



Homer United Methodist Church

Annual Conference Reflections

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Centering

Rev. Lisa Talbott

*Call to Worship

Pastor Lisa

Prayer Responses:

We are your children.

May we grow in faith and wisdom.

Opening Song

Let All Things Now Living

Dave Nofziger & Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Katherine K Davis

MUSIC: Traditional Welsh Melody (The Ash Grove)

CCLI Song # 171701

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Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our days. God's banners fly o'er us, God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

The law God enforces, the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine. We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

*Prayer for Illumination

Gary Lyon

Gracious God, as the daylight lengthens and shortens, as the moon waxes and wanes, as the tide ebbs and flows, as the seasons move one into the other, be with

us here and now and through all the chapters of our lives. In your name we pray, our steadfast rock and redeemer. Amen.

***Scripture**

Proverbs 1:1-7

Gary Lyon

1 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:
2 For learning about wisdom and instruction,
 for understanding words of insight,
3 for gaining instruction in wise dealing,
 righteousness, justice, and equity;
4 to teach shrewdness to the simple,
 knowledge and prudence to the young—
5 let the wise also hear and gain in learning,
 and the discerning acquire skill,
6 to understand a proverb and a figure,
 the words of the wise and their riddles.
7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
 fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

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Pastor Lisa & Dave Nofziger

Song of Response

Be Thou My Vision

Dave Nofziger & Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. By Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.

MUSIC: Trad. Irish Melody; harm. By Carlton R. Young, 1963

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*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's
Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

***Prayers of the People¹**

Prayer Responses:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

A prayer for Independence Day from the United Methodist Book of Worship.

¹ Adapted from Rev. Dr. Yong Jonah So, <https://www.fapc.org/prayers-of-the-people>

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer**

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.

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Closing Song *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* Dave Nofziger & Ola Mullikin
WORDS: Peter Scholtes
MUSIC: Peter Scholtes
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We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
Refrain
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
Refrain

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side

And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:

Refrain

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,

And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

Refrain

***Benediction**

May you go forth from worship with a sense of anticipation and adventure for the new season ahead.

May God open your eyes to new possibilities.

May the Holy Spirit fill you with the breath of life.

And may Jesus Christ be your constant companion every step you take. Amen.