



UNITED WE GO

GLOBAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVOCATION
— JULY 18-22, 2018 —

A Celebration of Worship

Opening of the Global Young People's Convocation

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Indaba Hotel & Conference Center, Johannesburg, South
Africa

Opening music

*Methodist Church of South Africa Central Circuit Choir
(Selections)*

Opening reflections on GYPC event

*Rev. Mike Ratliff – Associate General Secretary,
General Board of Discipleship*

Welcome to Johannesburg & Recognition of Mandela Day

Ntsika Gqomfa, Speaker from Constitutional Hill

Opening Reading & Prayer (based on Ps. 131)

Tyler Smoot – Worship Coordinator, GYPC 2018

Leader: Living One, we are your church, and you have gathered us together from across the world. We welcome you into our worship and we welcome one another into this gathering called the Global Young People's Convocation.

All: We worship you! We are your church, united in your love!

Leader: Faithful One, we are here to wait for you. We calm and quiet ourselves. We empty our hearts of expectation. We empty our hearts of ambition and pride. We empty our hearts of endless demands.

All: We empty ourselves in worship. We are here to wait for you.

Leader: Loving One, we expect to be filled by you. We will find you in the hospitality of Johannesburg, South Africa. We will find you in conversation with brothers and sisters in our Methodist family. We will find you in shared meals, walks, and songs!

All: We expect to be filled by you! We worship you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of Christ, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.

Songs of Worship

Passing of the Peace

Led by Tyler Smoot

Leader: At this time, we invite you to pass the peace with your neighbors. Find a friend, make a new friend, and say a word of greeting. Offer a handshake or a hug. Peace be with you!

Preparation for the Word

Leader: Light of the World, 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. And all God's people say...

All: Amen.

Song of illumination

"Alleluia" (UMH 186), led by choir, a capella

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

I will praise You, I will praise You, I will praise You, I will praise You

Reading of Scripture

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NRSV)

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Sermon

Bishop Nhanala

Response to the Word – Listen and Discern (Based on 1 Sam. 3:1-10)

Led by Rev. Junius Dotson (Gen. Secretary, UMC Discipleship Ministries)

“1) What is God saying to you? 2) How will you open your heart to hear God? 3) What must you empty from your heart (confess)?”

(Time of listening and discernment, 5 minutes)

“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”

Communion

Bishop Nhanala, Rev. Junius Dotson (Gen. Secretary, UMC Discipleship Ministries)

(From the United Methodist Hymnal, pp. 6-11)

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON (from the Cathedral Church of St. George, Cape Town, South Africa)

Leader: Lord, we confess our day-to-day failure to be human.

All: Lord, we confess to you.

Lord, we confess that often we fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

All: Lord, we confess to you.

Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division.

All: Lord, we confess to you.

Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered words...

All: We have built up walls of prejudice.

Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy...

All: We have stifled generosity and left little time for others.

Holy Spirit speak to us. Help us to listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf. Come fill this moment and free us from our sin.

(Short Moment of silence)

Bishop: 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!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: 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,

Father Almighty, 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 the prophets. And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ...

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.

All: 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 Father, now and forever. Amen.

THE JESUS PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
now and for ever. Amen.**

Song of Worship during Communion

Piece performed by Choir

Prayer After Communion

Bishop: Let us pray.

**All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy
mystery in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength
of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,**

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song of Closing

Benediction

Bishop Nhanala