



PRELUDE *O Come Thou Traveler Unknown* UMH 386

Rev. Jane Sommers

GREETING

Rev. Susan Lockman

Throughout the ages, the Body of Christ in ministry has given witness to the Lord's doing here on earth through diverse expressions of ministry. Anointed with gifts and graces for leadership, the distinctive voices of prophets, teachers, sacramental ministers, and compassionate caregivers have encouraged divine hospitality and exemplified the way of Jesus without reserve.

All have been called and commissioned for ministry.

All have offered their lifeblood as a living sacrifice of praise.

All have shared Good News and helped lift this world from despair.

And so, to all who have persevered in this age as Deacon, Licensed Local Pastor, and Ordained Elder,

We give thanks for every purposeful work, every costly risk, every beautiful blessing.

We give thanks for every hopeful vision, every act of moral courage, every long-suffering pain endured.

We give thanks for every imperfect attempt, every merciful consolation, every indescribable ecstasy.

All of these things are the Lord's doing! And it is *so very marvelous* in our eyes (*Psalm 118:23*)!

This day, we acknowledge the burden of ministry and lift the meritorious accomplishments with gratitude.

For the many years of toil and trial, we honor the work of self-giving hands offered for the healing of souls, renewing of spirits, and restoration of justice for the transformation of our world.

To all, "Well done"!

Let us rejoice!

CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Isaiah 9:1-4*

Rev. Ethan Larson

The people who walked in darkness behold a brilliant light!

Once yoked with heavy burden, they bask in radiant splendor!

Once veiled with cheerless shadow, they revel in ecstatic song!

Let all earth celebrate its sacred signs! Let all heaven praise its joys sublime!

RESPONSE *Alleluia!*

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OPENING PRAYER *based on Jeremiah 1:4-19*

Rev. Graham West

God of All Generations, before we were formed in the womb, you knew us. Before we were born, you consecrated us. You sanctify your dwelling place in our tiny human heart and magnify your incarnate love to touch the multitude with mercy. You call into leadership those who inspire our journey. In the name of all that is Right and Good, Lovely and Pure, Faithful and True, we honor your faithful witnesses whose kindness has rippled outward in an ever-widening circle of divine welcome. Let this be for us, we pray, a moment of inexpressible gratitude for all who have kept faith, all who have helped us drink from the living stream, and all who have inscribed this world with hope for generations to come. Spirit of All Generations, fall upon us, now. Amen

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY *Honoring the Retiree Class of 2020*

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WORD OF TRUTH *based on Acts 8:26-31*

Rev. Kerry Wilson

Marie Kim – Korean, Enzo-Theo Russell – French, Jocelyn Nicia - Spanish

Phillip heard the eunuch reading the Isaiah text and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading"
The man replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?"

SERMON *Reflection on the Body of Christ based on 1 Corinthians 12*

Rev. Sue Ott-Holland

OFFERING

Rev. Claudia Deede & Rev. Anita Lang

Today we acknowledge the diverse gifts and graces of leaders carrying out the creative ministries of the global connectional church. Bishop Jung has invited the Wisconsin Annual Conference to join in supporting the Bolivia Motorcycle Project. Much needed funds will be used to purchase and maintain vehicles (motorcycles) for evangelism, social services, and other church ministries in Bolivia. Please go to the Wisconsin Annual Conference website to make your generous gift on behalf of this important ministry.

Let us pray. . .

God of All Provision, you call us in every time and place to extend Love's boundless reach.

We give thanks for the global witness of your faithful servants and join in solidarity with all who stretch their open arms toward a world of need. By the power of your Spirit pour out in full measure your unequalled generosity. May every giver and every gift reveal in this world your glory! Amen.

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SPECIAL MUSIC *Amor Sublime* by Ruben Sotelo CCLI# 7162199

Hugo Carrazco Vocal, Guitar & Bass
Arody Carrazco Keyboard

Love so vast, deep and sublime, is my savior's love.
Nothing in the world can compare to the tender love of my creator.

Refrain

God of love, oh God of love, you alone are the fullness of love.
There is no other God besides you. Without you, there is not love for me.
Without you, there is not love.

He alone loves, protects and guards us from all the evil in the world.
So I adore him with all my soul, because my Jesus gave me sweet peace.

WORD OF HOPE *Psalms 78:1-4 MSG*

Rev. Joan Frost

78 ¹⁻⁴ Listen, dear friends, to God's truth,
bend your ears to what I tell you.
I'm chewing on the morsel of a proverb;
I'll let you in on the sweet old truths,
Stories we heard from our fathers,
counsel we learned at our mother's knee.
We're not keeping this to ourselves,
we're passing it along to the next generation.

RESPONSE *Amen!*

Rev. Jane Sommers

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *based on Psalm 16 - English & Hindi*

Rev. Dr. Marvin Singh

O God, you are always before me. You walk close at my right hand. Therefore, I shall not be moved.

My heart is glad. My soul rejoices. My body rests secure. In your presence there is joy in fullness.

In your right hand are pleasures, forevermore. Let us walk hand in hand. Take my life, my soul, my all. Amen

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Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

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