



**Opening Worship – ASU Dunn-Oliver Acadome  
June 12 - 6:00 pm**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Greetings**

Dr. Jeff Wilson  
DS Montgomery- Opelika and Dothan

**\*Processional Hymn**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH 140

**\*Call to Worship**

Rev. Sara Shaver

In this season, God gathers the scattered,  
brings us together, and makes us one.

**Once we were no people. Now we are God's people.**

Anointing oil flows down our cheeks  
God presses an undeserved crown upon our brows.

**Once we were no people. Now we are God's people.**

Look now at the faces on your left hand and on your right!  
Behold! A miracle of Jesus Christ!

**Once we were no people. Now we are God's people.**

A royal priesthood, a holy nation.  
God gathers us to *learn* from one another,  
**to reflect upon our weakness and God's power,**  
to discover bright *hope* for tomorrow  
and raw *courage* for all the seasons ahead.

Are we tired?  
**A little!**  
Anxious?  
**Somewhat.**

Then come to Christ, our living stone rejected by mortals  
yet chosen and precious in God's sight.  
Once we were no people  
**Now we are God's people,**  
**water-washed, Spirit-born, and worship-ready**  
**for such a season as this.**

**Opening Remarks & Prayer for Annual Conference**

Bishop David Graves  
Alabama-West Florida Episcopal Area

**\*Scripture** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Notalsia Whiting

**Anthem** *I Don't Feel No Ways Tired* Rev. Darrin Isaac & Celeste Eubanks  
Arr. James Cleveland

**Sermon** *In This Season* Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

**Hymn of Praise** *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* UMH 383

**Celebration of Holy Communion** Bishop David Graves

**Communion Music** *For Everyone Born* Rev. Darrin Isaac

**\*Recessional Hymn** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* 2153 (TFWS)

**\*Sending Forth** Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

Shining citizens of God's holy nation,  
Hear this promise!  
Let us not grow weary in well-doing,  
For in due season, we shall reap the harvest, If we faint not!  
**Now is the time! This is the season!**

Once we were no people  
**Now we are God's people,**  
**rested and ready to begin again.**

Go forth now,  
anointed by the blessing of  
the God who created you,  
the Christ who redeems you,  
and the Spirit who empowers you  
for such a season as this.  
**Amen.**

**Postlude**

\*please stand as you are able

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

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**Preacher:** Bishop Lawson Bryan

**Music Leadership:** Rev. Darrin Isaac & Jarvis Wilson

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