

# Memorial Service

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

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# Prelude

## Gathering Words



# Singing Together - *Only Grace*

Things are broken here.

Things are shared.

Things are carried here.

Hearts bow in prayer.

*Chorus:* It is grace, only grace  
That brings us here  
Holds us together here.

It is grace, only grace  
That brings us here  
Holds us all together here.  
All together here.

Things are dying here.  
Things are torn.  
Things are growing here,  
and burdens borne.

*Chorus:* It is grace, only grace  
That brings us here  
Holds us together here.

It is grace, only grace  
That brings us here  
Holds us all together here.  
All together here.

*Bridge:*

Amazing grace, hear the sound.

Here is where hope is found.

(sing 3xs)

*Chorus:* It is grace, only grace  
That brings us here  
Holds us together here.

It is grace, only grace  
That brings us here  
Holds us all together here.  
All together here.

# Greeting and Prayer

**Bishop:**      The Lord be with you.

**People:**      And also with you.

Let us pray...

# Like a Tapestry Being Woven Together

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**Singing Together:**  
***For the Faithful Who Have Answered***  
***Tune: Beach Spring***

**For the faithful who have answered  
when they heard your call to serve,  
for the many ways you led them,  
testing will and stretching nerve,**

**for their work and for their witness  
as they strove against the odds,  
for their courage and obedience  
we give thanks and praise, O God.**

**For this cloud of faithful witness,  
for the common life we share,  
for the work of peace and justice,  
for the gospel that we bear,**

**for the vision that our homeland  
is your love—deep, high, and broad—  
for the different roads we travel  
we give thanks and praise, O God.**

# Prophets of a Future not our Own

A responsive reflection on the martyrdom of Oscar A. Romero,  
Archbishop of San Salvador, El Salvador

One: It helps, now and then, to step back  
and take a long view.  
The kingdom is not only beyond  
our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

**All:        We accomplish in our lifetime  
only a tiny fraction of the  
magnificent enterprise that is  
God's work. Nothing we do  
is complete, which is a way of  
saying that the Kingdom always  
lies beyond us.**

One: No statement says all that could be said.  
No prayer fully expresses our faith.  
No confession brings perfection.  
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.  
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

**All:        We plant the seeds that one day  
will grow. We water seeds already  
planted, knowing that they hold  
future promise.  
We lay foundations that will need  
further development.**



**All:        We provide yeast that produces far  
beyond our capabilities. We cannot  
do everything, and there is a sense  
of liberation in realizing that.**

**This enables us to do something,  
and to do it very well.**

One: It may be incomplete,  
but it is a beginning, a step along the way,  
An opportunity for the Lord's grace  
to enter and do the rest.

**All:        We may never see the end results,  
but that is the difference between  
the master builder and the worker.**

**We are workers, not master builders;  
ministers, not messiahs.**

**We are prophets of a future not our own.**

# Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43: 1-2, 18-19

*In Spanish and English*

# Sermon

## *She Wept* Bishop John Schol

# Singing Together: *Beautiful Things*

All this pain

I wonder if I'll ever find my way

I wonder if my life could really change,  
at all

**All this earth**

**Could all that is lost ever be found?**

**Could a garden come out from this  
ground, at all?**

**You make beautiful things**  
**You make beautiful things out of the dust**  
**You make beautiful things**  
**You make beautiful things out of us.**  
*(repeat)*



**All around,  
Hope is springing up from this old ground  
Out of chaos life is being found, in you**

**You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us.**  
*(repeat)*

*Chant:* You make me new,  
You are making me new

You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us.  
*(repeat)*

# Act of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

*Many of those who have touched our lives  
and who have died this year will be named.  
As their names are being called, we invite  
you to reflect and remember and give  
thanks to God.*

*Friends or family of each person honored today have brought a piece of fabric that tells a bit of their loved one's story. They will bring them forward and place them on the loom as we give thanks for how their lives have contributed to God's vision for the world.*

# 50-year Remembrance: Rev. Bruce and Eugenia Johnson



# Active Clergy

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**Carol M. Madalin – December 21, 2018**

# Retired Clergy



**Alan Anderson – September 3, 2018**



**Kathleen Brinkmeier – February 23, 2019**



**Philip Henry Burke Jr. – December 23, 2018**



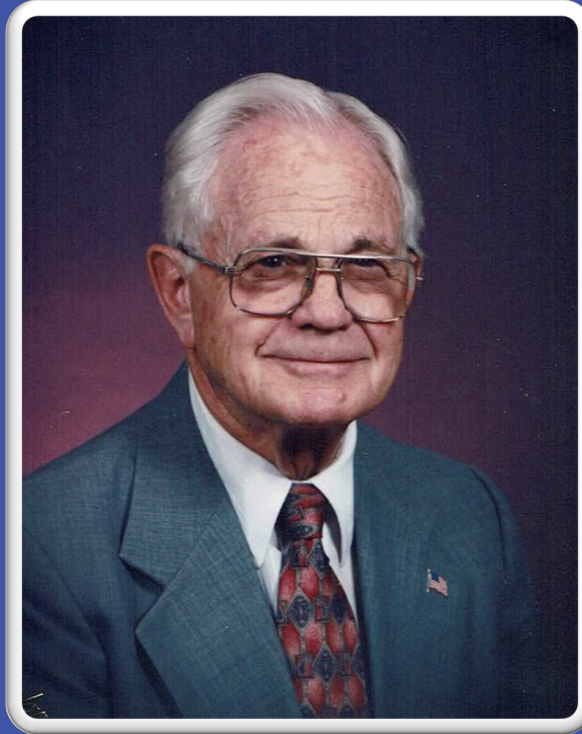
## Russell Coats – September 11, 2018





**Evans E. Crawford Jr. – February 16, 2019**





**Wm. Gehl Devore – February 5, 2019**



**Lowell William Eckberg – January 30, 2019**



# Mary Willis Mayes – October 30, 2018



**Kwame John R. Porter – April 8, 2019**



**Frederick L. Rickleff – October 21, 2018**



**David E. Scott – January 19, 2019**





# Leonard Lloyd Sukut – August 5, 2018

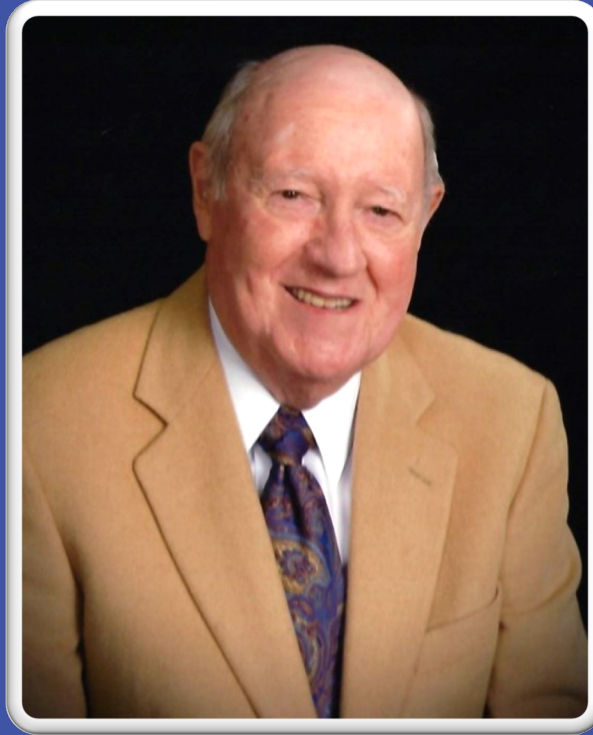


**Richard D. Tholin – March 12, 2019**





**Robert L. Vaughn – December 16, 2018**



**William R. Wentworth – June 5, 2018**

# Surviving Spouses



**Marna Carney – February 11, 2019**



**Dorothy M. Combs – July 15, 2018**



**Nancy Ness Esty – February 23, 2019**



**Mary Betty Holland – March 17, 2019**





**Molly Holtsford – May 2, 2019**



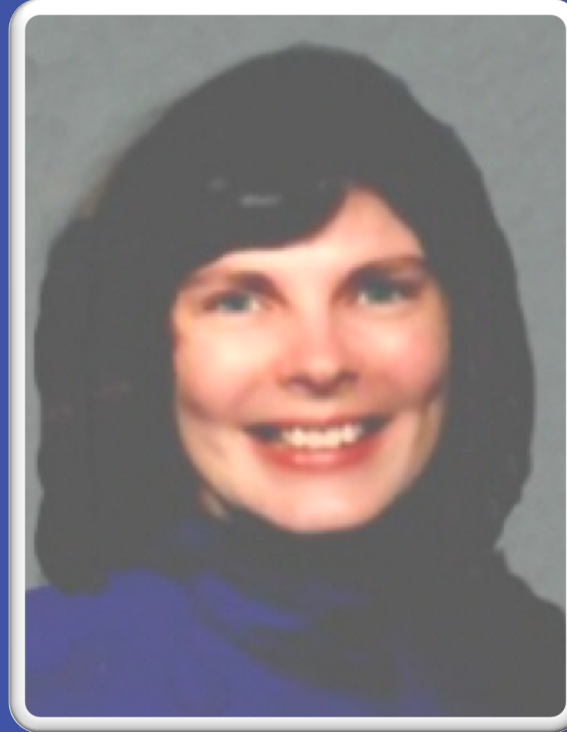


**Ida M. Wells – March 3, 2019**

# Spouses of Retired Clergy



**Vida J. Furnish – December 9, 2018**



**Carol Lynn Kingery – May 13, 2019**

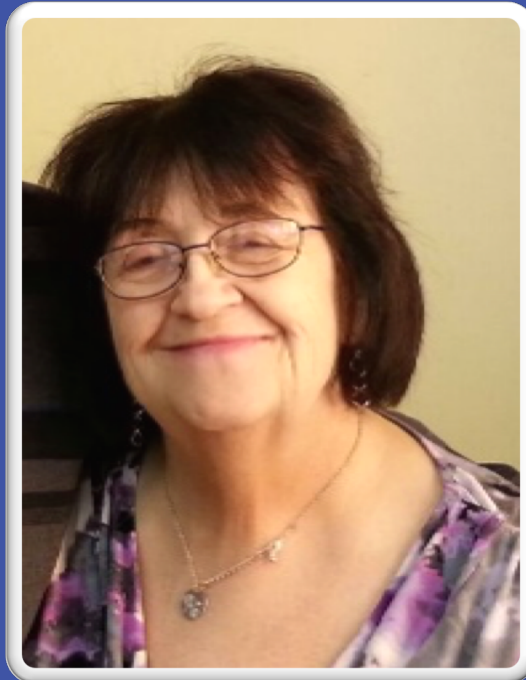


**Joseph C. Klimson – June 4, 2018**

# Lay Members of the Conference

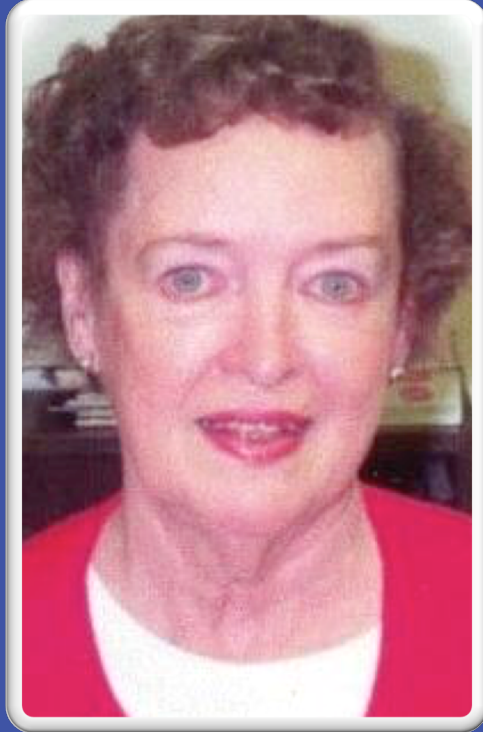


**Miriam Lois Lehman – May 28, 2018**



**Dorothy Evelyn Jones – October 28, 2018**





**Emma Jean Pritchett – October 11, 2018**



**Maurine Sheppard – December 2, 2018**



**Dr. Curtis Carl Verschoor – January 17, 2019**

# Singing Together: *Ubi Caritas*

Ubi Caritas et amor;  
ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

*Translation: Where there is  
charity and love, God is there.*

# Weaving our Future from our Past

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# Singing Together: *Pues Si Vivimos*

**Pues si vivimos, para Dios vivimos  
Y si morimos, para Dios morimos.  
Sea que vivamos o que muramos,  
Somos del Dios, somos del Dios.**

**When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
And when we're dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying,  
We belong to God, we belong to God.**

**'Mid times of sorrow, and in times of pain,  
When sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
Whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
We belong to God, we belong to God.**



# Benediction

# Singing Postlude: *You Are Good*

Lord you are good and your mercy  
endureth forever. (2xs)

People from every nation and tongue,  
From generation to generation.

**We worship you, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**  
**We worship you for who you are.**

**We worship you, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**  
**We worship you for who you are.**  
**You are good.**

**You are good all the time.  
All the time you are good. *(repeat)***

**People from every nation and tongue,  
From generation to generation.**

***Español: Coro***

**Te adoramos hoy, aleluya aleluya**

**Adoramos hoy eres Señor**

**Te adoramos hoy, aleluya aleluya,**

**Adoramos hoy eres Señor, eres fiel**

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**Thank you to our musicians:**

**Julian L. Fort, piano**

**Alfonzo Jones, percussion**

**Josh Griffin, bass**

**The Many: Hannah Rand, Darren Calhoun,  
Leslie Michelle, Gary Rand, and Lenora Rand**



# Liturgists

Debby Ingram, Nadia Kanhai, Mark  
Manzi and Luis Reyes

Bell ringer: Keri Rainsberger