



ORDERING OF MINISTRY

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Service of the Ordering of Ministry

* = Please rise in body or spirit.

Welcome to the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference and to the many families and friends who are here both in person and virtually for those being commissioned and ordained today.

We are so happy you are here and hope you experience God's presence in this significant worship service. There are many places for you to participate in this service so we have provided the words here in this guide in **bold** and we will display them on the screen for those joining us from home. We hope this guide will assist you in understanding the rituals of this meaningful liturgy.

What does it mean to be commissioned?

The act of commissioning provisional members acknowledges and affirms God's call and the candidates' response, gifts, abilities, and training for servant leadership; invokes God's grace for true service; credentials candidates to lead the church and equip others for ministry; calls candidates to enter a time of evaluation of their effectiveness for lifelong service as ordained ministers; offers candidates the support of the annual conference. Commissioning may be compared to the experience of the early church in Antioch when the Holy Spirit instructed the community to "set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them" (Acts 13:2).

What does it mean to be ordained?

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. 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. Ordination of deacons and elders is both to an office and for a lifetime. Ordination confers a new identity in the life of the church as well as authority for ministry. Upon ordination, ordained deacons and elders become accountable to the whole church, to the community of the ordained, and to the order of deacons or elders of which they are a part. In the rite of ordination, ordinands express loyalty to The United Methodist

Church, accepting its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline; accept the responsibility of accountability to the bishop and to the annual conference; and are charged with authority for leadership in their places of service.

Why Laying on of Hands?

The laying on of hands with prayer by the Bishop is an ancient and essential part of the Christian ordering of ministry. The Second Epistle to Timothy 1:6 (“... rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands”) reminds us of both the antiquity of this tactile prayer and the bestowal of gift in its exercise. While the act of laying on of hands occurs in several rites of the church (baptism, healing services, acts of blessing and commissioning), the meaning of the laying on of hands in commissioning of probationers and ordination is carried and communicated by the form of this ritual action and the context and words that accompany it. In commissioning, a bishop lays hands on the shoulders of the candidates as a sign of sending into ministry for a specified period of time. In ordination, a bishop lays hands on the head of the candidate as a sign of the impartation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit for a lifetime of ministry.

ENTRANCE

GATHERING MUSIC

“Called To the Light” ¹

Bothell UMC Bell Choir and Kyle Hanks

***WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Falisha Hola, Lay Leader

Leader: Come, wanderers and wonderers,
dreamers and disciples—
come to the shoreline of God’s abundance.

People: **We come, not with answers,
but with open hands and willing hearts.**

Leader: Here, the small is made enough, and the broken becomes blessing.
Here, the call is whispered,
and lives are poured out like bread for the world.

People: We are called, each of us—
blessed by grace,
broken by love,
and sent in the power of Christ.

Leader: This is the mystery of ministry:
That God takes what we offer—
our few loaves, our simple yes—
and multiplies it into miracles.

All: So we come to worship,
to say yes again,
to be shaped by the Spirit,
and to follow the One who feeds the world
through hands just like ours. Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMNS** "In the Midst of New Dimensions" – TFWS 2238²

1. In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

*Refrain: God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.*

2. Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?

Refrain

3. As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.

Refrain

4. We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.

Refrain

5. Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.

Refrain

"In Unity We Lift Our Song" - TFWS 2221³

1. In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration,
for siblings brave and kinfolk strong.

What cause for celebration!

For those whose faithfulness
has kept us through distress,
who've shared with us our plight,
who've held us in the night,
the blessed congregation.

2. For stories told and told again
to every generation,
to give us strength in times of pain,
to give us consolation.

Our spirits to revive to keep our dreams alive,
when we are far from home and evil seasons come,
how firm is our foundation.

3. For sacred scriptures handed down,
a blessed trust and treasure,
which gives us hope when hope is gone
and make us weep with pleasure.

And when our eyes grow blind and death is close behind,
we shall recite them still whose words our hearts call fill
will hope beyond all measure.

4. For God our way, our bread, our rest,
of all these gifts the Giver.
Our strength, our guide,
our nurturing breast whose hand will yet deliver.

Who keeps us till the day
when night shall pass away,
when hate and fear are gone
and all our work is done,
and we shall sing for ever.

***GREETING AND PRAYER**

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

We come together to praise God,
to hear the Holy Word,
and to seek for ourselves and others
the power, presence, and direction of the Holy Spirit.
Let us pray:

Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit
you gave to your apostles many excellent gifts.

Give your grace to all servants of your church,
that we may with diligence and faithfulness
fulfill our various ministries.

Grant that we your people may follow where you lead,
perfect our ministries
and live in joyful obedience to your will,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

RECOGNITION OF COMMON MINISTRY AND REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Ministry is the work of God, done by the people of God.

Through baptism all Christians are made part of the priesthood of
all believers, the church, Christ's body, made visible in the world.

We all share in Christ's ministry of love and service
for the redemption of the human family and the whole of creation.

Therefore, in celebration of our common ministry,

I call upon all God's people gathered here:

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

All: We remember our baptism and affirm our common ministry.

PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE COMMISSIONED AND ORDAINED

Bishop: Who presents these candidates to be ordained and commissioned?

All Laity: **We have recommended them in our local congregations.**

We present them with our prayers and support.

Members of BOM: **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.**

All Elders in Full Connection: **We present Carrie Bland and Meghan Lambert for ordination as elder. We present them with our prayers and support.**

Members of BOM: **We present Leslie Kollreno and Job Pangilinan for commissioning as provisional members preparing for ordained ministry as elders and we present Kelly Marciales as a provisional member preparing for ordained ministry as a deacon.**

THE GENERAL EXAMINATION

My siblings in Christ, you have been called
to an ordained or commissioned status in set apart ministry.

The church now confirms your calling.

As ordained or commissioned ministers,
you are to be coworkers with all the people of God:

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

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

Do you believe that God has called you
to the life and work of ordained ministry?

Candidates and Ordinands: I do so believe.

Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Candidates and Ordinands: I do so believe and confess.

Are you persuaded that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament
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 and Ordinands: 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 and Ordinands: I will, with the help of God.

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

Candidates and Ordinands: 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 and Ordinands: I will, with the help of God.

Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church,
accepting 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 and Ordinands: 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 or commissioned?

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 and Ordinands: 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.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION OF PREACHER Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE READING Falisha Hola, Lay Reader

***SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 9:12-17 (NRSVA) Rev. Denise McGuinness

Reader: The gospel of our Lord!

All: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON Rev. Janelle Kurtz

CHORAL RESPONSE: "5 Loaves, 2 Fishes" ⁴ Bothell Children's Choir

SPECIAL OFFERING Central Washington Justice for Our Neighbors (CWJFON)

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THE EXAMINATION OF PERSONS BEING COMMISSIONED

By affirming the covenant of baptism,
all members of Christ's holy church pledge
to serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Christ gave all of us this command:

"Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest."

We have asked, and the Lord has answered.

These faithful siblings know our Savior's concern for God's people,
see the plentiful harvest, and are ready to respond generously to the
Lord in the words of the prophet: "Here I am; send me."

Urged on by the love of Christ and strengthened by the Holy Spirit,
they now come to declare in public
their desire to live out the covenant made at their baptism
by binding themselves to the service of God
under the supervision of the bishop
and the guidance of colleagues in full connection
and by being appointed to share as servant leaders
in the body of Christ.

Today we commission them to service
as they continue to prepare for ordained ministry among us.

THE PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

God of the apostles and prophets, of the martyrs and teachers,
you raise up men and women to be apostolic leaders in your church.

By your Holy Spirit help these, your servants,
to understand and live the mystery of your love with boldness and joy.

Deepen their sense of purpose
as they exercise commissioned ministry.

Empower them, and those who will walk with them to guide their ministry,
together with all of your people,
to heal the sick, love the outcast,
resist evil, preach the Word,
and give themselves freely for your name's sake.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon *Name*.

Send *Him/Her/Them* now to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,
to announce the reign of God, and to equip the church for ministry,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Patty Upton

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

***Ordinands:* I do so believe.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR ELDERS

As these persons are recognized or ordained by God and 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.

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.

*Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are
for silent prayer during the laying on of hands for each ordinand.*

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

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

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.

All audibly affirm the action, saying Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ⁶

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin,
and seek to be at peace with God and one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Bishop: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You built your church on the foundation of the prophets and apostles,
and instituted a holy ministry
so that your prophetic and apostolic Word
might be heard until the end of time.

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
He called disciples and empowered them for ministry.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his
disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

When Jesus, the great Shepherd of your flock, ascended,
he sent forth the apostles
to preach the gospel and make disciples of all nations.

He promised to be with them always
and sent the Holy Spirit to lead them.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and cup.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes
in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf,

we, who are many, are one body,

because we all partake of the one loaf.

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS AND INVITATION TO MINISTRY

We have four stations for receiving the bread and cup today and our newly commissioned candidates, newly ordained Elders, and our new SeaTac superintendency team will be serving you. When the ushers dismiss your pew, please head to the station indicated. All the bread is gluten free - you will be given a piece of bread and invited to dip it in the shared cup. We also have single-serve communion sets. Please choose the option that is best for you. If you prefer to receive where you are seated, please signal to an usher and the servers will come to you.

Additionally, if you are experiencing and discerning a call to ministry, you are invited to respond to the call that God has placed on your heart by visiting the center table. Rev. Geoff Helton and Rev. Katie Ladd, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry are both prepared to greet you and pray for you and your call to ministry.

The table is set, our ministers are prepared to serve, let us come and enjoy the feast of Christ!

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION SONGS "One Bread, One Body" - UMH #620⁷ Patty Upton

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.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

Refrain

2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

3. Grain for the fields, scattered the grown, gathered to one, for all.

Refrain

"Eat This Bread" - UMH #628⁸

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

(Repeat)

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

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

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

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!

*GOING FORTH HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" - UMH #577⁹

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient Church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn the 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.

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

4. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

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