



13TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
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TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY

2020 Annual Conference

Old Landmarks -UNCHARTED TIMES

*So that this may be a sign among you. When your children
ask in time to come, "What do those stones mean to you?"*
Joshua 4:6



153rd Session of the
Kentucky Annual Conference
Closing Worship

September 20, 2020
10:00 am

Jeffrey N. Leath
Presiding Bishop

Susan J. Leath, MD
Supervisor, Women's Missionary Society

The Reverend Dr. William Easley, Sr.
Host, Presiding Elder, Louisville District

The Reverend Kenneth Golphin
Associate Presiding Elder, Bluegrass District

The Reverend William R. T. Hale
Associate Presiding Elder, Commonwealth District

Quinn Chapel AME Church, Louisville
Host Church

The Reverend Troy I. Thomas
Host Pastor

153rd SESSION
THE KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, 20 September 2020

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE

Presiding Elder Kenneth J. Golphin
Worship Leader

The Greeting

Presiding Elder Golphin

The Doxology

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

The Call to Worship

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: **For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

Leader: We have digitally gathered from every corner of the Annual Conference to praise God and witness the commissioning of our leaders.

People: **We come to ask God's blessing on those who shall lead and those who will follow the call of Christian service.**

Leader: We prepare to preach a saving, healing, and liberating gospel. We seek to be more loving and faithful to Jesus as we cry for justice in His name.

People: **We come to sing praises to the Almighty.**

All: **Let us go from this worship filled with the Holy Spirit and mature in love. God give us a holy fire for justice. Let us labor with mercy. Amen! Praise the Lord! Amen!**

The Hymn of Praise

The Reverend Roderick D. Belin, D.Min.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn No. 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing, My great Redeemer's
praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His
grace!

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To
spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy
name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows
cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and
peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner
free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed
for me.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice, New life the dead
receive, The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, The humble
poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened
tongues employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come, And
leap, ye lame, for joy

The Prayer

The Reverend Leonard Curry

The Choral Response

Sentence and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 634

The First Lesson

Sister Dianna Golphin

Exodus 16:8-15

*16:8 And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat
in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because
the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against
him--what are we? Your complaining is not against us but
against the LORD."*

*16:9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole
congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for
he has heard your complaining.'"*

16:10 *And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.*

16:11 *The LORD spoke to Moses and said,*

16:12 *"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"*

16:13 *In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.*

16:14 *When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.*

16:15 *When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.*

The Gospel

Sister Amariah Kent

Matthew 20:8-16

20:8 *When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'*

20:9 *When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.*

20:10 *Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.*

20:11 *And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,*

20:12 *saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'*

20:13 *But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?*

20:14 *Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.*

20:15 *Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'*

20:16 *So the last will be first, and the first will be last."*

The Introit

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. (repeat) He has done great things, He has done great things, He has done great things, bless His holy name.

The Decalogue (Summary)

The Reverend Ralph Smith

And He said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

The Gloria Patri

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.

The Selection

The Benevolence Offering

The Reverend Jermaine Wilson

The Offertory Response *All Things Come of Thee*

All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

The Sermonic Selection

The Sermon

Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath

The Invitation to Accept Christ & Be a Disciple

The Service of Ordination

(Note that most of the liturgy was done on yesterday during the Lunch Break – A recording of that portion of the service is available on Facebook)

**The Ordination of Deacons
Presentation of the Candidates for Deacon**

The Board of Examiners

The Reverend Dr. Robert A. Strode, Chair:

Reverend Father in God, we present to you these persons to be ordained Deacon.

The Reverend LaVeeshia Pryor, Dean:

(Name read aloud by the Dean)

Itinerant Orders

Brother Philip Gayles Johnson

Sister Melissa Wytoya George

Sister Monica Maria Lamb

Local Orders

Sister Doretha Sanders

(For Bethel, Campbellsville, KY)

The candidates will stand as their name is called.

Bishop: Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you this office of ministry in the Church of Christ, to serve for the promotion of God's glory and the edifying of God's people?

Candidate: I trust so.

Bishop: Will you be governed by the Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in which you are being ordained, and will you reverently obey them to whom the charge and government over you is committed, following with a glad mind and will their godly judgment?

Candidate: I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

The candidates will come forward singly in the order they were presented. Then shall the Bishop, laying his hand upon them severally, say:

Bishop: Take authority to execute the office of a Deacon in the Church of God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop deliver them the Holy Bible, saying:

Bishop: Take authority to read the Scriptures, and to preach the same in the Church of God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Closing Collect

Bishop:

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who of Your great goodness has granted to accept and take these Your servants into the office of Deacon of Your Church; make them modest, humble, and consistent in their ministration; give them a ready will to observe all spiritual discipline; may they always have the testimony of a good conscience; keep them stable and strong in Your Son Jesus Christ; may they be obedient and attentive in this lesser office so they may be useful should you call them to other ministries of the church, through Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory, and honor, world without end.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Your most gracious favor; and further us with Your continual help that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Jesus, our Lord.

**The Ordination of Elders
The Presentation of Candidates**

Board of Examiners

Chair Strode:

Bishop Leath, we present to you these persons to be ordained Elder.

Dean Pryor: *(Names read aloud by the Dean)*

Itinerant Orders

The Reverend Nachia Woods

Local Orders

The Reverend Damien Nichols

(For Wayman Chapel, Georgetown, KY)

(Each candidate will stand and remain standing until each is called at time of laying on hands.)

Bishop: Do you think in your heart that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the order of Elder?

Candidates: I do so believe.

Bishop: Will you reverently obey your chief ministers unto whom is committed the charge and government over you, following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions, submitting yourselves to their godly judgments?

Candidates: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Then shall the Bishop say:

Bishop: Almighty God, who has given you this will to do all these things, grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same, that God may accomplish the work which God has begun, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Bishop:

Let Us Pray.

Almighty God receive our praise as we worship you through Jesus Christ, who is our Lord, High Priest, Shepherd and Bishop of our soul. We thank you that Christ has poured out gifts abundantly on us, 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 purpose in the world. Thank you for these you have called to the same office and ministry.

We praise and worship You, and we ask that all who, either here or elsewhere, exercise ministry in your name, may show thankfulness for all Your benefits.

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.

(After the prayer, the Bishop with seven Elders present, shall lay their hands severally upon the head of everyone that receives the order of elder, the receivers humbly kneeling upon their knees.)

Bishop: The Lord pour upon you the Holy Spirit for the office and work of an elder in the Church of God, now committed to you by the imposition of our hands, and be a faithful dispenser of the Word of God and of the holy sacraments in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(The Bishop shall deliver to every one of them, kneeling the Bible into their hands, saying:)

Take authority to preach the word of God and to administer the holy sacraments in the congregation in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Hymn***A Charge to Keep I Have***

Hymn No. 242

*A charge to keep I have, A God to glorify, A never dying soul
to save And fit it for the sky.*

The Commissioning of Officers**The Commissioning Prayer**

Presiding Elder Hale

Wise and Powerful God, you have been present with us as we worshipped, worked and witnessed during our Annual Conference. Send us into the world with the authority and power of the Holy Spirit. Protect us from all evil. Increase our love for those who are committed to our care. Give us wisdom for advising, teaching and administration. Grant us fruitful labors in the harvest of disciples. Bless us and the people we serve in your name. Amen and Amen!

The Commissioning Scripture

Presiding Elder Easley

Matthew 28: 19-20 (KJV)

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

The Sending Forth***Go Preach My Gospel***

Hymn No. 220

*"Go, preach My gospel," saith the Lord. "Bid the whole earth
My grace receive. Explain to them My sacred word; Bid
them believe, obey, and live.*

*"I'll make My great commission known, And ye shall prove
My gospel true By all the works that I have done And all the
wonders ye shall do.*

*"Go, heal the sick; go, raise the dead; Go cast out devils in
My name; Nor let My prophets be afraid, Though Greeks
reproach and Jews blaspheme.*

*"While thus ye follow My commands I'm with you till the world
shall end; All power is trusted in My hands; I can destroy and
can defend."*

*He spake, and light shone round His head, On a bright cloud
to heaven He rode. They to the farthest nation spread The
grace of their ascended God.*

The Reading of Appointments

The Doxology

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

The Benediction

Bishop Leath

KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE PASTORS & ANNUAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

BLUEGRASS DISTRICT

Church	Pastors (The Reverend)	Delegates
St. John, Frankfort St. Paul, Versailles	Jermaine L. Wilson William R.T. Hale Young Adult:	Michele Carter Susan Johnson Candice Kirtley Jenkins
St. James, Danville St. Peter, Harrodsburg Bethel, Boneyville Davis Chapel, Somerset Bethel, Campbellsville	Ralph B. Smith Kenneth J. Golphin Reginald Pullums Kelly Roberts Laurice Martin Young Adult:	Joe Thompson Ruth Ann Bryant Daniel Gooch Betty Barnes Cook Ruth Allen Davonte Crook
Mt. Zion, Frazer St. James, Ashland St. John, Monticello St. Paul, Manchester St. John, Greenup Wayman Cpl, Barbourville Craig Chapel, Salvisa	Ralph T. Johnson Leonard, Curry Donzella Lee Sherry Green Damien Nichols Louise Spencer Percy Spencer	Marsha Underwood Robert Leon Allen Cheyenne Cornett Michelle Johnson William Green

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Church	Pastors (The Reverend)	Delegates
St. Paul, Lexington	Robert A. Strode Young Adult:	Betty M. Young Brandy Robinson
Quinn Chapel, Lexington St. Paul, Richmond	William C. Jenkins LaVeeshia S. Pryor Young Adult:	Dora C. Hudson Robin Harris Anna Lee
St. James, Cynthiaiana St. Matthew, Midway	Kent Burley Joshua C. Hale Young Adult:	Lisa Stuckey Anna Johnson Dynasty Dawson Ella Frye
St. James, Covington Barnes Temple, Elsmere Shorter Chapel, Paris Wayman Cl. Georgetown Perkins Chapel, Wilmore	Linda Murray Veda Stuart Tony A. Gooch Revonda Bright	Rose Embry Katherine Parker Virginia Thompson Charles Logan

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Quinn Chapel, Louisville	Troy I. Thomas	Helen Demaree
Ralph Avenue, Louisville	June A. Dorsey	Karen Manns
Asbury Chapel, Louisville	Erika Taylor	Diane Webb
Saint Mark, Louisville	Sherry Miller	Roy Bowens
Embry Cpl, Elizabethtown	Stephanie M. Raglin	Doris Allen
Taylor Cpl, Bowling Green	Babydoll Kennedy	Marsha Ingram
Bethel, Shelbyville	MacArthur Pendleton	Cecelia Tinsley
Gr. Taylor Chapel, Franklin	Linda Brown Saffore	Tonya Clay
St. Paul, Woodburn	Melanie Samuels-Black	James Stanley
Ward's Chapel, Scottsville	Louis Haynes	Shirley Bunton



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