

COSSO SPIRITUAL FORMATION

October 24-25, 2014

Weekend 2 Worship Schedule:

Saturday Graduation Service 11:00 am

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATION & EUCHARIST SERVICE

Prelude

PROCESSIONAL *(As the graduates process into the Centrum, you are asked to remain seated)*

Welcome

GREETING

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: The risen Christ is with us.

P: Praise the Lord.

PSALTER READING UMH 809: Psalm 90

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

****HYMN (UMH) 117 "O God Our Help in Ages Past"***

THE WORD & RESPONSE

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34-46

MESSAGE: "Sharing the Gospel, Sharing Ourselves"

Guest Preacher, Rev Tom Snyder, COSSO Faculty,

Adjunct Professor, MTSO & Ashland Theological Seminary

****HYMN (TFWS) 2243 "We All Are One In Mission"***

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATION

GREETING TO THE GRADUATES

MTSO Professor, Dr Randy Litchfield

(for COSSO Director, Rev Dr Joon-Sik Park)

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 *(materials are prepared for graduation)*

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

Coordinator: I present these candidates for graduation:

Robert Eckert, Dawn Krishart, Ronald McIlvaine, Teresa Smolka, Roger Warnes

They have completed all requirements for the Course of Study, as set by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

CERTIFICATION *(each candidate comes forward, kneels or stands for the blessing)*

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, encouragement and support.

Anointing

Rev Dr Rebeka Maples

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

Terri Litchfield

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

Presentation of Gifts

Mary Wills

Receive this gift as a token of your graduation from the Course of Study.

LAYING ON OF HANDS *(all are invited to come forward and lay hands on the graduates or touch the person near you as a sign of our unity in one body, the body of Christ)*

Prayer: Gracious God, you are the Lord of all. We humbly place these graduates in your hands. Keep them and preserve them. Give them courage, patience, and vision to be your faithful servants and worthy leaders. Bless them with caring communities as they lead your Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Let us congratulate these graduates.

ANTHEM by COSSO COMMUNITY CHOIR "You Are Mine" *(words/music by David Haas)*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Order of service for the season after Pentecost)

Rev Dr Rebeka Maples, Director of Spiritual Formation

Communion Songs:

UMH 618 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

UMH 620 "One Bread, One Body"

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN (UMH) 593 "Here I Am Lord"**

***BLESSING**

***Postlude**

(Please greet the graduates as they remain for picture taking.)

Graduation gifts are given by COSSO, purchased from Pottery Rowe, Louisville, KY.)