

A SERVICE CELEBRATING THE ASSIGNMENT OF
BISHOP SUE HAUPERT-JOHNSON



TO THE NORTH GEORGIA EPISCOPAL AREA
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson is the episcopal leader of the North Georgia Conference. She was elected bishop by the 2016 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church and consecrated July 15, 2016. Her first assignment as bishop is to the North Georgia Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church and she began service in North Georgia on September 1, 2016.

A Florida native, Bishop Hauptert-Johnson is a graduate of the University of Florida (B.S. in Business Administration), University of Florida College of Law (J.D.), and Candler School of Theology at Emory University (M.Div.). She was a federal law clerk and a litigator with the Tampa law firm of Carlton, Fields before she answered her call to ministry.

After graduating summa cum laude from Candler, she was ordained a deacon in the Florida Annual Conference in 1996 and an elder in 1998. She subsequently served pastoral appointments as an associate pastor at 4,500-member First UMC, Lakeland; as pastor of a 300-member rural/suburban church, Hillsborough UMC, Tampa; and as a lead pastor of two large-membership churches, First UMC, Cape Coral, and First UMC, Ocala. Bishop Hauptert-Johnson served as the North Central District Superintendent of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church from 2013-2016.

Bishop Hauptert-Johnson is married to The Rev. Allen Johnson. They have a daughter, Samantha.



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Sunday, September 18, 2016

4 o'clock

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

- Praise Him* Donnie Harper
(Twentieth Century)
- Bless the Lord, O my soul* Andrae Crouch
(1943-2015)
- We've come this far by faith* Albert Goodson
(B. 1933)
- I will trust in the Lord* Traditional
- Give us this day* Edwin Hawkins
(b. 1943)

Mass Choir of Cascade United Methodist Church

CHORAL INTROIT

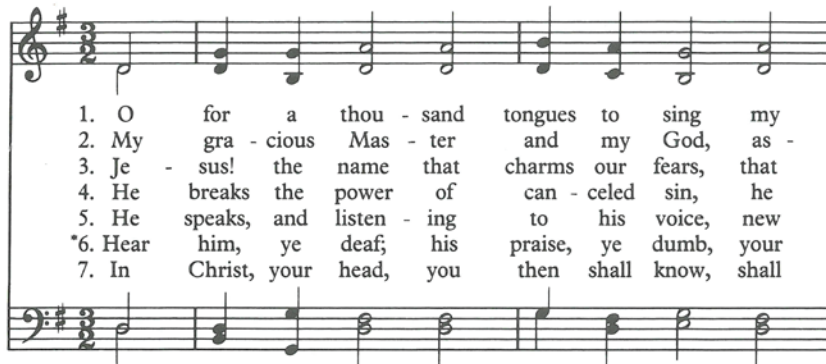
- O taste and see*..... Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in Him.

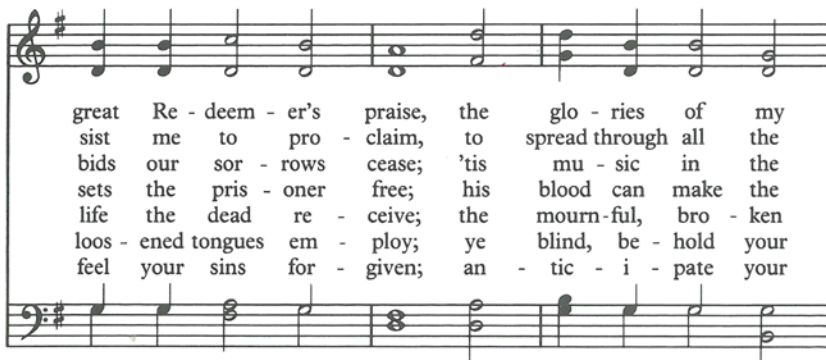
The Georgia Boy Choir

The People stand at the first note of the introduction and join the Choir in the following hymn.

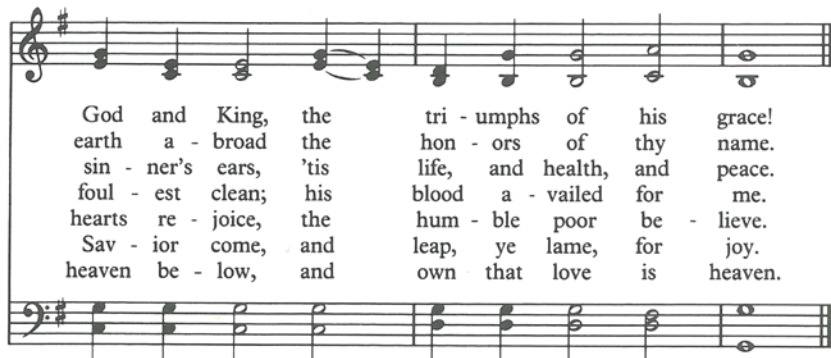
AT THE PROCESSION, Hymn Azmon



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that
4. He breaks the power of can - celed sin, he
5. He speaks, and listen - ing to his voice, new
6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall



great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - oner free; his blood can make the
life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful, bro - ken
loos - ened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold your
feel your sins for - given; an - tic - i - pate your



God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
foul - est clean; his blood a - vailed for me.
hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
Sav - ior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
heaven be - low, and own that love is heaven.

Charles Wesley, 1739

GREETING

The Reverends Will and Blair Zant

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

The People sit.

WELCOME

Dr. Bill Britt

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Dr. Bernice Kirkland

PRAYER

Dr. Jan Love

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, by your grace you have set us together in your Church,
whose foundation is your Son Jesus Christ.
Grant your continuing grace, we pray,
to all who exercise leadership in your Church,
that they may with diligence and faithfulness
fulfill their various ministries;
and grant that we your people may follow them where you lead
and minister faithfully in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE ANTHEM

Esto les digo..... Kinley Lange
(b. 1950)

Esto les digo, si dos de ustedes se ponen de acuerdo aquí en la tierra para pedir algo en oración, mi Padre que está en el cielo se lo dará. Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos.

Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

Matthew 18:19-20

The Candler Singers of Candler School of Theology

The People stand.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Reverends Dorcas and Joel Rodriguez

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Rachel Fullerton

The LORD God proclaims: I myself will search for my flock and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out the flock when some in the flock have been scattered, so will I seek out my flock. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered during the time of clouds and thick darkness. I will gather and lead them out from the countries and peoples, and I will bring them to their own fertile land. I will feed them on Israel's highlands, along the riverbeds, and in all the inhabited places. I will feed them in good pasture, and their sheepfold will be there, on Israel's lofty highlands. On Israel's highlands, they will lie down in a secure fold and feed on green pastures. I myself will feed my flock and make them lie down. This is what the LORD God says. I will seek out the lost, bring back the strays, bind up the wounded, and strengthen the weak. But the fat and the strong I will destroy, because I will tend my sheep with justice.

Ezekiel 34:11 –16

†following the reading:

Minister The Word of God for the people of God.

People Thanks be to God!

The People remain seated as the Psalm of the day is read and sung.

PSALM 100

The Rev. Herzen Andone



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

R

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

We are the Lord's;

We are the people of God,

The sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

And God's courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless God's name!

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures for ever;

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

The Rev. Carolyn Stephens

Let us confess our sins before God.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Dr. Albert D. Mosley

This is because supervisors should be without fault as God's managers: they shouldn't be stubborn, irritable, addicted to alcohol, a bully, or greedy. Instead, they should show hospitality, love what is good, and be reasonable, ethical, godly, and self-controlled. They must pay attention to the reliable message as it has been taught to them so that they can encourage people with healthy instruction and refute those who speak against it.

Titus 1:7–9

†following the reading:

Minister

The Word of God for the people of God.

People

Thanks be to God!

The People stand at the first note of the introduction and join the Choir in the following hymn.

AT THE GOSPEL PROCESSION, Hymn Nettleton

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to
2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -
sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,
strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,
call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm
stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O
fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Robert Robinson, 1758

All remain standing as the Cantor intones the Gospel Citation
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

ALLELUIA (*The People sing Alleluia with the Choir*).....*Tone VI*

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.



THE GOSPEL LESSON

Dr. Bernice Kirkland

When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” Jesus asked a second time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep.” He asked a third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, “Do you love me?” He replied, “Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

John 21:15-17

After the Gospel, the Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Then the *Alleluia* is repeated.

The People sit.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BISHOP

The Rev. Jane Brooks

Dr. Jim Cantrell to Bishop:

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson,
you have been consecrated to be a shepherd and servant,
and you have now been assigned
as bishop of the North Georgia Area of The United Methodist Church.

Dr. Cantrell to the North Georgia Conference representatives of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy:

Who will present Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson for welcome to this area?

Mathew Pinson and Dr. Phil Schroeder:

We, the North Georgia Conference representatives
of the 2016 Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy,
do certify that Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson
was duly elected a bishop of The United Methodist Church
at the 2016 Jurisdictional Conference, and has been assigned
by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy
to the North Georgia Area.

We, therefore, present to this congregation Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson to be welcomed to the area to which she has been assigned.

THE COVENANT SERVICE

Leaders: Mathew Pinson, Bill Martin, Delores Carhee, Dr. Phil Schroeder, Jane Finley

The Church is the community of those called by God,
justified by grace, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.
We who are baptized into Christ's death
and raised with Christ in the resurrection
are living members of the body of Christ
who return thanksgiving to God
in ministries of worship, nurture, witness, and service.

A bishop has been ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament;
and to represent Christ's servanthood
in a special ministry of oversight.

A bishop is called to guard the faith, to seek the unity,
and to exercise the discipline of the whole Church;
and to supervise and support the Church's life, work,
and mission throughout the world.

As a servant of the whole Church,
the bishop is called to preach and teach
the truth of the gospel to all God's people;
to lead the people in worship,
in the celebration of the Sacraments,
and in their mission of witness and service in the world,
and so participate in the gospel command
to make disciples of all nations.

The bishop is to lead and guide
all persons entrusted to her supervision;
join in the consecration of bishops,
ordain deacons and elders,
and commission other ministers
for service to the Church and to the world;
and provide for the ministry of Word and Sacrament
in the congregations committed to her care.

Let the shepherd who has been called
now affirm these ministries in our midst.

Bishop:

With God's help,
I promise faithfully to hear and to proclaim God's Word,
and rightly administer the Sacraments, as your pastor and servant.

People:

**With God's help,
we promise to join with you in the life of praise and thanksgiving,
and in the faithful use of the means of grace that God has given us.**

Bishop:

By the grace of Christ,
I promise to be among you as a teacher of the faith,
a pastor of souls, and a means to the unity of the body of Christ.

People:

**By the grace of Christ,
we promise to join with you in the life of learning,
in the nurturing of God's people,
and in the seeking of that oneness in Christ
which is Christ's gift to us.**

Bishop:

In the power of the Holy Spirit,
I promise to be for you a means of reconciliation and healing,
that all those who are burdened or oppressed may be made whole
and able to rejoice in the new life in Jesus Christ.

People:

**In the power of the Holy Spirit,
we promise to be, with you, faithful witnesses,
serving justice, showing mercy,
and in all things proclaiming the acceptable year of the Lord.**

Leader:

Let the people say, "Amen."

People:

Amen and amen!

PRESENTATION OF SIGNS OF EPISCOPAL MINISTRY

Dr. David Naglee

Representatives of the people of God present signs of the episcopal office to the bishop.

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, take this pastoral staff,
and be upheld and sustained by Christ the Good Shepherd
as you exercise the ministry of a shepherd among us in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, take this Bible,
and proclaim fearlessly the prophetic Word
in the cause of justice and peace for all people. **Amen.**

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, take this water,
be renewed in your baptism and renew us in ours. **Amen.**

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, take this bread and cup,
and keep us in communion with Christ and his Church. **Amen.**

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, take this towel and basin,
and be among us as one who serves. **Amen.**

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, take this stole,
and be our pastor, preacher, and teacher;
encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries,
and pray for them without ceasing. **Amen.**

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, take this Book of Discipline,
guard the faith, seek the unity,
exercise the discipline of the whole Church,
and supervise the Church's life, work,
and mission throughout the world. **Amen.**

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, take this gavel,
and preside in our Annual Conference;
appoint pastors and deacons to their ministries,
and guide us in our common mission of love and justice,
witness and service. **Amen.**

Bill Martin:

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, these are the signs of your ministry
among the people of the North Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church.
Faithfully administer discipline, but do not forget mercy,
that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear,
you may receive the never-fading crown of glory.

Bishop:

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church,
I gladly assume, with you and among you,
this ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Order,
of pastoral supervision, government, and service.
Strengthened by the love of God
and the remembrance of my consecration to the episcopacy,
I am resolved to serve faithfully and well
the congregations and people of the North Georgia Conference
as bishop, pastor, and friend.

People:

**On behalf of the congregations and people,
we receive you, Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson,
with joy and thanksgiving, as our bishop and pastor.
We pledge to you our prayers, our loyalty, and our support
as you lead us in the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us all.**

WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

The Rev. Jane Brooks: Let us welcome our bishop!

The Anthem

Total praise Richard Smallwood
(b. 1948)

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills knowing my help is coming from you. Your peace you give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength. You are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to you. Amen.

Mass Choir of Cascade United Methodist Church

The People stand.

THE LESSON

Luke 15:1-32

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

The People sit.

SERMON

Search Party, Found Party, Party, Party

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

Leader and People

PRAYER

Ariel Murphy

**O God, Shepherd and Ruler of the faithful,
look with favor on your servant Sue Hauptert-Johnson,
whom your Church has appointed bishop
and chief pastor of the North Georgia Conference.
Grant that, by word and example,
she may assist those among whom she is placed,
so that she and the people entrusted to her care
may fulfill the promises that they have made this day;
grow together in unity, love, and service;
and at last attain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

AT THE OFFERTORY

The Rev. Hyo Kim

After the Minister begins the Offertory with a prayer, the Choir sings the anthem.

The offering today is collected to support the efforts of UMCOR for the Louisiana flood relief. Please make checks payable to PRUMC and reference “UMCOR” or “LA Flood Relief” in the memo portion. If giving cash, note your name, address and email on the cash envelope in the pew pocket to receive a statement for tax purposes. You may also donate via credit card by completing the donation form found in the pew pocket, or visit us online at www.prumc.org.

The Anthem

I was glad when they said unto me..... C. Hubert H. Parry
(1843-1918)

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Psalm 122: 1-3,6,7

The Chancel Choir of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church
Georgia Boy Choir

The People stand and sing the following hymn while the offerings are presented.

Doxology with Alleluias.....Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

-Thomas Ken, 1674, with alleluias

The People remain standing.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus *

mf

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav'n___ and earth___ are full___ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blest is he who comes_ in the name_ of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.---

The People are seated.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you have birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All

A - men, a - men,
a - men.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'A - men, a - men,' with a fermata over the first 'men'. The second staff continues with 'a - men.' and ends with a double bar line.

Minister and People

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.

The Agnus Dei

2. mp

1.2. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

mf

3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: grant us peace.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major and 2/4 time. The first staff is marked '2. mp' and contains the melody for '1.2. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The second staff continues with 'sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.' and ends with a double bar line. The third staff is marked 'mf' and contains the melody for '3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff continues with 'sins of the world: grant us peace.' and ends with a double bar line.

At The Administration:

Choir Motet:

Joy to the heart

K. Lee Scott
(b. 1945)

Look there! The Christ, our Brother, come resplendent from the gallows tree and what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for you and me. Joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning! Good Jesus Christ inside his pain looked down Golgotha's stony slope and let the blood flow from his flesh to fill the springs of living hope. Good Jesus Christ, our Brother, died in darkest hurt upon the tree to offer us the worlds of light that live inside the Trinity.

John Bennett
(1920-1991)

Congregational Hymns

620

One Bread, One Body

John B. Foley, 1978

618

Let Us Break Bread Together

Afro-American Spiritual

Dr. Bill Britt and People

Prayer

**We thank you, gracious Lord, for giving yourself to us,
and for uniting us in the communion of your Holy Spirit.**

**We bless you for raising up among us
your faithful servant Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson
for the ministry of a bishop in your Church.**

**We pray that she may be to us an effective example
in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life.**

**Grant that we, with her,
may glorify you by giving ourselves to others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The People stand and join the Choir in the following hymn.

Closing Hymn Diadem

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - somed
 3. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter -
 4. O that with yon - der sa - cred thron'g We at his

pros - trate fall, Let an - gels pros - trate fall; Bring forth the
 from the fall, Ye ran - somed from the fall; Hail him who
 res - trial ball, On this ter - res - trial ball, To him all
 feet may fall, We at his feet may fall! We'll join the

roy - al di - a - dem,
 saves you by his grace, And crown
 maj - es - ty as - cribe,
 ev - er - last - ing song, And crown him, crown him,

crown him, crown him, crown him,
 crown him, crown him, crown him,
 crown

crown him, crown him, And crown him Lord of all.
 him,

Edward Perronet, 1779

BENEDICTION

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

Please remain for the response.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Marche Triomphale..... Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

Justin Maxey, *organ*
The Atlanta Brassworks

Invited Guests

Ms. Terry Barcroft, President, Wesley Woods
Ms. Becky Bocian, Director, Aldersgate Homes
Rev. Denise Bell, Regional Minister, Christian Church in Georgia
Rev. June Boutwell, Conference Minister, Southeast Conference, United Church of Christ
Dr. Linda Buchanan, President, Andrew College
Bishop Kenneth W. Carter, Sixth Episcopal District of CME Churches
Dr. Cathy Cox, President, Young Harris College
Ms. Tracy Crump, President, Foundation of Wesley Woods
Mr. C. Russell Davis, Director, North Georgia Camp and Retreat Ministries
Bishop Larry Goodpaster, Bishop in Residence, Candler School of Theology, Emory University
Bishop H. Julian Gordy, ELCA-Southeastern Synod
Mrs. Cornelius L. Henderson, surviving spouse of Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson
Dr. Douglas A. Hicks, President, Oxford College
Bishop Mildred B. Hines, South Atlantic Episcopal District, AME Zion
Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Sixth Episcopal District AME Church in Georgia
Dr. Ronald A. Johnson, President, Clark Atlanta University
Bishop L. Bevel Jones III, retired
Rev. Hal Jones, President, United Methodist Children's Home
Mr. Thomas Kemper, General Secretary, General Board of Global Ministries
President Ruth Knox, Wesleyan College
Rev. Keith Lawder, President, Georgia United Methodist Foundation
Dr. Jan Love, Dean and Professor of Christianity and World Politics, Candler School of Theology
Dr. Kina S. Mallard, President, Reinhardt University
Dr. Dan McAlexander, President, LaGrange College
Rev. Michael D. McCord, Executive Director, Georgia United Methodist
Mr. Michael Scott Merritt, President, Murphy Harpst
Rev. John R. Moeller, Jr., President, Action Ministries
Mrs. Jewell Moncure, surviving spouse of Bishop Rhymes H. Moncure, Jr.
Dr. Albert D. Mosley, President, Gammon Theological Seminary
Mrs. Thelma Newman, surviving spouse of Bishop Ernest Newman
Bishop Alfred L. Norris, retired
Mr. Keith Pritchard, President, United Methodist Connectional Federal Credit Union
Rev. Laura Rappold, Director, North Georgia Housing and Homeless Council
Dr. Claire E. Sterk, President, Emory University
Dr. Samuel Sullivan, President, Paine College
Mrs. Ruth Thomas, surviving spouse of Bishop James S. Thomas
Dr. James Wagner, Past President, Emory University
Bishop Woodie White, retired
Rev. Dr. Winston Worrell, Director, World Methodist Evangelism Institute