

OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 13, 2022

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Report from Jurisdictional Conference

The first week of November was an eventful one for the United Methodist Church. Our five Jurisdictions met to elect new Bishops—something COVID prevented us from doing in 2020. Bishops are supposed to retire at the Jurisdictional Conference following their 68th birthday, but because of the pandemic, many of them were drafted to stay on and some were even put in charge of more than one area. Our Southeastern

Jurisdiction met at Lake Junaluska and three wonderful folks were elected to serve us. First elected was Tom Berlin, from Virginia. Tom is a prominent church leader who fought valiantly to prevent church schism by being one of the authors of the One Church Plan which was narrowly defeated at the St Louis called session of General Conference in 2019. Bishop Berlin has been assigned to serve in Florida beginning in January. Second elected was Connie Shelton. Connie has been a District Superintendent and a prominent leader in her home state of Mississippi and I had the honor to be one of her teachers when she attended Duke Divinity School. Bishop Shelton will be going back to the Raleigh Durham area to serve as Bishop of the North Carolina Conference. And finally, third elected was Robin Dease. Robin served as a District Superintendent in the South Carolina Conference and will be coming to us in January to serve as our first African American Bishop since the end of the segregation era.



Newly elected Bishop Robin Dease. Photo by Matt Brodie

Bishop Dease is a caring pastor and a gifted, visionary leader. I know you will want to help welcome her in January so as soon as there are welcoming events scheduled, we will let you know. Byron Thomas, our District Superintendent, was not elected Bishop this go around, but frankly that's good news for us! That means we get to keep him! Sadly, we will have to say goodbye to Bishop Sue, but

the good news for her is that she gets to go to the great state of Virginia to serve there. We wish her God speed and blessings on all her work.

Elsewhere around the country other history was made. Eight out of the thirteen bishops elected were members of racial or ethnic minority groups including David Wilson who is the first ever Native American to be elected as a United Methodist Bishop. If you would like to see the biographies of all the new leaders of our church, you can find them at the United Methodist News Service website (umnews.org) under Episcopal Elections. Please be in prayer for these leaders as they lead the church in these difficult times.



Southeastern Jurisdiction
of The United Methodist Church



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8:30 AND 11 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Gathering Lord, Whose Love Thru Humble Service G Martin

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Joseph McBrayer

Introit Kyrie Eleison A Dvorak
Music Makers

Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Call to Worship (8:30) Dr. Amy Morgan
(11:00) Dr. McBrayer

Come everyone to the gospel feast.

Let everyone be Jesus' guest.

None of us will be left behind.

For God has bidden all human kind.

*Hymn **Maker, in Whom We Live** **UMH 88**

*(At the 11:00 a.m. service, children in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade are invited to leave for Children's Church during the last stanza of this Hymn. Children will return to the service on the final hymn. **If you are new to Oak Grove, please come with your child to the gathering area at the front and someone will assist you in getting your child checked in.**)*

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (8:30) Dr. Morgan
(11:00) Dr. McBrayer

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.

A Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Dr. McBrayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Epistle Lesson Romans 12:1-2 James Trotti

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn **This Is a Day of New Beginnings** **UMH 383**

Offertory Prayer **Dr. McBrayer**

**Take Lord, receive, all we are and possess. Dispose of it wholly according to your will.
Give us only your love and your grace. That is enough for us. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem **O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus** **K Campbell**
David Naglee, violin and Leanne Herrmann, piano

*Doxology **UMH 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Gospel Lesson **Luke 22:14-20** **Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts**
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon **This Holy Mystery:
Transformation** **Dr. LaRocca-Pitts**

Holy Communion **See Insert**

Music During Communion (11:00) **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence** **G Holst**
Chancel Choir

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our Lord to earth descendeth our full homage to demand. King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of Lords, in human vesture in the Body and the Blood. He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.
Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way as the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away. At his feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most High. Amen.*

*Hymn **O Come and Dwell in Me** **UMH 388**
(Those who wish to join the church are invited to come forward.)

*Benediction **Dr. LaRocca-Pitts**

*Postlude **Trumpet Tune** **R Hebble**

MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN

Maybe it's not best to start with an apology, but...I'm looking at the three hymns for today, and I see we haven't sung two of them since I've been here, and the third isn't exactly uber-familiar.

But take heart! You'll recognize the tune for the opening hymn as "Crown Him with Many Crowns," which is definitely familiar to us, and the closing hymn is easy to pick up on. Each hymn this morning speaks in some way or another to the way communion has the power to transform us in love. Listen for the ways the hymns this morning celebrate Communion as a life-changing new beginning and call us to become better versions of ourselves.

*Congregation stand as able.

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal / TFWS: The Faith We Sing

Children's Worship bags available at Parlor side door.

Nursery care available for children ages 3 and under in all worship services.

Communion Liturgy

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with 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.

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!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

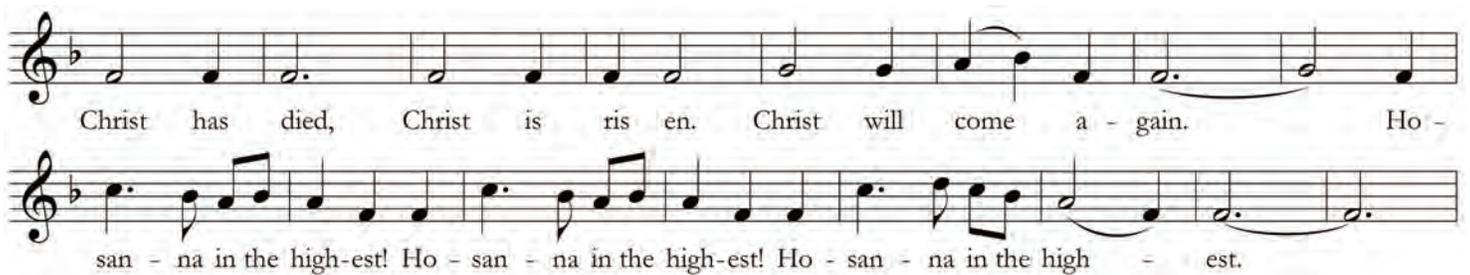
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, God of all creation, source of all mercies, fount of love beyond all measure. It is fitting and right to give you thanks and praise, and to adore you with grateful hearts and voices. For wondrously you have created heaven and earth, hovering in gracious care over all that you have made. You formed us as your image of love in the world. Yet even more wondrously, when we distorted your image you called us back again and again, forgiving us, delivering us from captivity to sin and death, feeding, healing, reconciling, making covenant, and setting before us the way which leads to life. Therefore, with your people in all ages in communion with the saints, and with the whole company of heaven we join the glad song of unceasing praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - - - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

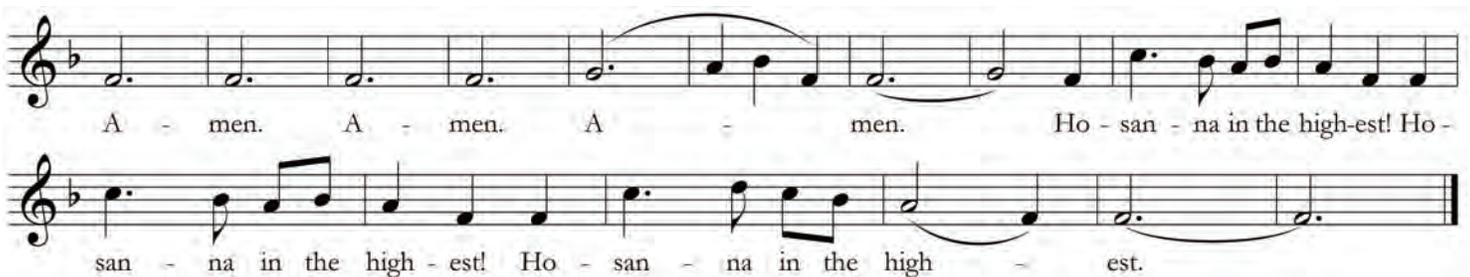
Holy are you, and blessed be your name gracious God, for you gave us Jesus, who emptied himself that we might be filled, who suffered and died that we might live. He fed the hungry, healed the afflicted, and ate with the scorned and forgotten of this world. He washed his disciples' feet and gave a holy meal as a feast of his ever-present love. On the night he gave himself up for us and for the world, at table with those who would desert and deny him, he took bread, gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When supper had ended, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, saying: "Drink from this, all of you; for 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."

Therefore, remembering Christ's life of ministry and service, his suffering death and resurrection, his ascending to glory and his abiding presence through the power of your Holy Spirit, we come in praise and thanksgiving with these gifts of your love, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us gathered here in Christ's name, and upon these gifts that they may be for us his body and blood; and so feed us with his grace that, in union with Christ, we may become a living offering to you.

Transform us into the image and likeness of Christ, that we may faithfully serve others in his name, and look forward to the final feast in which all shall be gathered as one at your table, and all manner of things shall be well. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory and blessing is yours, Almighty God, now and forever,



Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Worship Times and Locations

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.: Traditional (Sanctuary)
10:45: Modern (Fellowship Hall)

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