



MEMPHIS AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCES 2021

Election of Associate Members and Ordination  
of Deacons, Ordination of Elders

West End United Methodist Church  
Nashville, Tennessee  
June 19, 2021



The Service of Worship  
for  
The Election of Associate Members  
The Ordination of Deacons  
and  
The Ordination of Elders

Memphis and Tennessee Annual Conferences  
The United Methodist Church

West End United Methodist Church  
Nashville, Tennessee  
June 19, 2021 2:00 p.m.  
Bishop William T. McAlilly, Presiding

The Boards of Ordained Ministry welcomes you to this worship service.  
Please refrain from taking photos during the service  
and turn off or silence electronic devices.

## GATHERING

*\*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE

Andrew Risinger

West End UMC

SCRIPTURE READING

*Hebrews 12:1-3*

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel

\*OPENING HYMN

*Lift High the Cross*

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.  
Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in unity combine.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.  
Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
Bears on the brow the seal of him who died.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.  
O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.  
So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

\*GREETING AND PRAYER

Bishop McAlilly

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**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 who are 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.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

## RECOGNITION OF COMMON MINISTRY AND REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

*Bishop*

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 of God's people gathered here:  
Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**We remember our baptism and affirm our common ministry.**

### PRESENTATION

CONFERENCE LAY LEADERS

Janice McCallen  
George Brown

Bishop McAlilly, on behalf of the laity of local congregations of the Memphis Conference who have examined and approved these candidates,

and on behalf of the laity of local congregations of the Tennessee Conference who have examined and approved these candidates,

CHAIR OF THE BOARDS OF ORDAINED MINISTRY

Rev. Dr. Autura Eason-Williams  
Rev. Dr. Bryan Brooks

On behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Memphis Annual Conference, which has recommended these persons, and the Annual Conference, which has approved them,

and on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Tennessee Annual Conference, which has recommended these persons, and the Annual Conference, which has approved them,

We present these Persons for election as Associate Members

Rev. Kevin Marston

Timothy Harris Dunavant  
Sean Christopher Stanfield

We present these persons for Ordination as Deacons  
and Full Members of their conference.

Rev. Marie King  
Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lewis

Regina Gail Girten  
Amy Wingrove Martin

We present these persons for Ordination as Elders  
and Full Members of their Conference  
William Ray Carey III  
William Robert Clark  
Krislyn Page Durham  
Stacy Alise Davidheiser Gonzalez  
Peter Dane van Eys  
Darren Randall Mayberry Wright

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel  
Rev. Jerry Wallace

*Bishop to congregation*

These persons are, by God's grace, to be elected, or ordained to 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 profound commitments to serve Jesus Christ. Therefore, we believe them to be duly called to serve God in this ministry. We ask you, people of God, to declare your assent to the election and ordination of these persons.

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

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

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

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

ACT OF PRAISE

*Arise My Soul, Arise*

Charles Wesley/Dan Forrest

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off thy guilty fears.  
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:  
Before the Throne my Surety stands;  
My name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received at Calvary,  
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die."

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry. Arise, my soul, arise!

**THE PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

OLD TESTAMENT

*Exodus 3:13-17*

Janice McCallen

NEW TESTAMENT

*John 13:1-15*

Rev. Marie King

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*"I've Laid Down A Pattern For You"*

Bishop William T. McAlilly

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Jerry Wallace

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Rev. Scott Aleridge

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

### THE ELECTION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

*Bishop to candidate*

Sean Christopher Stanfield, after fulfillment of all the requirements and after due examination of your call and ministry, we now welcome you as an associate member of this annual conference. You have given assurance of your faith and Christian experience. You have committed yourself to uphold faithfully The United Methodist Church and to the work of a pastor under appointment of the bishop. We rejoice that you have been called to serve among us, and pray that God may guide your ministry.

We now recognize you as an associate member in the name of the annual conference.

*Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the presentation to the candidate.*

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Andrew Risinger

*Rev. Dr. Bryan Brooks to the congregation*

Family members and friends are invited to stand where you are for silent prayer during the laying on of hands of the ordinands. If you are the clergy person who is vesting an ordinand, you can come to the kneeler after the laying on of hands.

### GENERAL EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION

*Bishop to congregation*

Ordination is a gift from God to the Church and is exercised in covenant with the whole Church and within the covenant of the office and order. Will the candidates for ordination please stand?

*Bishop to candidates*

My sisters and brothers in Christ, you have been called to an ordained ministry. The Church now confirms your calling. As ordained ministers, you are to be co-workers with the laity, bishops, deacons, diaconal ministers, deaconesses, home missionaries, associate members, commissioned ministers, local pastors and elders. 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?

**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?

**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?

**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?

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

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

**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?

**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?

**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.**

## **EXAMINATION OF DEACONS**

*Bishop McAlilly:*

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,

*The Bible is lifted.*

to lead in worship,  
to teach and proclaim God's Word,  
to assist elders and appointed local pastors at Holy Baptism and Holy Communion,

*The towel and basin with pitcher are 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,  
even in the face of hardship and personal sacrifice.

These are the duties of a deacon.

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

**I do so believe.**

Will you, for the sake of the Church's life and mission, covenant to participate in the order of deacons?

Will you give yourself to God through the order of deacons in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship, and service?

**I will, with the help of God, and with the help of my sisters and brothers in the order of deacons.**

## **LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR DEACONS**

*Bishop to the congregation*

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

*The **BISHOP** prays with hands extended.*

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 a 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. Amen.

## ORDINATION OF DEACONS IN FULL CONNECTION

*Bishop McAlilly prays over each person:*

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

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

[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. **Amen.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

*Beautiful Saviour*

arr. Wallingford Riegger  
St. Luke UMC Choir

Beautiful Saviour, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.  
Beautiful Saviour, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

## EXAMINATION OF ELDERS

*Bishop McAlilly*

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

*The Bible is lifted.*

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

*The paten and chalice are lifted.*

to lead the people of God in worship and prayer; to lead persons to faith in Jesus Christ; to exercise pastoral supervision, order the life of the congregation, 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.

These are the duties of an elder.

*Bishop to Elder candidates*

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

**I do so believe.**

Will you, for the sake of the Church's life and mission, covenant to participate in the order of elders?

Will you give yourself to God through the order of elders in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship, and service?

**I will, with the help of God, and the help of my sisters and brothers in the order of elders.**

## LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR ELDERS

*Bishop to congregation*

As these persons are ordained by God and the Church for the ministry of elders to which we believe they have been called by the Holy Spirit, let us pray:

*The **BISHOP** prays with hands extended.*

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. **Amen.**

## ORDINATION OF ELDERS IN FULL CONNECTION

*Bishop McAlilly prays over each person:*

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.***

Take authority as an elder to proclaim 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.**

## BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

PRAYER

Bishop William T. McAlilly

Let us pray.

**We thank you, gracious God, for raising up among us faithful servants.  
Clothe them with your righteousness, and grant that we, with them, may glorify you by giving  
ourselves to others. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

*Go To The World*

Sylvia G. Dunstan

**Go to the World! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## BENEDICTION

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

## SENDING FORTH

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! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Andrew Risinger

## Conference Leadership Participating in the Service

Bishop William T. McAlilly (Nashville Episcopal Area)

Autura Eason-Williams (Memphis Board of Ordained Ministry Chair)  
Bryan Brooks (Tennessee Board of Ordained Ministry Chair)  
Mary Beth Bernheisel (Memphis Board of Ordained Ministry Vice-Chair)  
Janice McCallen (Memphis Conference Lay Leader)  
George Brown (Tennessee Conference Associate Lay Leader)  
Kevin Marston (Tennessee Conference Associate Member)  
Jerry Wallace (Tennessee Conference Order of Elders Co-Chair)  
Jonathan Lewis (Memphis Conference Order of Deacons Co-Chair)  
Marie King (Tennessee Conference Order of Deacons Co-Chair)  
Scott Aleridge (Dean of the Tennessee and Memphis Conference Cabinet)  
Deborah Owens (Office of Leadership Formation and Development)  
Anne Hook (Conference Worship Chairperson)

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