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Imagine: By Faith It Can Happen
Opening Worship - Frazer Memorial UMC, June 4 - 6:00 pm

Prelude

Partita on ‘Lobe Den Herren’

Callahan

Reading of the Pentecost Story

English  Rev. Lydia Temonia, Tabernacle UMC, Dothan
Spanish  Rev. Andres Doimeadios, Casa De Dios Gateway Of Heaven, Pensacola
Korean  Eunjin Choi, The Lord’s Church of Montgomery
Russian  Val Antipenko, FUMC Montgomery
Hebrew  Dr. Jason Borders, Huntingdon College

Opening Music

For the Glory of the Lord
Conference Mass Choir
arr. Twila Paris and Tom Fettke

*Processional Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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*Call to Worship

Beverly Maddox, Conference Lay Leader

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
We gather tonight with hopeful imagination,
That by faith all things are possible.
We gather with biblical imagination,
That by faith God will redeem the world through us.
We gather with courageous imagination,
That by faith we will see the unseen, win people for Jesus, and grow God’s kingdom.
We gather with assurance, with wonder, and with praise,
That by faith we can change the world. Praise the Lord!

*Invocation

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.
Welcome and Greetings

Introduction of Bishop in Residence

Opening Remarks & Prayer for Annual Conference

Anthem

Offertory Prayer

Missional Offering

Offertory Anthem

*Doxology

Scripture

Sermon

Preparation of the Elements

Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion Medley

*Recessional Hymn

*Sending Forth

Postlude

This worship service was prepared by the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference Worship Planning Committee

Presiding Bishop: Bishop David Graves
Preacher: Rev. Robin Wilson
Music Leadership: Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church

Communion servers include seminary students from Asbury, Candler, Duke, and Vanderbilt who are paired with clergy from our conference.

Invocation and communion liturgy are taken from the Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Vol. 1, by Westminster John Knox Press, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long. For more information on these and similar resources visit www.feastingontheword.net
Imagine: By Faith It Can Happen
SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & HOLY COMMUNION
FRAZER SANCTUARY  MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017  10:30 A.M.

Prelude  On Eagle’s Wings  Michael Joncas

*Processional Hymn  For All the Saints  No. 711

*Opening Prayer  Bishop David Graves

Special Music  Robert McMichael & Jarvis Wilson


*Hymn of Joy  Hymn of Promise  No. 707

Sermon  Things Above  Rev. Ralph Sigler Harvest UMC, Dothan

Preparation of the Elements  Rev. Rebecca Rutherford Spanish Fort UMC

Invitation to the Table and Call to Confession  Bishop David Graves

The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)

Breaking the Bread and Taking the Cup

Receiving of the Bread and Cup

(At the direction of the ushers, the congregation will move to one of the serving stations in the sanctuary.)

Communion Music

*Hymn of Celebration  Shall We Gather at the River  No. 733

*Dismissal with Blessing  Rev. Marg Perelli Bermuda/Owen’s Chapel Charge

*Postlude  Recessional on ‘St. Anne’  Gordon Young

Organist – Kelley Garrett
Candle Lighters – Macie Rebekah Pilgrim, Chase McKoon

*Please stand as you are able.
Following are those who have died between May 1, 2016 and April 30, 2017

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**Those who have died following May 1, 2017, will be memorialized at the 2018 Annual Conference Service of Remembrance.**

The Alabama-West Florida Conference Commission on Archives and History and Worship Planning Team prepared this service.

We remember those who are now a part of the “cloud of witnesses.”
Think outside the bowl... and swim with your peers

An Energizing Event for Young Clergy Ages 25-39

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**Biometric Health Screenings**

Monday, June 5th - 8:00am-2:00pm
Tuesday, June 6th - 8:00am-2:00pm

This is offered as a part of our health and wellness initiative designed to help you maintain good health.

For clergy participating in the Conference Active Health Insurance Plan, one of the two requirements to avoid a $50.00 personal monthly financial surcharge is to complete a Biometric Health Screening by August 31, 2017.

Walk-ins welcome. Priority will be given to those with appointments.
Spiritual Formation Luncheon

Tuesday, June 6, 2017
Noon

Guest Speaker
Rev. Debora Bishop
Pastor, Atmore FUMC

Frazer UMC
Room 7207/09

Text (251) 952-2175 or visit the Spiritual Formation booth in the lobby to register.

Imagine by faith, it can happen.

The AWF Conference staff would like to thank the Frazer UMC staff for hosting annual conference. We appreciate you!
Bring assembled kits and bulk supplies to Annual Conference 2017!

All kits and bulk supplies are welcome.
Visit www.awfumc.org/reliefkits for updates and instructions.

A truck in the parking lot at Frazer Memorial UMC will be open during these hours during annual conference to receive your kits:

- Monday - 7:30am to 12:30pm
- Tuesday - 7:30am to 12:30pm
- Wednesday - 7:30am to 11:00am

UMCOR distributes kits around the world to the most vulnerable people during times of crisis.

Thank you to Coleman American for providing the truck again this year, and for transporting the supplies on to Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, LA.
**Experiential Prayer Room**

“Jesus said to them, ‘Come away with me. Let us go alone to a quiet place and rest for a while.’” - *Mark 6:31*

At Annual Conference this year, come by the Experiential Prayer Room for a while to rest in a quiet place when the hustle and bustle of conference gets to be too much, or if you want to experience prayer in quiet.

Come to the Experiential Prayer room to rock or sit a while in the silence; make protestant prayer beads; learn how to pray with them or pray as you knit; place a prayer in the Wailing Wall and your prayers will be prayed for. Walk the labyrinth; lay down your burdens; learn about Centering Prayer or pray for the AWFUMC Conference as it does its worshipful work.

Spiritual Directors will be present if you need someone to talk to.

The Experiential Prayer Room will be located in the Surge (Building 6000).
The 2017 Alabama-West Florida Conference Advance Brochure is now available!

2017 Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference Advance Specials Listing

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ASUWesley.org
This three year Spiritual Direction Training, hosted by Sacred Space Spiritual Formation, is suited to those who hunger to experience deeper intimacy with God, to grow in attentiveness to God’s movement, are drawn to compassionate listening, feel a call to companion others on the spiritual journey, and seek spiritual community with others.

This program equips the participant for the art of holy listening. A selection of readings prior to each forum lays a critical foundation for the lectures, discussion and experiential learning.

First year forums include introduction to contemplative prayer, practice of contemplative prayer, and opportunity for discernment concerning spiritual direction. During the second year, faculty presentations will include understanding of spiritual direction, the history of the church and its spiritual masters. The third year’s focus is on the practice of spiritual direction – the art of Holy Listening. Each forum will be an experiential as well as an academic experience with at home reading and work required.

LOCATION
Blue Lake Camp, 8500 Oakwood Lane, Andalusia, Al 36420

ENROLLMENT
Enrollment Fee // $50.00
Each Forum // $390.00 (Includes instruction, meals, & private room/bath)

Forms and $50.00 non-refundable enrollment fee are due by June 30.

For more information visit awfumc.org/spiritualdirectiontraining20172020 for enrollment form.

Find us on Facebook by visiting; facebook.com/SacredSpaceSpiritualFormation
Communities of Transformation is an entirely new way of doing church – a new wineskin to contain new wine that the Spirit is pressing out in this season. No buildings, no pastors, no politics. It is a lay-led movement growing in local soil, connecting diverse neighbors, building relationships that have lasting and redemptive impact. The movement takes seriously, and quite literally, the Great Command to love God and love neighbor, including neighbors on the sidelines of society. As meals are shared, personal stories presented, prayers and resources exchanged, trust deepens and community happens. Is this not an authentic expression of the Shalom God intended for his earthly family?

- Robert Lupton, author of Toxic Charity

To learn more, go to: www.CommunitiesofTransformation.org & www.facebook.com/CommunitiesofTransformation
What is The Disciples’ Way?
The Disciples’ Way is an ecumenical 5-day retreat designed for clergy and laity. Our purpose is simple: to deepen our relationship with God through a daily rhythm of prayer, worship, study, and reflection. Each day will include teachings by gifted spiritual leaders, periods of silence, morning and evening prayer, Eucharist, and small group discussion. Time for rest and relaxation are also part of each day.

What to expect…
• A time for intentional spiritual growth in a disciplined community of prayer, study, worship, and fellowship
• A place where times are set aside for silence to enhance personal prayer and reflection
• A life-changing experience for both laity and clergy to be shaped and formed in the image of Christ for the sake of others
• A vessel for healing, rest, and renewal

The Disciples’ Way is sponsored by The Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, The North Alabama and Alabama-West Florida Conferences of The United Methodist Church and The Academy for Spiritual Formation.
The Reverend Dr. Luther Smith is Professor Emeritus of Church and Community at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia where he has taught since 1979. In 2010 he was the recipient of the "2010 Emory Williams Distinguished Teaching Award," Emory's highest award for excellence in teaching.

After receiving his BA from Washington University in 1969, the Rev. Dr. Smith attended Eden Seminary and received his MDiv in 1972. He received his PhD in 1979 from Saint Louis University.

The Rev. Dr. Smith has written numerous articles and speaks extensively on issue of church and society, congregational renewal, Christian spirituality, and is an authority on the teaching and witness of Howard Thurman. His current research focuses on the writings and correspondence of Howard Thurman, advocacy on behalf of children, and a spirituality of hope. The Rev. Dr. Smith is an ordained elder in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. He is the author of several books, including Howard Thurman: Essential Writings, Intimacy and Mission, and Howard Thurman, The Mystic As Prophet.

The Rev. Marjorie Thompson has over 30 years of experience in retreat work, teaching, and writing in the area of Christian spiritual formation. For 12 years she served as director of Pathways in Congregational Spirituality with Upper Room Ministries. She is the author of Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life and Family, the Forming Center.

She worked closely with all facets of Companions in Christ, an innovative small-group resource series for spiritual formation. Designing the foundational 28-week resource, writing participant books and leader’s guides for various titles in the series, and training Companions trainers, she helped guide and shape this small-group ministry for more than a decade.

Marjorie has served two congregations in pastoral ministry, and as adjunct faculty for six seminaries. Her educational path includes Swarthmore College, McCormick Theological Seminary, and a research fellowship at Yale Divinity School, where she was deeply influenced by her mentor, the late Henri Nouwen.
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For more information regarding Spiritual Formation Ministries, please visit www.awfumc.org/spiritualformation
Methodist Homes of Alabama & Northwest Florida (Methodist Home for the Aging) offers care communities for older adults who want to be close to licensed or specialized care as well as retirement apartments for low-income seniors. No matter the choice of community, our Wesleyan Heritage is evident. Faith-based communities staffed by caring people offer older adults and their families comfort, compassion, and peace of mind. We are home to the *Fountain of Love* fund, a financial assistance program for residents in a Methodist Homes care community who have exhausted their own resources. In fact, no resident of a Methodist Home has ever been asked to leave due to their inability to pay.
A MINISTRY OF GENEROSITY

CHURCH ENDOWMENT PROGRAMS
Endowment programs help facilitate planned giving that provides assistance for the future financial needs of the church.

DEVELOPMENT FUND LOANS
The Development Fund makes loans, up to $1 million, to churches and agencies in our conference for new church construction, purchasing property, and major renovation projects. The current loan rate is 3.5%.

INVESTMENT SERVICES
Our investment services are uniquely created for managing church and agency funds. The Foundation staff assists in developing a custom investment plan for each participating organization or donor.

DEVELOPMENT FUND INVESTMENTS
The Development Fund accepts investments from individuals, churches, and organizations across the AWF Conference. The Fund pays these investors a rate of interest set each quarter and makes loans to churches, agencies, and missions in the conference. The current deposit rate is 1.0%.

FREE GENEROSITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS
We offer generosity development through educational programs that foster a better understanding of generosity and stewardship as both an act of worship and discipleship. Contact us at foundation@alwfumf.org or 334-793-6820 to schedule a workshop in Planned Giving, Estate Planning, or Endowment Programs.

FREE RESOURCES
We offer free resources such as bulletin inserts, social media posts, holiday resources, news, events, and stories on churches through our email list and Facebook page. Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/alwfumf and ask to be added to our email list at foundation@alwfumf.org.
Join us for a leadership seminar that will **focus on the importance of having a diverse leadership team**, and how to build and manage such a team. Diverse leadership teams are known to be more creative, productive, and profitable, thus producing a better outcome (be it a product or service) and a more satisfactory experience overall.

**Saturday, June 10, 2017**
9am - 1pm
(Registration / Check-in 8:30 am)

The Vision Center 4807 Princeton Drive
Mobile, Alabama 36618

Registration: $20 (includes lunch)
Childcare provided $10 per child

To register visit: www.awfumc.org/focalpointe

**Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be awarded.**

**Guest Speakers:**

**Tim Wills** is the CEO of Boys and Girls Club of South Alabama. A Missouri native, he has twelve years of experience in the field of youth development. He has worked with clubs in Chicago, Washington & Maryland. He now oversees six year-round club sites, and POINTE Academy.

**Pastor Shawn Anglim** is the founding pastor of First Grace UMC in New Orleans, Louisiana. First Grace is a result of the merger of a historical black church & a historical white church in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Anglim, the Exec. Dir. of First Grace Community Alliance & and its 2 missions (Hagar’s House & Project Ishmael), is also a member of the Times-Picayune Editorial Advisory Board.
Looking for quality programs for older adults in your church?

Then we should ‘talk’!

Older Adult Task Force
Alabama-West Florida UMC Conference
Chairperson: Barbara Wilder
214 Partin Dr S, Niceville, FL 32578
bwilder@yourcrosspoint.org, 850-678-4411, ext 123

We are a group of lay and clergy volunteers who plan quality conference-wide events for older adults to augment the ministry by and to older adults in our local churches. We would love to see your church represented in our next event. Our greatest difficulty in this is getting the word out. We appreciate so much any help you can give us in spreading the word to your church and district. If you are not receiving our emails (2 emails a year only!), please sign up for our email list at our booth during Annual Conference or contact Barbara Wilder. If you know anyone who would like to serve on this Task Force, we would welcome their joining us! And we also welcome your comments and suggestions. Thank you!

Upcoming events:

One Day - Saturday, September 16, 2017 - Bishop David Graves is our keynote speaker for this event. The day will also include music, information concerning elder issues, lunch, and more! Cost: $20 This year our One Day event will be held at the First United Methodist Church Ozark. Check in at 9:30, event 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Inspirit Retreat - April, 2018 - Program is now in the planning stages, but this retreat, held at Blue Lake Assembly, will include dynamic speakers, break-out sessions on various topics, outdoor activities, lots of music, and laughter. If you are not sure if you are on our email list, please sign up at our booth today to receive information by email.

PLEASE Contact Barbara Wilder for more information or brochures/flyers to distribute. THANK YOU!
The Alabama - West Florida Conference would like to extend its sincere appreciation to Coleman World Group for transporting relief supplies.