



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

A Celebration of Worship

Worship Theme: "Go"
Saturday, July 21, 2018

Opening music

Central Church UMC Choir, Angola

Introduction to Worship Theme

Tyler Smoot, GYPC Worship Coordinator

Litany of Rejoicing (from Cape Town, South Africa)

*Khuliswa Thyra Mbatha Masiso, UMC layperson of
South Africa's Xhosa people*

For rebirth and resilience,

All: Blessed be God;

For the spiritually humble,

All: Glory to God, hallelujah;

For all who are hungry and thirsty for justice,

All: Praise and magnify God forever;

For all who are banned for speaking the truth,

All: Blessed be God;

For all who triumph over their bitter circumstance

All: Glory to God, hallelujah!

For all who risk reputation, livelihood and life itself for
Christ's sake and the gospel;

**All: All praise and all glory; this is God's kingdom;
praise and love God forever. Amen.**

Songs of Worship

Central Church UMC Choir, Angola

Preparation for the Word

Leader: Holy God, 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 (UMH #393) (English and
French)*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

Viens, Esprit du Dieu vivant, Sois le maître en moi

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Sondemoi, courbemoi, Brisemoi, façonne moi

Viens, Esprit du Dieu vivant, viens et règne en moi

Reading of Scripture

Joshua 1:1-9 – After the death of Moses the servant of
the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses'

assistant, saying, 2 “My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. 5 No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. 9 I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Mhone

Response to the Word

Led by Tyler Smoot

In response to the sermon today, we will have a time of prayer together. You are invited to find a prayer partner near you, or a small group of 3 or 4.

Responsive Reading – Light the Fire

Led by Derrick Scott (Participation Chair, GYPC Leadership Team)

Fire ignites the passion and power in others. It gives warmth on cold nights and clears the way for new beginnings. Together, we will reflect on God’s gift of fire, and ask for the courage to go as God’s agents of change, compelled by the Holy Spirit. Three times in this prayer we will invite someone from your table to light a candle in the center flame.

A spark is but for a moment, but in a brief moment, it can cause a painful burn or ignite a fire, even cause a candle to burn steadily. It does not have the time to linger. It flickers with certainty for a moment. Then it is gone.

A spark is like a prophet. They confront us with the truth and infect with passion. They speak with peace and justice, and it takes the side of the poor and marginalized. They energize communities, compel us to action, and transform a nation. They called him Jesus, the Messiah, and some have followed him and done the same.

All: Light of the World, let us be the spark that can ignite change in our communities. Strike a flame in

our hearts that we may speak and serve with the boldness of a prophet, of your Son.

(Light the first candle, time of silence)

Flames burn fiercely, they burst forth with heat and energy. Often uncontrollable and difficult to contain, they burn and consume everything in their path. They are a force that is difficult to deny.

On Pentecost Day, God sent the Holy Spirit, inflaming tongues and hearts. They went forth to preach the Gospel to the world, feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, providing sanctuary to strangers, clothing those who are naked, healing the sick, and comforting the captives. They called them disciples and apostles. They followed Jesus who preached the “reign of God.”

All: Light of the World, let our hearts be warmed by the flame of your Holy Spirit. Give us words and deeds that will spread the flame of your justice, your peace, your holiness.

(Light the second candle, time of silence)

Coals burn deep and slow. They generate strong and steady heat. Their power is not exhibited but their strength comes from burning long. It outlives, outlasts, and refuses to die, until it has done its task.

The Church must be like a live coal. It must burn deeply, hearing the cries of those who suffer. It must burn fiercely, empowering and transforming people

and structures to change. It must burn relentlessly, journeying with those who need God the most.

All: Light of the World, let us burn deeply and slowly, as a live coal, with passion for your kingdom. Give us the strength and perseverance to struggle for your kingdom to come on earth, as it is in heaven.

(Light the third candle, time of silence)

May it be so. And may these candles burn today as a sign of God’s calling to each of us, to “Go” and serve the Light of the World.

Songs of Closing

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Words of Sending

Rev. Daniel Mhone