Passing of the Mantle

PASTOR CHRIS: In the book of Second 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.

GLORIA: I transfer this 'mantle' from our generation to the young, demonstrating the responsibility and dedication of the older generation will be caught and carried on by the young, and the spirit of today's Elijahs will rest upon today's Elishas.

SCOTT: I, who come after you take up this 'mantle' which falls upon me. May God give me His Grace in offering glorious music unto Him.

*Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#89

Arr. Samuel Metzger

Introduction, Vs. 1,2,3 Interlude, Vs 4

Presentations Staff Parish Relations Committee

Handbell Choir—Paula LaRue

Senior Choir—Lisa Dunn, Deb Germann, Paul Hoverman

Organ Preservation Project—Kathy Welker

Song Jesus Calls Us #398, Vs. 1,5

Take My Life, and Let It Be #399, Vs. 1,2

Closing Comments

Kay Okuley

Premier Fantasy on Ville du Havre

(When Peace Like a River/It is Well with My Soul)

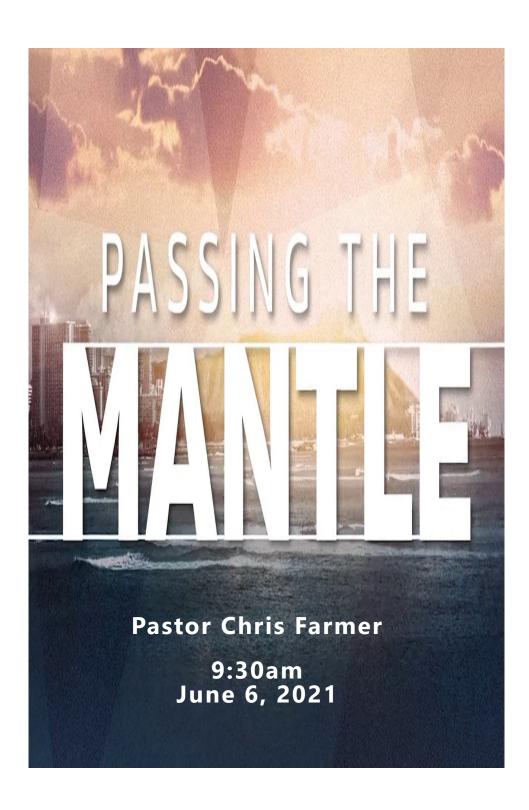
Composed by Scott Turner in honor of Gloria Wendel's retirement as organist at FUMC 2020. Commissioned with love and appreciation by friends of Gloria Wendel at First UMC 2021.

*Blessing

Dismissal

^{*}PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.





WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30AM JUNE 6, 2021

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Embracing, Empowering, and Equipping persons to Evangelize

Thank you to all those people who made today happen that work behind the scenes. We appreciate you!

CHILD CARE

Nursery (infant to age 2) is located near the Jefferson Street entrance. You may drop your child off at any time during the service. There are also rocking chairs located at the back of the sanctuary for your use.

AWE aka Alternative Worship Experience is offered for children, age Preschool through Grade 5. Children will be dismissed from the service. Children may be picked up at the Scheidt Room (Preschool through Grade 5).

CONTACT US

We are so glad you have joined us today! We want you to feel at home here. You can find out what is happening around here on our website: www.vanwertfirst.net and check out our Facebook Page for inspiration and information.

Of course, we do have a telephone: 419-238-0631

And the post office finds us at 113 W. Central Avenue, Van Wert, OH 45891

GIVING:

In the wooden boxes around the sanctuary. On line @ vanwertfirst.net

Text: 419.963.3557 Thank you for your faithfulness.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lead Pastor Chris Farmer

Organists Scott Turner & Gloria Wendel
Pianist Annette Hoverman

Instrumental Ensemble Trumpets: Paul Hov

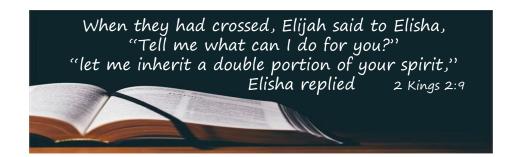
Trumpets: Paul Hoverman, Philip Hoverman, Jacob Hoverman

Trombones: Dale Laukhuf, Scott

Rogers, Doug Daley Percussion: Bob Sloan,

Jeremy Laukhuf Sound Engineer Ron Allison Videographer Dave Thompson

Videographer Dave Thom Projectionist Jill Smelser



Welcome Kay Okuley, Lay Leader

Voluntary Jesus, Still Lead On arr. Edward Elgar/Adam Drese

Use this time to prepare your heart for worship.

Announcements/Offering

Commissioning of Youth Mission Team

*Hymn Come, Christians, Join to Sing #158

Arr. Samuel Metzger

Introduction, Vs. 1,2, Interlude, Vs. 3

*Prayer of Adoration

*Scripture Lesson 2 Kings 2:1-15

Message Passing the Mantle Pastor Chris

Recognition of Gloria Wendel

PASTOR CHRIS: Gloria, you came to us fresh out of college with the Spirit of our Lord upon you. You were called and charged to usher us into God's presence in a spirit of worship with your gifts of music and visionary leadership. You have served our God faithfully with exceeding grace.

PEOPLE: We thank God for your love for Christ our Lord, for this Church and your devotion to ministry. We thank God that you were given the vision to be faithful and fruitful. Your calling has not always been easy, but certainly joyful.

PASTOR CHRIS: Never think lightly of the great good that God has birthed through you. Continue to be true to your calling as a servant of Christ and His Church. May God's love and power be with you always. Let us pray:

ALL: God of grace, you fill your servants with the vision of making disciples of Jesus Christ. You empower your servants with your Spirit. We give thanks for Gloria's ministry and the ways she has ministered to us through the gifts you have given her. Give her a sense of your abiding presence, that she may continue to love and serve you, and ever grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen