

**ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOURTH SESSION
THE WEST TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Saturday, 6 October 2018

**Service of Vow Renewal and
Holy Communion**

The Reverend Sharon Moore, Worship Leader

The Announcements

The Doxology

The Call to Worship

Leader: O Give thanks to God for all the goodness we are shown! God's steadfast love endures forever!

People: **We present ourselves, our souls, and bodies as a reasonable sacrifice.**

Leader: God calls us from our lofty ambitions and our occupation with marvels and matters beyond our scope.

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Leader: We have come to witness that these are servants of Christ entrusted with the secret things of God.

ALL: Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest. Bless us through the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage to live as Your disciples day by day as a reasonable sacrifice. Amen and Amen!

The Opening Hymn

My Hope Is Built

Hymn No. 364

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

REFRAIN:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives away, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found! Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne!

The General Confession

The Reverend Clay Holliday, Jr.

Minister: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Declaration of Pardon

The Reverend Dr. Kenneth Robinson

The Interlude Hymn *Take My Life and Let it Be*

Hymn No. 292

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of Thy love, At the impulse of Thy love.

The Prayer of Purity

The Reverend Barbara Green

The Prayer of Adoration

The Reverend Jerry Epperson

The Interlude Hymn *Take My Life and Let it Be*

Hymn No. 292

Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee; Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King, Always, only, for my King.

The Prayer of Humility

The Reverend Dr. Benita Livingston

The Selection

The Choir

The Scripture Lesson

The Reverend Perry Herman

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 Choir

The Prayer

The Reverend Colleen P. Gibson

The Renewal of Elder's Vows

The Prayer of the People

Let Us Pray

O God, we praise and worship you. Thank you for those who commit themselves to the order of elder in our church. May your holy name be forever glorified, and your blessed kingdom enlarged through their ministry.

Grant us grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of your holy Word as the means of our salvation. Fill us with respect for their office, and align us with a single mind to do your will. In all our words and deeds may we seek the glory and the increase of your kingdom through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

The Passing of the Peace

The Reverend Joy Wilkerson

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Communion Hymn

Hymn No. 255

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins; And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away. Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away; And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more. Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more; Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply, Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die. And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;

Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to save, When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave. Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave; When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave.

The Bidding

The Elements Shared

The Lord's Prayer

The Reverend Willie Williams

The Benediction

The peace of God which passes understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love God and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessings of God almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

The Hymn of Fellowship and Celebration