



UNITED WE GO

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

A Celebration of Worship

Worship Theme: United
Thursday, July 19, 2018

Opening music

Worship Team, Gracepoint Church (The Methodist Church of Southern Africa, Johannesburg)

Words of Welcome

Bishop Gary Rivas (Johannesburg District, The Methodist Church of Southern Africa)

Opening Reading & Prayer ("Great Is Our Happiness," a prayer from the Zulu people of South Africa)

Bishop Gary Rivas

Leader: Great is, O King,
Our Happiness
In thy kingdom,
Thou, our king.

**All: We dance before thee,
Our king,
By the strength
Of thy kingdom.**

Leader: May our feet
Be made strong;
Let us dance before thee,
Eternal.

**All: Give ye praise,
All angels,
To the One above
Who is worthy of praise.**

Songs of Worship

Somlandela (with Love Is Calling)

This I Believe (The Creed)

*How Great Is Our God (with Sotho chorus) + How Great
Thou Art (with Zulu chorus)*

Reading of Unity

Led by Tyler Smoot

Prayer of Unity (from the World Council of Churches, service of unity)

Leader: Let us pray:

O Christ, you prayed for your disciples that they might be one. Look in pity upon the many divisions among those who profess your name and heal the many wounds which our pride has inflicted upon your church. Spread among us the spirit of love, which will break down walls of separation. Help us to realize that, just as there is only one heavenly family, abiding in love, so on earth there may be only one community of your people, abiding in the unity of love and peace; through Jesus Christ.

All: We give you thanks, Holy One, for the life and ministry of Jesus, your Child, and for the life and ministry you have opened to us through him. As his body was broken on the cross, but was restored to wholeness again, so let your church be gathered together into one, that your reign may be known throughout the earth.

Great God, you are One, and you bring together what is scattered and mend what is broken. Unite the scattered church, that we may become one family of your children. Bind up our wounds and heal us in spirit, that we may be renewed as disciples of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend, who taught us to pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.

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

Spirit of the Living God – Vertical Worship Band

Reading of Scripture

John 14:15-17 (NRSV)

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

Sermon

Rev. Benson McGlone

Songs of Response

Gracepoint Worship Team

Dead Things to Life

Holy Spirit (You Are Welcome Here)

Response to the Word – Time of Prayer & Anointing

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

Throughout the scriptures, anointing by oil is a symbol of the power of the Holy Spirit descending upon the people of God. It symbolizes the tender mercy of God, which can heal the wounds, ailments, and brokenness in our lives. The cross of oil symbolizes the reconciliation and unity that Christ brings through the cross to his body, the church. As a response to the word, we will share in a time of anointing. Those who have been given oil, please stand. These persons are

ready to anoint your forehead with oil in the shape of a cross and offer a prayer for you. Each of us will receive this anointing one-by-one, and we ask that, as others are anointed, you maintain an attitude of prayer.

May we experience the unity of Christ, by the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Song of Worship during Response

Pieces performed by Gracepoint Worship Team

Closing Prayer of Anointing

Led by Rev. Junius Dotson (written by Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, from Ephesians 1:3-18)

Leader: Let us pray. All glorious God, we give you thanks:

All: In Jesus Christ you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

You chose us, before the world was made, to be your holy people, without fault in your sight.

You adopted us as your children in Christ.

You have set us free by the cross; you have forgiven our sins.

You have made known to us your secret purpose, to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ.

You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance.

All praise and glory be yours, O God,

For the richness of your grace,

For the splendor of your gifts,

For the wonder of your love.

Amen.

Songs of Closing

Somlandela

Benediction

Rev. Benson McGlone