

COSSO SPIRITUAL FORMATION

OCTOBER 15, 2022

SATURDAY CELEBRATION OF GRADUATION & EUCHARIST

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ's name, let us worship God!

Let us go and find the One to whom the angels sing.

Let us go with those who are wise:

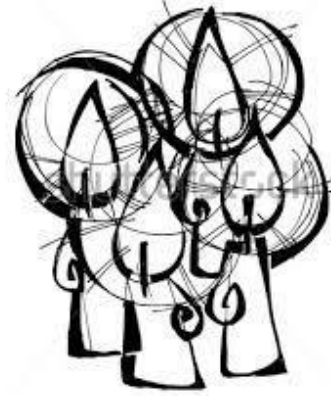
Let us go and find the One who brings God's truth.

Let us go with the poor in spirit and humbled by life:

Let us go and find the glory of God, the Light of the world.

O come, let us adore Him.

O come, let us adore Him, Christ our Lord!



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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 8:22-9:6 & John 6:53-59

REFLECTION "Drawing a Circle on the Face of the Deep, or,
the More You Know the More You Don't!"

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CELEBRATION OF GRADUATION

INTRODUCTION

ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES Rev Dr Joon-Sik Park, COSSO Director

RESPONSIVE READING:

Director: Beloved in Christ, the Church is the Body of Christ, and we are God's holy people, called by name and guided by the Holy Spirit.

All: We are received into the Church at baptism and called to proclaim the mighty acts of God in the name of Jesus Christ, and to serve him in the Church and in the world.

Director: God sent us a Savior and called the apostles to witness to his words and deeds. Through him, the Church was formed. Now God has called you into ministry with The United Methodist Church.

All: We honor this tradition and celebrate our call to ministry, as servants of the Church, as pastors, preachers, teachers, and bearers of God's word.

Director: In all things, God's grace is sufficient to strengthen you, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: By the same Spirit, God has called each of us. It is with joy and honor that we stand with these graduates, and celebrate their completion of the Course of Study.

Director: May God increase in you the gifts of grace for your life and ministry.

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Director: Who is presented for graduation from the Course of Study?

Coordinator:

Donna Fichette	(Upper New York)
Jeffrey Foor	(Western Pennsylvania)
Robert Green	(Western Pennsylvania)
Mark Harriman	(Michigan)
Scott Herald	(Michigan)
Mary Johnson	(Upper New York)
Earl LaLone	(Upper New York)
Zachary Manton	(Indiana)
Kenneth Smailes	(East Ohio)
James Szakacs	(East Ohio)
Michael Ward	(East Ohio)

Graduates present on Zoom:

Michael Desotell	(Michigan)
Charlene Mitchell	(West Ohio)
Robert Snodgrass	(Michigan)

and Thomas Waller (Michigan) are presented for graduation from the Course of Study.

Blessing

In the name of Almighty God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we celebrate your graduation from the Course of Study. We commend you to your ministry as a Local Pastor in The United Methodist Church and pledge our continued prayers.

Anointing

May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in all things you may do God's will in service to the church; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Certification

Receive this gift as a sign of your completion of the Course of Study.

LAYING ON OF HANDS *(all are invited to lift your hands as a sign of blessing)*

Coordinator: Gracious God, we thank you for calling faithful servants to be Local Pastors in your Church. We humbly place these graduates in your care. Give them courage, patience, and vision, and bless them with caring communities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Director: And now, remember your call. Preach the Good News. Shepherd the flock of Christ. And in all things, give God the glory, now and always. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that you have graduated from the Course of Study.

Those on Zoom unmute and everyone cheers with gusto.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Liturgy for the season of Advent)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The God who is coming to us, be with you!

And also with you!

Lift your hearts to the One who turns deserts into seas of grace.

We lift our hearts to God.

Beloved of God, let us lift our praises to our Lord.

We come to God's table with songs of joy.Ever-surprising God, in that first moment of all time, you formed creation out of chaos.
And beauty blossomed everywhere.

But we could not see the grace awaiting us, so we walked away.

You sent prophets to call us home, but our minds were full of other promises.

Then you sent Jesus to us to show us another way.

And so, we join all the choirs of angels to sing of your glory:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God who fills the hungry.**All creation sings of your glory.****Hosanna in the highest!****Blessed is the One who comes in your name.**Holy are you, and blessed is your child, our Savior,
who came to fill our souls with your grace.As we prepare to celebrate his birth, his life, death, and resurrection
we whisper of the mystery we call faith:**Christ died; Christ was raised; Christ will come again.**May the gift of your Spirit, of Advent's hope and peace, be poured out on these simple gifts
of the bread and the cup, and on all who come to find healing and love.*Breaking bread*

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, broke it, and said:

'This is my body, given for you.'

Lifting cup

Later he took a cup and said, 'This is the new relationship with God,

'Drink it, all of you, to remember me.'

Sharing the bread and cup

We share the heavenly feast even in our distance.

*Music for sharing (communion packets in Centrum or elements on Zoom)***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION****Eternal God, we give thanks for feeding us with your grace. Grant that we may go into
the world to share your love with others. Amen**

CLOSING HYMN **“Go Tell it on the Mountain”** **UMH 251** (no lyrics on screen)

SENDING FORTH

Go and sing the songs of the angels.
Go and tell the stories the shepherds told.
Go now and be the peace the world is waiting for,
in the name of Jesus Christ who goes with us. Amen.

Postlude Music **“Joy to the World”**

RESOURCES:

Thom M Shuman, The Soft Petals of Grace: communion liturgies. Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 2016.