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*Worship Guide*

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Wayne County Community College District-Northwest Campus  
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Detroit, Michigan 48219



Oak Grove AME Church - Host Church

Rev. Cindy Rudolph, Host Pastor  
Rev. Dr. H. Michael Lemmons, Host Presiding Elder  
Rev. Larry J. Bell, Presiding Elder  
Mrs. Jennifer Dixon Wright, Episcopal Supervisor  
Bishop Frederick Alan Wright, Sr., Presiding Prelate





**OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**139<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
August 14, 2025 – 10:00am  
Presiding Elder H. Michael Lemmons, South District - Worship Leader

**THE PROCESSIONAL**

*"We Are Marching to Zion"*

Stanza One

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord,  
And thus surround the throne, And thus surround the throne.

*Refrain*

We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, Beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Stanza Two

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
But children of the heav'nly King, But children of the heav'nly King,  
May speak their joys abroad, May speak their joys abroad.

*Refrain*

Stanza Three

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets;  
Before we reach the heav'nly fields, Before we reach the heav'nly fields,  
Or walk the golden streets, Or walk the golden streets.

*Refrain*

Stanza Four

Then let our songs abound, And every tear be dry;  
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground, We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
To fairer worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high.

*Refrain*

**THE DOXOLOGY**

*"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, thee heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (Traditional)

Reverend Cindy Rudolph  
Oak Grove, Detroit

**Minister:** I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within Your gates, O Jerusalem!

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

**Minister:** For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek Your good.

*People:* They are planted in the house of the Lord, they flourish in the courts of our God.

**Minister:** O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

*People:* But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

**Minister:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

*All:* O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth sing praises!

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

Reverend Dr. Mickarl D. Thomas  
Ebenezer, Detroit

*"And Are We Yet Alive"*

And are we yet alive, And see each other's face?  
Glory and praise to Jesus give for His redeeming grace!

Preserved by power divine to full salvation here,  
Again in Jesus' praise we join, and in His sight appear.

What troubles have we seen, what conflicts have we passed,  
Fightings without, and fears within, Since we assembled last.

But out of all the Lord hath brought us by His love;  
And still He doth His help afford and hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast of His redeeming power,  
Which saves us to the uttermost. Till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,  
And gladly reckon all things loss, So we may Jesus gain. *Amen*

**THE INVOCATION** Reverend Tammy Harris Banks  
St. Paul, Detroit

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *"He Is Here"*

He is here, Praise His name! He is here, Worship Him!  
He is here, Magnify His name, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

He is here, Bless His name! He is here Worship Him!  
He is here, Magnify His name, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

**THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC** Oak Grove AME Church Mass Choir

**THE OLD TESTAMENT** Reverend Lila R. Martin  
Trinity, Lansing

**THE NEW TESTAMENT** Reverend Sharrice Autry  
Bethel, Adrian

**THE OFFERING FOR MISSIONS** Reverend Donald Phillips  
Brown Chapel, Ypsilanti

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *"All Things Come of Thee"*  
*All things come of Thee, Oh Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen*

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP** Presiding Elder Larry J. Bell  
North District

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER** Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.  
Presiding Prelate, Fourth Episcopal District

**THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC** Oak Grove AME Church Mass Choir

**THE ANNUAL SERMON** Reverend Yolanda Whiten  
Newman, Pontiac

**THE INVITATION OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP** Reverend Yolanda Whiten  
Newman, Pontiac

**THE MINISTRY OF GENEROSITY** Finance Committee

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*  
We give Thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone a trust, O Lord, from thee. *Amen*

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Reverend Cindy Rudolph  
Oak Grove, Detroit

**THE DOXOLOGY**

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**THE BENEDICTION**

Reverend Yolanda Whiten  
Newman, Pontiac



**LAY ORGANIZATION WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**139<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

*"GENERATIONS CONTRIBUTING TO THE KINGDOM: THE BRIDGE BETWEEN US"*  
A LAY NIGHT HOUR OF POWER  
August 14, 2025

<b>Ministry of Music</b>	Oak Grove AME Church Praise Team
<b>Welcome</b>	Mr. Arnold Simmons President - Oak Grove Lay Organization
<b>Occasion</b>	Dr. Mildred Matlock MCLO Director of Lay Activities
<b>Prayer, Scripture &amp; Spiritual Reflections</b>	Mrs. Vicki Whitsett-Jackson MCLO Chaplain
<b>Ministry of Music</b>	Oak Grove AME Church Praise Team
<b>Poetic Selection</b>	Ms. Alice Bargon MCLO Young Adult Representative
<b>Ministry through Dance</b>	Dancers of Faith Brown Chapel AME Church Dr. Tershia Pinder-Grover and Ms. Sylvia Collins, Co-Leads
<b>Spiritual Reflections</b>	Mrs. Vicki Whitsett-Jackson MCLO Chaplain
<b>Poetic Selection</b>	Mr. Jerry Givan MCLO Historiographer
<b>Ministry of Music</b>	Oak Grove AME Church Praise Team
<b>Spiritual Reflections</b>	Mrs. Vicki Whitsett-Jackson MCLO Chaplain

**Finale**

Dr. Mildred Matlock  
MCLO Director of Lay Activities

**Offering**

Mrs. Carolyn James, MCLO Treasurer  
Mrs. Myrtis Jenkins, MCLO Financial Secretary  
Finance Team

**Closing Remarks**

Mrs. Barbara Williams, MCLO President  
Mr. Michael A. Cousin, Jr., FEDLO President  
Rev. Dr. H. Michael Lemmons, Host Presiding Elder  
Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding Prelate

**Lay Benediction**

May God bless us with the true spirit of Christianity, that we may live together, not as man over man, but as Lay persons working with God. *Amen.*



**ORDINATION WORSHIP SERVICE  
139<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

August 15, 2025 – 1:30pm

Presiding Elder Larry J. Bell, North District - Worship Leader

**THE PROCESSIONAL**

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"*

Stanza One

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall, Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him, crown Him,  
crown Him, crown Him; And crown Him Lord of all!

Stanza Two

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him, crown Him,  
crown Him, crown Him; And crown Him Lord of all!

Stanza Three

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, the wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet, And crown Him, crown Him,  
crown Him, crown Him; And crown Him Lord of all!

Stanza Four

Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball, On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him, crown Him,  
crown Him, crown Him; And crown Him Lord of all!

Stanza Five

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall, we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him, crown Him,  
crown Him, crown Him; And crown Him Lord of all!

**THE DOXOLOGY**

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**THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (Traditional)

Reverend Mashod Evans  
Dean, MCBOE

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**THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

Reverend Yolanda Whiten  
Co-Instructor - Fourth Year Studies, MCBOE

***"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"***

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty, Hold me with Thy powerful hand; Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield; Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.

**THE INVOCATION**

Reverend Douglas Banks  
Chair - First Year Studies, MCBOE

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Michigan Conference Choir

**THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES**

**THE PRESENTATION OF ELDERS**

Reverend Cindy Rudolph  
Chair - Fourth Year Studies, MCBOE

Elder: Reverend Father in God, I present unto you these persons to be ordained Elders.

**Bishop:** Take heed that the persons whom you present unto us be apt and meet, by their godly conversation, to exercise their ministry duly to the honor of God and the edifying of the church.

Elder: I have inquired concerning them and also examined them and think them to be so.

**Bishop:** Members of the Conference, these are they whom we propose, God willing, this day to ordain Elders. for after due examination we find not the contrary, but that they are lawfully called to this function and ministry and that they are persons meet for the same.

But if there be any of you who know any impediment or crime in any of them for which they ought not be ordained, let them come forth in the name of God and show what the crime or impediment is.

### THE COLLECTS

#### For Deacons:

Reverend Donald Phillips, III  
Co-Instructor - First Year Studies, MCBOE

Almighty God, who by the divine providence hath appointed diverse orders of ministers of thy church and didst inspire thine apostles to choose to the order of deacons the first martyr, St. Stephen, with others mercifully behold these thy servants now called to the like office and administration, replenish them so with the truth of thy doctrine and adorn them with the innocency of life that both by word and good example they may faithfully serve thee in this office to the glory of thy holy name and the edification of thy church, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and forever. Amen.

#### For Elders:

Reverend Yolanda Whiten  
Co-Instructor - Fourth Year Studies, MCBOE

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who by the Holy Spirit has appointed diverse orders of ministers in thy church, mercifully behold these thy servants now called to the office of Elder and replenish them with the innocency of life, that both by word and good example they may faithfully serve thee in this office to the glory of thy name and the edification of thy church, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

### THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Michigan Conference Choir

### THE EPISTLES

#### For Deacons:

Reverend Lila Martin  
Deaconesses Chair and  
Co-Instructor - Second Year Studies, MCBOE

For Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for gain, they must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then if they prove themselves blameless let them serve as deacons. The women likewise must be serious, not slanderers, but temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be married only once and let them manage their children and their households well; for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. - 1 Timothy 3:8-13

**For Elders:**

Reverend Dr. Versey Williams  
Chair - Class On Admissions, MCBOE

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it is said, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men”. (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ until we attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of fullness of Christ. - Ephesians 4:4-13

**THE GOSPEL**

Reverend Douglas Banks  
Member, MCBOE

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hears his voice, and he calls his out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. all who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy, I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd”.

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP**

Presiding Elder H. Michael Lemmons  
South District

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER**

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.  
Presiding Prelate, Fourth Episcopal District

**THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

Michigan Conference Choir

**THE PREACHED WORD**

Bishop Julius H. McAllister Jr.  
Presiding Prelate, Ninth Episcopal District

**THE INVITATION OF  
CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

Bishop Julius H. McAllister Jr.

**THE MINISTRY OF GENEROSITY**

Finance Committee

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*"All Things Come of Thee"*

*All things come of Thee, Oh Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen*

**THE CONSECRATION OF DEACONESSSES**

Reverend Lila Martin

Deaconesses Chair and

Co-Instructor - Second Year Studies, MCBOE

Minister: Reverend Father in God, I present these holy women to be consecrated Deaconesses.

**Bishop:** Take heed that the women you present be proper persons to perform the work of a Deaconess, and that they be of sober minds, modest in all their ways and possessed of large charity.

Minister: They have been examined and are believed to be well qualified to enter upon the sacred duties of Deaconesses.

**Bishop:** It becomes the deaconess that she shall be pious, chaste, temperate in all things, modest, humble, industrious, and devout, as she is to serve the Church of God and to His praise and glory. Throughout the history of the Church, God has been pleased to call and qualify certain women for the gentle and holy service of ministering to the Church and the ministry. Such women were Deborah, Mary, the Holy Mother, Eunice, Lois, Priscilla, Lydia, and Phoebe. And in the latter dates He has been pleased to own and bless the labors of Sister Sarah Gorman and Sis. Rosa Parks. May the Lord bless and acknowledge these persons according as He has blessed the ministration of all holy women. May they withdraw themselves from all worldly cares and give themselves up entirely to the ministrations of the Church and to suffering humanity.

**Bishop:** Have you duly considered the sacredness, the exactions, and responsibilities of the office which you have come to enter?

Minister: I have considered them all.

**Bishop:** Are you determined to observe all the rules for a Deaconess, give yourself up to such life and duties as these rules require, and keep yourself unspotted from the world and all its vanities and frivolities?

Minister: I am so determined.

**Bishop:** Will you be covered by the Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church and subject to the direction given in the discharge of the duties of your office?

Minister: I will be so governed.

*(Candidates kneel)*

**Bishop:** Be thou consecrated to the office and work of a Deaconess in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.  
*Amen.*

### THE ACT OF ORDINATION THE ORDINATION OF ELDERS

**Bishop:** And you have heard of what dignity and how great importance this office is where unto you are called. And now, again, we exhort you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you remember into how weighty an office you are called: that is to be messengers, watchers of the flock, and stewards of the Lord to teach and to admonish to feed and provide for the Lord's family, to see for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad and for his children who are in the midst of this evil world, that they may be saved through Christ forever.

Always remember how great a treasure is committed to your charge. For they are the sheep of Christ which he bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood. The church and congregation whom you must serve is his spouse and his body. If it should happen that the congregation or any member thereof, is hurt or hindered by reason of your negligence, you know the greatness of the fault of the punishment that will ensue. Now therefore, consider the end of the ministry toward the children of God, toward spouse and body of Christ, and see what you never cease your labor, care and diligence until you have done all that you are able to do, for all that are committed to your charge unto that agreement in faith, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there may be no place left among you either for error in religion, or for viciousness, in life.

You cannot accomplish the doing of so weighty a work concerning the salvation of God's people with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the holy scripture, and with a life agreeable to the same, without the spiritual foundation which comes through the reading and study of the scripture and the framing of your life and the lives of those who especially pertain to you, according to the rules of the same scriptures. For this reason, you must forsake all and set aside as much as you can all worldly care and studies.

We hope that you have weighed and pondered these things with yourselves long before this time and that you have clearly determined by God's grace to give ourselves to this office whereby it has pleased God to call you, so that as much as lieth in you, you will apply yourselves wholly to this one thing and draw all your cares and studies this way and that you will continually pray to God the Father by the meditation of our Savior Jesus Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Ghost, that by daily reading and weighing of the scriptures you may wax riper and stronger in your ministry and that you may so endeavor yourselves, from time to time to satisfy the lives of you and yours to fashion them after the rule and doctrine of Christ that you may be wholesome and godly examples and patters of the people to follow.

And now that this present congregation of Christ here assembled may also understand your minds and wills in these things and that your promise may the more move you to do your duties, you shall answer plainly to these things which we, in the name of God and his church, shall demand for you, touching the same.

**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:** Are you persuaded that the holy scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrines required of eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? Are you determined out of the said scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge and to teach nothing, as required of necessity to salvation but that which you shall be persuaded may be conceded and proved by scripture?

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

**Bishop:** Will you be diligent in prayer and in reading of the holy scriptures and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?

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

**Bishop:** Will you be diligent to frame and fashion yourselves and your families according to the doctrine of Christ and to make yourselves and them, as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

Candidates: I shall apply myself thereto, the Lord being my helper.

**Bishop:** Will you maintain and set forth, as much as lieth in you, sweetness, peace and love among all Christian people and especially among them that are or shall be committed to your charge?

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

**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 judgements?]

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

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

**The Venti Creator Spiritus (Come, Creator Spirit)**

**Bishop:** Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire.

Response: And lighten with celestial fire;

**Bishop:** Thou anointing Spirit art

Response: Who doth thy sevenfold gifts impart

**Bishop:** Thy blessed unction from above  
Response: Is comfort, light and fire of love.

**Bishop:** Enable with perpetual light  
Response: The dullness of our blinded sight.

**Bishop:** Anoint and cheer our soiled face.  
Response: with the abundance of thy grace.

**Bishop:** Keep far our foes; give peace at home;  
Response: Where thou art guide, no ill can come

**Bishop:** Teach us to know the Father Son,  
Response: And thee of both to be but one!

**Bishop:** That through the ages all along  
Response: This may be our endless song:

**Bishop:** Praise to Thy eternal merit,  
Response: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

**Bishop:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, who of thine infinite love and goodness towards us has goodness towards us hast given us thy only and most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and the author of everlasting life, who, after He had made perfect our redemption by His death and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world His apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers and pastors, by whose labor and ministry He gathered together a great flock in all parts of the world to set forth the eternal praise of thy holy name for these so great benefits of your eternal goodness and for that thou has vouchsafed to call these your servants here present to the same office and ministry appointed for the salvation of mankind, we render unto thee most hearty thanks.

We praise and worship thee, and we humbly beseech thee by the same blessed Son to grant unto all, either here or elsewhere call upon thy name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto thee for these and all thy other benefits and that we may daily increase and go forward in the knowledge and faith of you and your Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by these your ministers as by them over whom they shall be appointed thy ministers that thy holy name may be forever glorified and thy blessed kingdom enlarged through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

*The Ordinands kneeling as the Bishop and six Elders lay on hands.*

**Bishop:** The Lord pour upon thee the Holy Ghost for the office and work of an elder in the church of God, now committed unto thee by the imposition of our hands. And be thou a faithful dispenser of the word of God and of His holy sacraments in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Bible is presented:*

**Bishop:** Take thou authority to preach the word of God and to administer the holy sacrament in the Congregation in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen. Amen.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of your tender mercy did give your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made there by His oblation of Himself, once offered, a full perfect and sufficient sacrifice oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute and in His Holy Gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that, His precious death, until His coming again. Hear us, O Merciful Father, we most humbly beseech you, and grant that we receiving these your creatures of bread and wine, according to your Son, Our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood, who in the same night that He was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them saying, "Drink all of it, for this my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me. *Amen.*

### THE SHARING OF ELEMENTS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Cindy Rudolph  
Oak Grove, Detroit

### THE DOXOLOGY

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### THE BENEDICTION

Bishop Julius H. McAllister Jr.



**Y.P.D. WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**139<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
August 15, 2025 – 7:00pm

<b>Welcome</b>	Chris Perrin St. Stephen, Detroit
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Mason Evans Bethel, Ann Arbor
<b>Scripture</b>	Kendalyn Revis Trinity, Lansing
<b>Ministry Through Dance</b>	Vessels of Hope Oak Grove, Detroit
<b>Play</b>	<i>“Chosen Royalty”</i>
<b>Invitation</b>	Rev. Kabrielle Baker St. Paul, Grosse Pointe Park
<b>Offering</b>	Finance Committee
<b>Remarks</b>	Sis. Shawne Henry, YPD Director – Michigan Annual Conference Sis. Kim Vaughn, YPD Director – Fourth Episcopal District Supervisor Jennifer Dixon Wright, Episcopal Supervisor - Fourth Episcopal District Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding Prelate - Fourth Episcopal District

**Missionary Benediction**

In the name of the Triune God, may the spirit of Christian missions enter every heart.

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*Amen.*



**CLOSING AND COMMISSIONING WORSHIP SERVICE  
139<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

August 16, 2025 – 9:00am

Presiding Elder Larry J. Bell, North District - Worship Leader

**THE PROCESSIONAL**

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"*

Stanza One

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall, Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him, crown Him,  
crown Him, crown Him; And crown Him Lord of all!

Stanza Two

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him, crown Him,  
crown Him, crown Him; And crown Him Lord of all!

Stanza Three

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, the wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet, And crown Him, crown Him,  
crown Him, crown Him; And crown Him Lord of all!

Stanza Four

Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball, On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him, crown Him,  
crown Him, crown Him; And crown Him Lord of all!

Stanza Five

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall, we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him, crown Him,  
crown Him, crown Him; And crown Him Lord of all!

**THE DOXOLOGY**

*"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, thee heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (Traditional)

Reverend Cindy Rudolph  
Oak Grove, Detroit

**Minister:** I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within Your gates, O Jerusalem!

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

**Minister:** For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek Your good.

*People:* They are planted in the house of the Lord, they flourish in the courts of our God.

**Minister:** O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

*People:* But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

**Minister:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

*All:* O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth sing praises!

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

Reverend Dr. Kay Porter  
St. Matthew, Detroit

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain*

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Stanza Two

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest; Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above.  
Join with all nature in manifold witness, to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

*Refrain*

Stanza Three

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.

*Refrain*

**THE INVOCATION**

Reverend Dr. Darryl Williams  
St. Stephen, Detroit

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*"Completely Yes"*

Yes, Lord, Yes, Lord! From the bottom of my heart; to the depths of my soul, Yes, Lord!  
Completely yes; my soul says yes.

I love You, I love You! From the bottom of my heart; to the depths of my Soul, I Love You!  
I really do! My soul says yes.

**THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

Michigan Conference Choir

**THE OLD TESTAMENT**

Reverend Dr. Willie A. Gholston, III  
First Community, Grand Rapids

**THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Reverend Cherida Gary  
Saunders-Allen, Detroit

**THE OFFERING FOR MISSIONS**

Reverend Jeffery Baker  
St. Paul, Grosse Pointe Park

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*"All Things Come of Thee"*

*All things come of Thee, Oh Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen*

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP**

Presiding Elder H. Michael Lemmons  
South District

**THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

Michigan Conference Choir

**THE PREACHED WORD**

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.  
Presiding Prelate, Fourth Episcopal District

**THE INVITATION OF  
CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.

**THE MINISTRY OF GENEROSITY**

Finance Committee

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*

We give Thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone a trust, O Lord, from thee. *Amen*

**THE CONFERENCE RESOLUTION**

**THE COMMISSIONING SERVICE**

**THE HYMN**

*"A Charge to Keep I Have"*

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,  
A never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill,  
O may it all my pow'rs engage to do my Master's will!

Arm me with jealous care, As in Thy sight to live,  
And now Thy servant, Lord, prepare, A strict account to give!

Help me to watch and pray, And still on Thee rely,  
Assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die. *Amen*

## THE GIVING OF CERTIFICATES TO CONFERENCE OFFICERS

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

### THE COMMISSIONING HYMN

*"Go, Preach My Gospel"*

#### Stanza One

"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."

#### Stanza Two

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

#### Stanza Three

"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."

#### Stanza Four

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

#### Stanza Five

He spoke, and light shone round His head, On a bright cloud to heav'n He rode;  
They to the farthest nation spread, The grace of their ascended God.

## THE READING OF APPOINTMENTS

### THE CLOSING HYMN

*"God Be With You"*

#### Stanza One

God be with you till we meet again; By His counsel's guide, uphold you.  
With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.

#### *Refrain*

Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet; God be with you till we meet again.

## THE BENEDICTION

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.  
Presiding Prelate, Fourth Episcopal District



