

Fixing of Appointments
Wednesday Morning 11:00AM

Persons Involved:

Presiding Bishop: Bishop Charlene P. Kammerer
Vance Ross
Worship Leader
Quartet: Men of Message
The Annual Conference Band, DeLyn Celec, Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We gather to encourage one another: Scatter joyfully into the work of making disciples!

Many: With the help of God, we will live into a future that is different from our past.

One: We gather to encourage one another: Lead using the unique gifts of God within you!

Many: With the help of God, we will lead using our gifts.

One: We gather to encourage one another: Look at a person nearby and say, "Lead using the unique gifts of God within you!"

Many: (spoken to someone nearby) Lead using the unique gifts of God within you!

One: Glory to God!

Many: Glory to God! Amen.

OPENING HYMN UMH 383

This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus,
love's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

PRAYER

Conference Band

(3 Voices) Holy One, Holy Three,

(Voice 1) Like the designer crafts the vessel to stay afloat, moving through all types of weather, we have been crafted by your hands; we give thanks. (Pause.)

(Voice 2) Like the wind fills the sails of the sail boat, empowering it to move, fill us as we breathe deeply of your Spirit. (Pause.)

(Voice 3) Like the captain leads the crew, by direction and example, in order to steer the boat in the way that it should go, lead us. (Pause.)

(3 Voices) We are listening. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Response - Refrain only from "Lord, You have Come to the Lakeshore" As before, please project in Spanish and English. We will sing it twice. Thanks!

SCRIPTURE READING -

Vance Ross

PREACHING

Vance Ross

SPECIAL MUSIC -

Men of Message and Conference Band

FIXING OF APPOINTMENTS

The District Superintendents will present their districts appointments including any changes that need to be made to the Advocate to Bishop Kammerer at this time. After the Bishop has received the appointments she will lead the conference in the following:

CHARGE TO LICENSED, COMMISSIONED, CONSECRATED, AND ORDAINED MINISTERS

All these ministers stand as Bishop Kammerer speaks:

Will all our licensed, commissioned, consecrated, and ordained ministers please rise?

**In faithfulness to God who has called you to ministry,
will you go where you are sent or have been called
to serve Christ with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?**

The licensed, commissioned, consecrated, and ordained persons respond:

[projected on screen]

By God's grace we are called into ministry.

In God's strength we will go where we are sent and called.

With God's help, we will strive to be faithful, loyal servants of Christ.

The licensed, commissioned, consecrated, and ordained persons remain standing.

CHARGE TO THE BAPTIZED

All the baptized stand as Bishop Kammerer speaks:
I now invite all baptized persons to stand.

As people committed to uphold the church
by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness,
will you affirm and receive these women and men
as servants of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and pledge to them your support?

They respond:

[projected on screen]

**We joyfully reaffirm our faith in Christ
and our commitment to the witness of the church among the nations.**

All remain standing.

THE COVENANT

(The covenant is based on John Wesley's Covenant Renewal Service of 1780, as is found in UMBOW 288-94.)

Bishop Kammerer addresses the congregation:

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants.
Give yourselves to him, that you may belong to him.
Christ has many services to be done.
Some services are more easy and honorable,
other services are more difficult and disgraceful.
In some services we may please Christ and please ourselves.
But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ
except by denying ourselves.
Let us therefore go to Christ and pray:

All pray:

[projected on screen]

Let me be your servant, under your command.

I will no longer be my own.

I will give myself to your will in all things.

Lord, make me what you will.

I put myself fully into your hands:

put me to doing, put me to suffering,

let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,

let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and with a willing heart
give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
you have now become my Covenant Friend.
And we, through your infinite grace,
have become your covenant servants.
So be it.
And let the covenant we have made on earth
be ratified in heaven. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Rule of Life

**"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."**

THREEFOLD BENEDICTION:

B1: May we remember our heritage as a missionary movement of God's Holy Spirit as it refreshes and empowers us to sail on.

B2: May we equip one another to discern our places and tasks as we move from familiar waters into those that are unknown.

B3: May we encourage one another to use our gifts and talents in cooperation, celebrating each one!

Many: We are sent forth to lead by following Jesus! Amen.

Postlude: I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me