

**Memorial Service**  
*The Arkansas Annual Conference*  
*Saturday, June 21, 2014, 4:00 P.M.*  
*Rogers, AR*

GATHERING MUSIC

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Megan Ayres

Leader: God said, "Let there be light."

**People: And there was light.**

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

**People: And the light shone in the darkness.**

Leader: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

**People: And we carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.**

\*HYMN, UMH 117

*"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

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OPENING PRAYER

Megan Ayres

God of love, we thank you for the lives of our loved ones who have gone before us into eternity. We thank you for the gift of joy in days of health and strength and for the gift of your abiding presence and promise in days of pain and grief. We gather together to celebrate and remember these loved ones-- our friends, our family, our teachers, our students, our partners in Your work in the world. Eternal Lord, give us the grace to keep the faith that they taught and to follow in the footsteps of these who are now at rest. Encourage us by these examples and allow us to hear and respond to the word You have for us today. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION OF PREACHER

Bishop Gary E. Mueller

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 90:1-2, 16-17

Michael McMurray

HYMN, UMH #706

*"Soon and Very Soon"*

VERY SOON

SERMON

*Establish the Work of Our Hands*

Reverend Maxine Allen

SOLO

*"Precious Lord Take my Hand"*

Betty Brutus

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS *(in unison)*

Bishop Mueller

**God of comfort, stand with us now as we remember in thankfulness the faithful whose living has inspired us. Remind us that neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come shall ever separate us from your love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We ask that you bless us now by our sharing the names of your faithful aloud:**

## NAMING THE SAINTS

Bishop Mueller

*Family and friends are invited to stand as their loved one's name is read and a bell is tolled in his/her honor. Family members are invited to come to the front of the stage following worship to select a prayer shawl made by a member of the Annual Conference for their loved one.*

Eloise Anderson Albright  
Katherine Bell  
Barbara Block  
Clint Burleson  
Billy Howard Cox  
Elizabeth Ann "Libby" Culpepper  
Tina Mae Davis  
Ester Dennis  
Dale Diffie  
Katherine Eggensperger  
Rose Ann English  
Gerald Fincher  
Julia Fincher  
Barbara Gilbert  
Dick Haltom

Geraldine Howerton  
Robert Howerton  
Laura Hutto  
Thomas K. Jones  
Jimmie Kirkwood  
Patricia Litts  
Thomas E. Lukas  
Darleen Lyons  
Lois McDonald  
R. Lynn McSpadden  
Lexie L. Millard  
Martha O. Miser  
Jason Molitor  
Eva Moore  
V. Jeanette Parr

Brenda K. Rainey  
James T. Randle, Jr  
Robert "Bob" Reynolds  
Jimmie Robison  
Rena Scott  
James Shaddox  
John Soward  
Harold Spence  
Carl Strayhorn  
Owen Talley, Sr  
Robert A. Terry  
Wynona Wagner  
Nellie E. Wingo  
C. Stephen Wiseman  
John Workman

\*HYMN, UMH 711

*"For All the Saints"*

SINE NOMINE

\*BENEDICTION

Bishop Mueller

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

Hymns are used under agreement with CCLI#795390.

## Worship Participants

Bishop Gary E. Mueller, Resident Bishop  
Reverend Maxine Allen, UALR Wesley and Conference Staff, *Preacher*  
Megan Ayres, Arkansas Technical University Student, *Liturgist*  
Michael McMurray, Hendrix University Student, *Liturgist*  
Jonathan Story, Central UMC, Fayetteville, *Instrumentalist*  
Betty Brutus, St. James UMC, Fayetteville, *Soloist*  
Danita Waller-Paige, Theresa Hoover UMC, Little Rock, *Song Leader*  
Members of the Conference, *Choir*  
Members of Oakley Chapel UMC, *Greeters*  
Reverend Samantha Meadors, Arkansas State University Wesley Foundation, *Worship Planner*  
Reverend Rebecca Boggan, First UMC, Little Rock, *Worship Planner*  
Reverend Jeanne Williams, First UMC, Walnut Ridge, *Conference Worship Planning Chairperson*

Special thanks to the members of the Annual Conference who made the beautiful prayer shawls.