

2021

Ordination & Commissioning Service

October 1 @ 6:00pm

Barrington United Methodist Church

Bishop John L. Hopkins Presiding



2021 Ordination & Commissioning Class



Hope Mary Chernich



Elizabeth Lauren Evans



Tura Jovan Foster Gillespie



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Leadership



Bishop John L. Hopkins, retired Bishop of The United Methodist Church, is serving as interim bishop in the Northern Illinois Conference for 2021. He was born in Montgomery, Alabama, and spent his childhood in Montgomery, Houston, Atlanta, and Ft. Wayne. After marrying Elaine M. Smithson in 1964, he attended Indiana University, receiving a B.A. with Honors in Psychology. He graduated from Yale Divinity School and was selected for the two-year Wheelock Residency at the Church of Christ at Dartmouth College where he practiced hospital, campus, and parish ministry. During this residency, he served as the Protestant Chaplain at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Hanover, New Hampshire.

He was ordained deacon and elder in the North Indiana Conference. After serving a two-point charge in LaPorte, Indiana, Hopkins was appointed in 1976 as Wesley Foundation Director at Ball State University.

In 1983 he became Director of the Council on Ministries in North Indiana and, in 1989 was appointed in South Indiana as Senior Pastor at The Methodist Temple in Evansville.

He was elected to the episcopacy in July 1996 at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference and assigned to the Minnesota Area for eight years. In September 2004, Bishop Hopkins was assigned to the Ohio East Area until retirement in 2016. Bishop Hopkins was appointed by the Council of Bishops from 2004-2012 to serve as the first Chair of the Connectional Table which provides a forum for the understanding and implementation of the vision, mission, and ministries of the global church. During this time, Hopkins helped lead The Call to Action effort focused on increasing vital congregations around the world. He has served on the Executive Committee of the Council of Bishops, the United Methodist Publishing House Board, the General Board of Church and Society, the General Council on Ministries and the Committee for the Advance for Christ and His Church. Bishop Hopkins was instrumental in the formation of Operation Classroom in Sierra Leone and Liberia. His mission travel has included Angola, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Korea, China, Japan, Mexico, Bulgaria, Germany, the Philippines, and Vietnam. Currently, he serves on the board of Educational Opportunities, Inc. that provides scholarships for clergy to study in the Holy Land.

Bishop Hopkins and Elaine live in Indianapolis. They have three sons and seven grandchildren. Bishop Hopkins enjoys exercise, technology, kite flying, music, and guitar jams.

Guest Preacher



Bishop Tracy S. Malone was assigned to the East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church effective September 1, 2016. She also is currently the president of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, the secretary of the Council of Bishops, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Africa University. Malone is the daughter of the late Rev. Willie and the late April Smith. She grew up in The United Methodist Church and accepted her call to ministry at the early age of 13.

During her ministry, she has pastored several churches in the Northern Illinois Conference, represented that conference at four General and Jurisdictional Conferences, served as a district superintendent and dean of the Cabinet. Malone received a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies and Sociology, with a minor in Computer Science, from North Central College in Naperville, Illinois.

She holds a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, where she was selected a Crusade Scholar, a Maceo D. Pembroke Scholar, and a Bishop Edsel A. Ammons Scholar. She earned her Doctorate of Ministry from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Malone received the Distinguished Leadership Award from Chicago Black Methodists for Church Renewal in 2007, and was the recipient of North Central College's 2013 Outstanding Alumni Award. She received the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and in 2018 received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from United Theological Seminary.

She and her husband Derrick are the parents of two daughters.

A Service of Commissioning and Ordination

Friday, October 1, 6:00 p.m.

You are welcome to stand at the times in the service when individuals are commissioned and ordained. As we stand where we are in silent, prayerful support, we embody the Church in affirming the work of the Holy Spirit in these persons.

Prelude Music “Whate’re God May Ordains is Right” – J.L. Krebs
“Fugue in G Major”, BWV 550: I. Prelude – Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome Bishop John L. Hopkins

Greeting and Prayer

Bishop The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

People **And also with you!**

Bishop We come together to praise God, to hear the Holy Word, and to seek for ourselves and others the power, presence, and direction of the Holy Spirit.
Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit you gave to your apostles many excellent gifts. Give your grace to all servants of your church, that we may with diligence and faithfulness fulfill our various ministries. Grant that we your people may follow where you lead, perfect our ministries, and live in joyful obedience to your will, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Recognition of Our Common Ministry

Bishop Ministry is the work of God, done by the people of God. Through baptism all Christians are made part of the priesthood of all believers, the church, Christ’s body, made visible in the world. We all share in Christ’s ministry of love and service for the redemption of the human family and the whole of creation.

As the Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, and spoke to Jesus at the River Jordan, so now may this same Spirit speak to us, renewing within us the power to express the mind and mission of Christ through our common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship.

Therefore, in celebration of our common ministry,
I call upon all God’s people gathered here and at home:

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

People **We remember our baptism and affirm our common ministry.**

Presentation of Persons to Be Commissioned and Ordained

Lay Leader On behalf of the laity of local congregations who have examined and approved these candidates,

BOOM Chair ... and on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry, we have examined these candidates according to the standards of our Discipline and this annual conference of The United Methodist Church. We present them with our prayers and support.

Deacon Registrar We present this person to be commissioned for the work of a deacon,
Tura Jovan Foster Gillespie

Elders Registrar We present these persons to be commissioned for the work of an elder,
Elizabeth M. Rutherford
JiEun Mori Siegel

Deacon Registrar We present these persons to be ordained deacon,
Elizabeth Lauren Evans
Christine Voreis Hides
Grant Tyler Swanson

Elders Registrar We present these persons to be ordained as elders:
Hope Mary Chernich
Juyeon Jeon
Violet Jean Johnicker
Sun-Ah Kang

Bishop These persons are by God's grace
to be ordained and commissioned for set apart ministry
in Christ's Holy Church.
Those authorized by the Church to inquire about them
have discerned that they are persons
of sound learning and of Christian character,
possess the necessary signs of God's grace,
and have demonstrated a profound commitment to serve Jesus Christ.
Therefore, they believe them to be duly called to serve God.

On behalf of the people of God, I ask the cabinet, lay leader, BOOM representatives, sponsors
and any others in the sanctuary: to declare your assent to the ordination and commissioning
of these persons.

Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace,
to be ordained and commissioned?

People We do! Thanks be to God!

Bishop Will you uphold them in their ministry?

People With God's help, we will.

The General Examination

Bishop My siblings in Christ,
you have been called
to be ordained or commissioned in set apart ministry.
The church now confirms your calling.

As ordained or commissioned members,
you are to be coworkers with all the people of God:
With laity, bishops, elders, deacons, local pastors,
provisional members, diaconal ministers,
deaconesses, home missionaries, supply pastors,
with all who serve God in the Church.

Remember you are called
to serve rather than to be served,
to proclaim the faith of the church and no other,
to look after the concerns of God above all.

So we may know you believe yourselves
to be called by God
and that you profess the Christian faith,
we ask you:

Do you believe that God has called you
to the life and work of ordained or licensed ministry?

Response I do so believe.

Bishop Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Response I do so believe and confess.

Bishop Are you persuaded
that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments
contain all things necessary for salvation
through faith in Jesus Christ
and are the unique and authoritative standard
for the church's faith and life?

Response I am so persuaded, by God's grace.

Bishop Will you be faithful in prayer,
in the study of the Holy Scriptures,
and with the help of the Holy Spirit
continually rekindle the gift of God that is in you?

Response I will, with the help of God.

Bishop Will you do your best to pattern your life
in accordance with the teachings of Christ?

Response I will, with the help of God.

Bishop Will you, in the exercise of your ministry,
lead the people of God
to faith in Jesus Christ,
to participate in the life and work of the community, and
to seek peace, justice, and freedom for all people?

Response I will, with the help of God.

Bishop Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church,
accepting and upholding its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline,
defending it against all doctrines contrary to God's Holy Word,
and committing yourself to be accountable with those serving with you,
and to the bishop and those who are appointed to supervise your ministry?

Response I will, with the help of God.

Bishop Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission,
covenant to participate in the life of the order
into which you are ordained or commissioned?
Will you give yourself to God through the order
in order to sustain and build each other up
in prayer, study, worship and service
under the rule of life set forth in the vows you take this day?

Response I will, with the help of God.

Bishop May God, who has given you the will to do these things,
give you grace to perform them,
that the work begun in you may be brought to perfection.

Amen.

The Examination of Persons Being Commissioned

Bishop

By affirming the covenant of baptism,
all members of Christ's holy church pledge
to serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Christ gave all of us this command:

"Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest."

We have asked, and the Lord has answered.

These followers of Christ know our Savior's concern for God's people,
see the plentiful harvest, and are ready to respond generously to the Lord
in the words of the prophet: "Here I am; send me."

Urged on by the love of Christ and strengthened by the Holy Spirit,
they now come to declare in public their desire to live out the covenant made
at their baptism by binding themselves to the service of God
under the supervision of the bishop and the guidance of colleagues
in full connection and by being appointed to share as servant leaders
in the body of Christ.

Today we commission them to service
as they continue to prepare for ordained ministry among us.

The Prayer of Commissioning with the Laying on of Hands

Bishop

God of the apostles and prophets, of the martyrs and teachers,
you raise up people to be apostolic leaders in your church.
By your Holy Spirit, help these, your servants,
to understand and live the mystery of your love with boldness and joy.
Deepen their sense of purpose as they exercise commissioned ministry.
Empower them, and those who will walk with them to guide their ministry,
together with all of your people,
to heal the sick,
love the outcast,
resist evil,
preach the Word,
and give themselves freely for your name's sake.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon

Send him/her now to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,
to announce the reign of God,
and to equip the church for ministry,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People

Amen.

Welcoming Those Commissioned

Bishop I present to you these newly commissioned members of the Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church!

Anthem Credo (Gospel Mass) – Robert Ray
The Virtual Choir Project, coordinated and directed by Rev. Cynthia A. Willson, Executive Director of Worship Resources and Director of Liturgical Resources at Discipleship Ministries

The Word Proclaimed

Lay Leader Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-14 CEB

Because of this, I'm reminding you to revive God's gift that is in you through the laying on of my hands. God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled. So don't be ashamed of the testimony about the Lord or of me, his prisoner. Instead, share the suffering for the good news, depending on God's power. God is the one who saved and called us with a holy calling. This wasn't based on what we have done, but it was based on his own purpose and grace that he gave us in Christ Jesus before time began. Now his grace is revealed through the appearance of our savior, Christ Jesus. He destroyed death and brought life and immortality into clear focus through the good news. I was appointed a messenger, apostle, and teacher of this good news. This is also why I'm suffering the way I do, but I'm not ashamed. I know the one in whom I've placed my trust. I'm convinced that God is powerful enough to protect what he has placed in my trust until that day. Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you heard from me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Protect this good thing that has been placed in your trust through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Shepherding with Power, Promise and Purpose"

Bishop Tracy S Malone

Our Response

Invitation to Offering: Order of Deacons Chair

The offerings given today will support the ongoing work of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, through whose work candidates for ministry are recruited, empowered, and sent to serve on behalf of our conference locally and around the world.

Prayer for the Offering: Order of Elders Chair

Offertory: "The Church is One Foundation"

The Historic Questions

Bishop As United Methodists, we are a people who journey together. Our baptism binds us together by both our common faith and diverse experiences. Together we walk in faith toward a world which is fully transformed by God's love.

Throughout our history, when we have gathered together to set people apart for the work of ministry as elder, and more recently as deacon, we have reminded ourselves of this shared ministry by asking the historic questions which John Wesley asked of all his preachers. And so today, we celebrate these which bind us together across time and tradition as we ask these who stand before us now:

Have you faith in Christ?

People **Yes, by the grace of God.**

Bishop Are you going on to perfection? And do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life and are you earnestly striving after it?

People **Yes, by the grace of God.**

Bishop Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and God's work?

People **Yes!**

Bishop Do you know the General Rules of our Church, and will you keep them?

People **Yes, with God's help.**

Bishop Have you studied the doctrines of The United Methodist Church and, after full examination, do you believe that they are in harmony with the Holy Scriptures? Will you preach and maintain them throughout your ministry?

People **Yes!**

Bishop Have you studied our form of Church discipline and polity? Do you approve them, and promise to support and maintain them?

People **Yes, by and with the grace of God!**

Bishop Will you diligently instruct the children in every place? Will you visit from house to house, and recommend fasting or abstinence, both by precept and example?

People **Yes!**

Bishop	Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God?
People	Yes, by the grace of God!
Bishop	Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in your work?
People	No.
Bishop	Will you observe the following directions? Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed. Never trifle away time; neither spent any more time at any one place that is strictly necessary. Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time. And do not mend our rules, but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience sake.
People	<p>With God’s grace active in our lives and ministry, we commit ourselves to this way of life, walking with one another toward the Kin-dom of God which we are called to create.</p> <p>Celebrating the common ministry—the Oneness of God which permeates us all—in which we share, I ask those gathered here, will you re-commit yourself to the beauty and struggle, the mess and wonder of the life which we share together? Will you walk, will you run, will you work together in your words and actions, in your hopes and dreams, to be a people who transform the world through your doing and being?</p>
People	<p>With the grace of God to guide us, we covenant together now to walk with those whom God has called, a people who travel together in unity and diversity, with love and humility, toward the Kin-dom of God. We recommit our prayers for and with one another, to be quick to forgive and slow to condemn, as we walk together in faith.</p>

Examination of Deacon and Elders

Bishop A deacon
is called to share in Christ's ministry of servanthood,
to relate the life of the community to its service in the world,
to lead others into Christian discipleship,
to nurture disciples for witness and service,
to lead in worship,
to teach and proclaim God's Word,
to assist elders and appointed local pastors at Holy Baptism and Holy Communion,
to interpret to the church the world's hurts and hopes,
to serve all people, particularly the poor, the sick, and the oppressed,
and to lead Christ's people in ministries of compassion and justice,
liberation and reconciliation,
especially in the face of hardship and personal sacrifice.

This is the rule of life and work of a deacon.

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of a deacon?

Response I do so believe.

Bishop Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission,
covenant to participate in the order of deacons?
Will you give yourself to God through the order of deacons,
in order to sustain and build each other up
in prayer, study, worship, and service?

Response I will, with the help of God, and the help of my siblings in the order of deacons.

Bishop An elder
is called to share in the ministry of Christ
and of the whole church:
to preach and teach the Word of God
and faithfully administer
the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion;
to lead the people of God in worship and prayer;
to lead persons to faith in Jesus Christ;
to exercise pastoral supervision,
to order the life of the congregation and the connection,
to counsel the troubled, and declare the forgiveness of sin;
to lead the people of God
in obedience to Christ's mission in the world;
to seek justice, peace, and freedom for all people;
and to take a responsible place in the government of the Church
and in service in and to the community.

Bishop This is the rule of life and work of an elder.
Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of an elder?

Response I do so believe.

Bishop Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission,
covenant to participate in the order of elders?
Will you give yourself to God through the order of elders,
in order to sustain and build each other up
in prayer, study, worship, and service?

Response I will, with the help of God, and the help of my siblings in the order of elders.

Laying on of Hands and Prayer for the Ordinands

Bishop As these persons are ordained by the church for the office and work of deacon or elder
to which we believe they have been called by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for them.

We thank you, Living God, that in your great love you sent Jesus Christ
to take the form of a servant. You have taught us, by his word and example,
that whoever would be great among us must be servant of all.

We thank you that Christ, our light, overcame death, and that the Spirit of God shines on
through us, having given abundant gifts to your people,
making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,
to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up Christ's body,
and to fulfill your gracious purpose in the world.

Give to these your servants the grace and power they need to serve you in this ministry. Amen.

Laying on of Hands

Almighty God, pour upon (Name) the Holy Spirit,
for the office and work of a deacon in Christ's holy church.

People Amen.

Laying on of Hands and Prayer for the Ordinands (continued)

Bishop (Name), take authority as a deacon
to proclaim the Word of God
and to lead God's people
in ministries of compassion and justice;
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Bishop Almighty God, pour upon (Name) the Holy Spirit,
for the office and work of an elder in Christ's holy church.

People **Amen.**

Bishop (Name), take authority as an elder
to proclaim the Word of God,
and to lead God's people to serve the world;
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Presentation of New Deacons and Elders to the Church

Bishop I present to you these newly ordained deacon and elders in the Northern Illinois Conference of
The United Methodist Church!

Music "Hallelujah Chorus" – George Frederic Handel
St. Mark UMC Chancel Choir and South Suburban Korean UMC Choir
from 2011 Northern Illinois Annual Conference

Sending Forth

Blessing and Benediction

Bishop	The grace of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all always.
Ordained Deacon	Go in peace to love and serve God and your neighbors in all that you do!
People	We are sent in Christ's name. Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music "Joshua Fit the Battle" – Negro Spiritual
*you may be seated

Participants

Bishop John L. Hopkins, Presiding Bishop, Chicago Episcopal Area
Bishop Tracy S. Malone, Presiding Bishop, East Ohio Area
Arlene Christopherson, Assistant to the Bishop/Director of Connectional Ministries
Connie Augsburg, Conference Co-Lay Leader
Mark Manzi, Conference Co-Lay Leader
Eugene Williams, Conference Co-Lay Leader
Brittany Isaac, Superintendent, Lake North
Jacques Conway, Superintendent, Lake South
Jeffrey Bross, Superintendent, Prairie Central
Fabiola Grandon-Mayer, Superintendent, Prairie North
Brian Gilbert, Superintendent, Prairie South
Martin Lee, Director of Congregational Development and Redevelopment
Mark Meyers, Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry
Lynn Mikels, Deacon's Registrar, Board of Ordained Ministry
Mary Gay McKinney, Elder's Registrar, Board of Ordained Ministry
Paul Lee, Order of Elders Chair
Adrienne Stricker, Order of Deacons Chair

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