RETIREMENT SERVICE

THE 36TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC CONFERENCE

JUNE 18-20, 2020 | RESIDENT BISHOP GRANT J. HAGIYA
A Service of Recognition of Retirees
California-Pacific Annual Conference of
The United Methodist Church

Friday, June 19, 2020 – 7:00 PM (PST)
“We Are Witnesses”

Prelude
“The Prayer”
By David Foster
Mr. Robert Johnson
Organist, Holman UMC

Greeting and Opening Prayer
Rev. Paul A. Hill
Interim Senior Pastor, Holman UMC

Hymn
“Blessed Assurance”
Holman Gospel Jazz Quartet
UMH 369, Verses 1-3
Linda Broadous-Miles, Soloist

Introduction of Those Retiring
Rev. John Farley
South District Superintendent/Director of New Ministries

Words of Affirmation and Thanksgiving
Bishop Grant Hagiya
In your ordination, you received authority to read and preach the Holy Scriptures,
to celebrate the sacraments of the church,
and to equip the saints for ministry.
By God’s grace and the power of the Holy Spirit you did these things.

We thank God for your faithfulness and for the gifts of your ministry.
Death and illness did not come on schedule.
Meeting our needs was not always convenient.
The truth has not always been easy to preach.
We have been blessed by your steadfast commitment to God and the church.

Do not think lightly of the great good that God has worked through you.
Rejoice in the harvest God has given you and the seeds you have planted.
Do not think that God does not have new ways to use your gifts.
God calls you still, for such a time as this.

Let us pray:
God of grace and glory,
we give thanks for these persons
whom you have enabled by your Spirit to be faithful servants.
We’re grateful for the ways in which they have ministered to us.
We praise you for their service to Christ and the church.
May they continue to love and serve you in new ways.
May their witness and their living continue to encourage and empower others.
May your light shine through them always.
In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.
Prayer for Illumination

God of our ancestors and every generation, by the faithfulness of those who bear your prophecy, you remind us of your covenant promise to be our salvation and solid ground.

Plant your Word again in our hearts this day, so that our love and service in your name bears fruit in this and every season.

We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:5-12 (NRSV) Read by 2020 Retirees

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Words of Challenge and Thanksgiving

Rev. James Morris Lawson, Jr.
Pastor Emeritus, Holman UMC

Offering

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Closing Hymn

“We Are the Church” Holman Gospel Jazz Quartet
UMH #558 Ms. Linda Broadus-Miles, Soloist

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Philip B. Wood
Senior Pastor, La Jolla UMC

Go into the world with the love of Christ on your lips, your hands, and your feet.
We send you forth in the spirit of John Wesley: may the world be your parish.
May you be channels for God’s mercy, grace, and peace to the world in whatever place you may be! Amen!
Postlude

“Amazing Grace” Holman Gospel Jazz Quartet
UMH #378

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WORSHIP NOTES

Scripture Readers: Rev. Mary Allman-Boyle, Rev. Debra Gara,
Rev. Brandon Gebhart, Rev. Ronald Griffen, Rev. Gary Keene, Rev. Mamie Ko,
Rev. Timothy Mull, Rev. Barbara Parnell, Rev. Richard Pearson, Rev. Philip Wood

Gospel Jazz Quartet Band Members: Mr. Ricardo Mowatt, drums/percussion
For bookings, contact:
Mr. Gregory Broadous, keyboards
Mr. Harvey Estrada, bass
Mr. Louis Van Taylor, saxophone

Soloist: Mrs. Linda Broadous-Miles
Director of Music, Crenshaw UMC

Retirement Booklet Cover: Mr. James Kang

Worship Team: Rev. Janet Cromwell, Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin,
Rev. Julie Elkins, Pastor Monalisa Siofele Lolohea, Ms. Nell Walker

Host Church: Holman UMC, Los Angeles, CA

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“Amazing Grace” Words: John Newton, 1779; Music: 19th cent USA melody.