Competency, New York Annual Conference
- **Hymn:** “We’ll Understand It Better By and By” (UMH #525)
- **Dismissal with Blessing:** Bishop Bickerton Thomas J. Bickerton,
- **Musical Postlude:** “Spirit of the Living God” (UMH # 393)

Recordings will be made available on the NYAC:

- [Website](#);
- [YouTube Page](#); and
- [Facebook page](#) on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 8:45am

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE ONLINE

If you wish to share the service with your congregation, here are some suggestions for viewing the service:

- Invite your congregation to watch the Sunday Service on the New York Annual Conference's Facebook page. We will host a **Premiere on Sunday, June 14 at 8:45 a.m.** The service will be available for viewing on the NYAC Facebook page afterwards.
- Host your own ZOOM worship service on Sunday morning, and play the service for your congregation. Please see instructions below on how to play a video recording for a ZOOM meeting.
- If you prefer to host your own services, and make the Conference's service available to whoever would like to view it later, you can share the links to the NYAC Website, Facebook, Vimeo or YouTube page with your congregation.
- You can embed the Vimeo link of the service on your church's website page, share it on your church's social media pages, and share the YouTube link via email to your congregation. [Go here for instructions on how to embed a Vimeo link on your website.](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE BY TELEPHONE

- Invite your congregation to join a NYAC hosted ZOOM service, on Sunday, June 14 at 8:45 a.m., where we will greet worshippers and enjoy the service together. This is a good option for those who prefer to call in and listen to the audio only. To Join the NYAC-hosted ZOOM service, dial 929-436-2866 and use ID: 713 501 443.
- Host your own ZOOM worship service and invite your congregation to join you by phone. You can upload the recording and play it during the ZOOM meeting. Please see below for instructions on how to play a video file during a ZOOM meeting.
- The audio file of the recording is available on the NYAC website. You can download the file to your computer and email it to your congregation, or invite them to join you on a conference call and listen to the service over the phone with you.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SHARING THIS SERVICE ON ZOOM

- On the internet, navigate to the video on the NYAC website or NYAC YouTube page. Leave that page open so you can share that screen during your ZOOM meeting.
- Using a new tab, go to the ZOOM website (www.zoom.us). Log into your ZOOM account and into your ZOOM meeting.
- Before you are ready to start hosting your ZOOM meeting, notice the green “Share Screen” option at the bottom of your Zoom page. When you are ready to share the video, click on that green “Share Screen” button, then select the window showing the video recording. When that page opens, you can select “full screen” and Play Video. Now, everyone who is on the ZOOM call with you can see and hear the video as it plays. We strongly recommend you practice these steps before your worship service.
- [*For instructions that include video, step-by-step pictures and explanations, go here.](#)
- [ZOOM also provides instructions on how to optimize a video clip while screen sharing](#) so your congregation members can have the best viewing and listening experience:

We are also providing a printed Order of Service, available for download on the New York Conference website. These printed versions are available in English, Korean, Simplified Chinese and Spanish.

You are welcome to share the Order of Service with your congregation members for them to follow the service or to view at a later time. It is our hope that this worship experience shines a powerful light of hope, love and joy during these challenging times.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Matt Curry, Director of Connectional
Ministries Lisa Isom, Director of Communications
Rev. Doris K. Dalton, Director of Leadership Development and Intercultural Compet