





- The Pacific Northwest
 Annual Conference
 Sessions

RETIREE CELEBRATION | Saturday, 10:45 a.m.

• - Please rise in body and spirit.

GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL

This is the Day

This is the day, this is the day That the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice, let us rejoice And be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made, Let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

WELCOME AND GREETING © CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Todd Scranton

This is the day that the Lord has made! We are glad! We rejoice in it!

This is a day to give thanks.

For races well run, for sacrifices made, for years of faithfulness to Christ and his church.

This is a day to remember,

Legacies of caring, lives changed, spirits molded.

This is a day of transition,

From one phase of ministry to another, from one stage of life to the next.

This is a day to celebrate!

The way God has used you and will continue to use you – as we work for God's Kingdom together.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

The Rev. Deb Conklin

Retiree Celebration

CELEBRATION OF RETIREES

Appointment History · Video Reflections

O HYMN

What Gift Can We Bring?

What gift can we bring, what present, what token? What words can convey it, the joy of this day? When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, This song we now offer in honor and praise!

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision, Who planted and watered so dreams could come true. Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship, For mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises, For knowing whatever tomorrow may bring, The Word is our promise always, forever: We rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASSING THE MANTLE

Retiree: In the book of Kings we read of the prophet Elijah's ministry. The mantle, symbolic of submission to God, fell upon the younger prophet, Elisha, and the spirit of Elijah rested upon Elisha. I transfer this mantle from our generation to the young, passing the responsibility and dedication of our generation to the next for them to carry, praying that the spirit of today's Elijahs will rest upon tomorrows Elishas.

Ordinands: We who come after you take up the mantle which falls upon us. May we inherit a double share of your spirit.

Bishop: Hear the word of God to all God's people: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise."

Observe them diligently in the new land you now enter, that your days may be long and filled with hope's promise.

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@ RECESSIONAL

The Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth before you; There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field Will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.

PARTICIPANTS

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