

*A Service of Celebration and Welcoming
of
Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi*

The Pittsburgh Episcopal Area
The Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference



First United Methodist Church of Butler
Crossfire Campus
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2:00 p.m.



Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi was elected as a bishop of The United Methodist Church by delegates to the 2016 Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference and began her assignment to lead Western Pennsylvania United Methodists on September 1, 2016.

Bishop Moore-Koikoi earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Loyola College in Maryland in 1988, and a Masters of Arts and advanced certification in school psychology from the University of Maryland in 1992. She worked as a school psychologist for Anne Arundel County Public Schools for 17 years, serving in church leadership roles before answering her call to the ordained ministry.

She answered that call while a member of Sharp Street Memorial UMC in Baltimore, her great-grandfather's church and the church which sent her father, the Rev. Maurice Moore, into ministry. Her husband of three years, the Rev. Raphael Koikoi, currently serves as pastor there.

The Bishop has experienced church life and ministry in rural, urban and suburban settings as a preacher's daughter, an active layperson and as a pastor and leader.

Attending Wesley Seminary in Washington, D.C., she was appointed as a student pastor to "a small congregation with a proud EUB heritage in a section of East Baltimore that was experiencing change." That congregation had to learn how to navigate the change. Later she was appointed associate pastor at Calvary UMC, a large congregation in Annapolis.

Ordained an elder in 2010, she served on the Conference staff working with churches on discipleship. She later served as district superintendent for the Greater Washington Area, and most recently as superintendent of the Baltimore Metropolitan District.

She played a key spiritual role in that city in 2015 during the unrest after the death of Freddie Gray in police custody. She organized congregations to open their doors to children and families whose schools were closed and to meet other basic needs.

Bishop Moore-Koikoi sees the work of bishops as "overseeing the work of the church, working prophetically, evangelically and apostolically with all as they cooperate with the Grace of God." A key component, she believes, is leaving space for the transforming movement of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Moore-Koikoi sees herself as a bridge-builder, clear and confident about what she believes, while respecting others who might not believe the same way. Her vision is of a diverse church that embraces justice and the life-saving love of Christ.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

Tara Park, Pianist

+ *indicates stand as able*

Lift High the Cross #159
O for Thousand Tongues to Sing # 57
We are Marching to Zion #733

WELCOME

Rev. Joel S. Garrett

GREETING

Rev. Eric S. Park

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Joel S. Garrett

Come, let us worship Almighty God.

Let us lift up our songs, our prayers, our praises.

Come, let us honor Christ Jesus.

Let us love Christ with our hearts, our minds, our spirits.

Come, let us be filled with the Spirit of the Living God.

Breathe in us, Breath of God. Alleluia

OPENING PRAYER

Bishop George W. Bashore

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, by your grace you have set us together in your Church,
whose foundation is your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Grant your continuing grace, we pray,
to all who exercise leadership in your Church,
that they may with diligence and faithfulness
fulfill their various ministries;**

**and grant that we your people may follow them where you lead
and minister faithfully in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Fijian Group
Mr. Panapasa Vatu, Director

Niu Oca Ga Kau Kolai Ciba (When I am Tired and Weary)
Mai Curu Kina Nona Lomai ni Bai (Step Over the Threshold)
Bau Nanuma na Koro Koya (Remember that City)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. D. Renee Mikell

Loving God, who reaches out to restore our souls, touch us now with your word of truth. May the familiar phrases of Scripture draw us back into paths of righteousness that we may show your love in conversations and actions. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

--Reconnect One Church One Study, Prayers for Illumination

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16

God the True Shepherd

Rev. Raphael K. Koikoi, Jr.

PSALM 100

Ms. Denise Nicole Stone

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17 (NRSV)

Mr. Jesus Jimenez

+GOSPEL LESSON

John 21:15-17

Feed my sheep

Bishop James Lafeyette Hobby, Jr.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BISHOP

Rev. Joel Garrett/Ms. Sharon Gregory

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, You have been consecrated to be a shepherd and servant, and you have now been assigned as bishop of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, Pittsburgh Area of The United Methodist Church.

Who will present Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi for welcome to this area?

We, the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, Pittsburgh Area, representatives of the Northeast Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy, do certify that Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi was duly elected a bishop of The United Methodist Church at the 2016 Jurisdictional Conference, and has been assigned by the Northeast Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy to the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, Pittsburgh Area.

We, therefore, present to this congregation Bishop Cynthia Moore- Koikoi to be welcomed to the area to which she has been assigned.

THE COVENANT SERVICE

Rev. Alyce Weaver-Dunn

The Church is the community of those called by God, justified by grace, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We who are baptized into Christ's death and raised with Christ in the resurrection are living members of the body of Christ who return thanksgiving to God in ministries of worship, nurture, witness, and service.

A bishop has been ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament; and to represent Christ's servanthood in a special ministry of oversight.

A bishop is called to guard the faith, to seek the unity, and to exercise the discipline of the whole Church; and to supervise and support the Church's life, work, and mission throughout the world.

As a servant of the whole Church, the bishop is called to preach and teach the truth of the gospel to all God's people; to lead the people in worship, in the celebration of the Sacraments, and in their mission of witness and service in the world, and so participate in the gospel command to make disciples of all nations.

The bishop is to lead and guide all persons entrusted to her supervision; join in the consecration of bishops, ordain deacons and elders, and commission other ministers for service to the Church and to the world; and provide for the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the congregations committed to her care.

Let the shepherd who has been called now affirm these ministries in our midst.

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi:

With God's help, I promise faithfully to hear and to proclaim God's Word,
And rightly administer the Sacraments, as your pastor and servant.

People:

**With God's help, we promise to join with you in the life of praise and thanksgiving,
And in the faithful use of the means of grace that God has given us.**

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi:

By the grace of Christ, I promise to be among you as a teacher of the faith, a pastor of souls, and a means to the unity of the body of Christ.

People:

By the grace of Christ, we promise to join with you in the life of learning, in the nurturing of God's people, and in the seeking of that oneness in Christ which is Christ's gift to us.

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi:

In the power of the Holy Spirit, I promise to be for you a means of reconciliation and healing, that all those who are burdened or oppressed may be made whole and able to rejoice in the new life in Jesus Christ.

People:

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we promise to be, with you, faithful witnesses, serving justice, showing mercy, and in all things proclaiming the acceptable year of the Lord.

Leader:

Let the people say, "Amen."

Rev. Joel S. Garrett

People:

Amen and amen!

PRAYER

Rev. Paul D. Taylor

PRESENTATION OF SIGNS OF EPISCOPAL MINISTRY

Rev. Roy W. Gearhart:

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, take this pastoral staff, and be upheld and sustained by Christ the Good Shepherd as you exercise the ministry of a shepherd among us in Christ's name. Amen.

Ms. Faith W. Geer:

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, take this Bible, and proclaim fearlessly the prophetic Word in the cause of justice and peace for all people. Amen

Mr. Grant Shoffstall:

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, take this water, be renewed in your baptism and renew us in ours. Amen

Rev. Ross Pryor:

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, take this bread and cup, and keep us in communion with Christ and his Church. Amen

Rev. Janet F. Lord:

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, take this towel and basin, and be among us as one who serves. Amen

Rev. Sang K. Choi:

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, take this stole, and be our pastor, preacher, and teacher; encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, and pray for them without ceasing. Amen

Rev. Jodie B. Smith:

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, take this Book of Discipline, guard the faith, seek the unity, exercise the discipline of the whole Church, and supervise the Church's life, work, and mission throughout the world. Amen

Mr. Lawrence D. Bridge

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, take this gavel, and preside in our Annual Conference(s); appoint pastors and assign diaconal ministers to their ministries, and guide us in our common mission of love and justice, witness and service. Amen

Rev. Matthew R. Judd:

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, these are the signs of your ministry among the people of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, Pittsburgh Area of The United Methodist Church. Faithfully administer discipline, but do not forget mercy, that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you may receive the never-fading crown of glory.

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi:

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, I gladly assume, with you and among you, this ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Order, of pastoral supervision, government, and service. Strengthened by the love of God and the remembrance of my consecration to the episcopacy, I am resolved to serve faithfully and well the congregations and people of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, Pittsburgh Area as bishop, pastor, and friend.

People:

On behalf of the congregations and people, we receive you, Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, with joy and thanksgiving, as our bishop and pastor. We pledge to you our prayers, our loyalty, and our support as you lead us in the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us all.

WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

Rev. Joel S. Garrett

Welcome your bishop!

ANTHEM

Pittsburgh First UMC Choir
Directed by Tim Coles

Living for the World

Words and music by Tim Coles

The Life I've Been Given

Words and tune by Rachel Allen, arranged by Tim Coles

SERMON

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi

PRAYER

Rev. Joel S. Garrett

O God, Shepherd and Ruler of the faithful, look with favor on your servant Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, whom your Church has appointed bishop and chief pastor of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, Pittsburgh Area.

Grant that, by word and example, she may assist those among whom she is placed, so that she and the people entrusted to her care may fulfill the promises that they have made this day; grow together in unity, love, and service; and at last attain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRESENTATION

Rev. Dr. Vanessa Stephens Lee

OFFERING

Bethany House Academy Drummers

Benefits Connellsville Area Flood Recovery

PRAYER

Rev. Joel S. Garrett

All things come from you God, and praise and thanksgiving we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love, formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son, Jesus Christ to be our Savior, that we might have abundant and eternal life. All that we are and all that we have is a trust from you. And so in gratitude for all that you have done, we offer ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ offering for us. By your Holy Spirit, make us one with Christ and one in ministry to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DUET

Mr. Byarr W. Meekins and Ms. Tara Park

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Clothed in Love

Leader: Open up your hearts right now.
Open up your hearts right now.
Give God praise and glory.
Tell salvation's story.
Open up your hearts right now.

All: **We have open hearts right now.**
We have open hearts right now.
We give God the glory.
Give God all our worries.
We have open hearts right now.

Leader: We come before You, O God with hearts wide open.
Aching to experience Your life transforming grace.
We come before You as the Bride of Christ
And we are saying "Yes to the dress" that has been provided for us.
One without spot nor blemish, made perfect in love.
We are amazed by its exquisite beauty; tailored to bring out our very best qualities: clothing us in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience
We are proud to stand with You before the world, and we want You to be proud to have us at Your side. We rejoice in Your love for us, and it is our deepest desire to gather all the world to sing Your praises; To even gather together all the heavenly hosts to join with us in giving You glory, as we sing:

All: **What a mighty God we serve.**
 What a mighty God we serve.
 Angels bow before you.
 Heaven and earth adore you.
 What a mighty God we serve.

Leader:

You are the Almighty God we serve and Jesus Christ expressed that might as love. Jesus invited us to come and learn to love from him. Jesus taught us about Your compassionate love, coming not to condemn the world but instead coming so that everyone could be saved.

Jesus explained that love was shown through kindness by feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and taking time to visit with children. Jesus did not claim to be anyone of importance, but lovingly took the position of a servant, even inviting us to also wash the feet of those who betray us, those who deny us friendship, and those who care only about themselves. Jesus taught us that Your love was expressed through his forgiveness and patience with us.

Jesus taught us that what binds us together is the gracious love You have for us, the same love Christ invites us to share with each other and the whole world in imitation of You.

As an expression of Your Divine love, Jesus took the bread that recalled generations of pain and suffering, blessed it and shared it, saying: “Everyone, take and eat, this is my body given for you.” After supper, as an expression of Your Divine love, Jesus took the cup that reminded your people of the consequences of sin, blessed it and shared it, saying: “Everyone, drink from this cup for this is my blood poured out as a libation, honoring God’s eternal covenant of forgiveness with you and with the whole world.”

As You pour forth your Grace in this sacrament, clothe us in the love we have found in Christ Jesus. We want the peace of Christ to rule in our hearts.
We want the word of Christ to dwell in us richly,
and so with gratitude in our hearts we sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to You.

All: **Jesus bowed his head and died.**
 Christ arose into the sky.
 Christ is soon returning.
 Skyward we are turning.
 We will dwell with Him on high.

Leader:

Loving Dress Maker, Consecrator, work with these gifts of bread and wine so that they may be for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Bridegroom, the lover of our souls.

Loving Dress Maker, Consecrator, work with the gift of our lives, our hope, and our vision so that they may become for the world, your church, the body and the bride of Jesus Christ, our Bridegroom, the lover of our souls.

All:

**Loving Dress Maker, Consecrator, clothe our new bishop, Cynthia Moore-Koikoi in love.
Allow her to teach and admonish us in all wisdom. Bind us together with her and her family
in perfect harmony.**

All:

**We have prayed in Jesus name.
We have prayed in Jesus name.
Filled with God's own Spirit.
God's love we inherit.
We have prayed in Jesus name.**

Leader: Now as those who have clothed themselves in love, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy 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.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi

We have shared in such a holy mystery and the glory of the Lord has filled our hearts and we feel clothed in love. Lord, we cannot and will never let it all end here. Use us we pray to share this same love with others, that they too may join with us around your throne to sing your praises now and forever. Amen.

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PRAYER

Rev. Joel S. Garrett

We thank you, gracious Lord, for giving yourself to us, and for uniting us in the communion of your Holy Spirit. We bless you for raising up among us your faithful servant Cynthia Moore-Koikoi for the ministry of a bishop in your Church. We pray that she may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with her, may glorify you by giving ourselves to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi

HYMN

“We are Marching In the Light of God”

We are marching...

We are singing...

We are living...

We are moving...

We are marching...

Participants:

Bishop George W. Bashore, retired, Pittsburgh Area 1988-2000

Rev. Dr. Jonathan R. Bell, pastor, Good Shepherd UMC

Rev. Sang K. Choi, pastor, North Huntingdon:Christ

Mr. Tim Coles, director, Pittsburgh First UMC Chancel Choir

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Rev. Jodie B. Smith, pastor, Redbank Valley UM Ministry

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