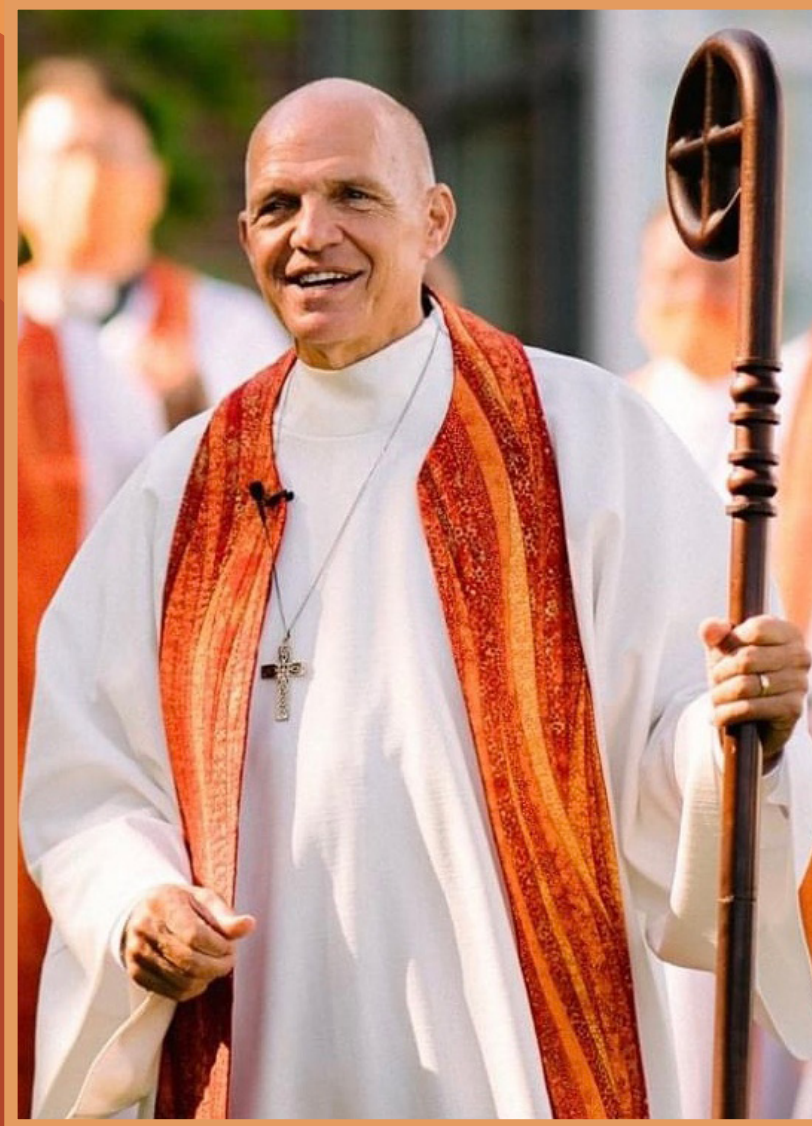


A SERVICE CELEBRATING
THE EPISCOPAL LEADERSHIP OF
BISHOP JOHN R. SCHOL
TO SERVE THE EASTERN PA CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 18, 2021, 10:30 AM
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF WEST CHESTER, PA

PRE-SERVICE MUSICAL SELECTIONS

REV. DR. SARAH FERNSLER

PRELUDE

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” - DYKES/LEAVITT

GATHERING SONG

HEATHER KELLER, THE CROSSING UMC PRAISE TEAM

BLESSING OF THE FOUR DIRECTIONS

**SANDRA CIANCIULLI
COMMITTEE ON NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN*

“WE ARE MARCHING,” (TFWS 2235-B), LED BY REV. DR. LYDIA MUNOZ

**SIYAHAMBA
(ZULU)**

**WE ARE MARCHING
(ENGLISH)**

**CAMINAMOS EN LA LUZ DE DIOS
(ESPAÑOL)**

Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',	We are marching in the light of God.	Caminamos en la luz de Dios,
Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',	We are marching in the light of God.	Caminamos en la luz de Dios.
Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',	We are marching in the light of God.	Caminamos en la luz de Dios,
Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',	We are marching in the light of God.	Caminamos en la luz de Dios.
Siyahamba, siyahamba, oh,	We are marching, we are marching, ooh,	Caminando, caminando, ooh
Siyahamba ekukanyen' kwenkos'.	We are marching in the light of God.	Caminando en la luz de Dios.
Siyahamba, siyahamba, oh,	We are marching, we are marching, ooh,	Caminando, caminando, ooh
Siyahamba ekukanyen' kwenkos'.	We are marching in the light of God.	Caminando en la luz de Dios.

... We are singing...

... We are dancing...

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

REV. DR. TRUMAN BROOKS, HOST PASTOR

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.

WELCOME TO BISHOP JOHN R. SCHOL & MRS. BEVERLY SCHOL

JUDY EHNINGER & REV. DAWN TAYLOR-STORM, NEJ EPISCOPACY REPRESENTATIVES

GREETINGS FROM THE GREATER NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE

REV. SANG-WON DOH, DEAN, GREATER NJ CABINET

ANTHEM: “THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD”

PHILADELPHIA UNITED METHODIST MASS CHOIR

—DIRECTOR: REV. ERIC CARR —PIANIST/KEYBOARDIST: K'AELE ANTHONY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REV. DR. ANITA ADAMS POWELL

PSALM 100

WILHELMINA YOUNG, CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER EMERITUS

EPISTLE LESSON: TITUS 1:7-9

REV. HUN JU LEE, IN KOREAN AND ENGLISH

HYMN* “IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”

UMH #377

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials
should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
(Refrain)

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
(Refrain)

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall
be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall
descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.
(Refrain)

GOSPEL LESSON*: JOHN 21:15-17

REV. EVODIA VILLALVA, IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH

INTRODUCTION OF THE BISHOP

LEADER:

REV. DR. ALFRED DAY

General Secretary, Retired, General Commission on Archives & History

To the Bishop: Bishop John Schol, you have been consecrated to be a shepherd and servant; and you now come to provide episcopal leadership as bishop of the Eastern PA Conference of The United Methodist Church.

To the Chair of the Conference Committee on the Episcopacy:

Who will present Bishop John Schol for a welcome to this area?

CHAIR OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON THE EPISCOPACY:

REV. DR. SCOTT McDERMOTT

I, the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference / Philadelphia Area representative of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy, do certify that Bishop John R. Schol, was duly elected a bishop of The United Methodist Church at the 2004 Jurisdictional Conference, and he has been duly approved to provide episcopal leadership to the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. I therefore, present to this congregation Bishop Schol to be welcomed to the area for episcopal leadership.

THE COVENANT SERVICE

LEADER:

REV. BUMKOO CHUNG, DEAN OF THE CABINET, WEST DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

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.

LEADER:

REV. EVELYN KENT CLARK, SOUTH DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

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.

LEADER:

REV. STEVEN MORTON, NORTH DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

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.

LEADER:

**REV. DR. ANDREW L. FOSTER, III, EAST DISTRICT
SUPERINTENDENT**

The bishop is to: lead and guide all persons entrusted to their supervision; join in the consecration of bishops: commission provisional members; ordain deacons and elders; commission deaconesses, home missionaries, and missionaries for service to the Church and to the world; and provide for the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the congregations committed to their care. Let the shepherd who has been called now affirm these ministries in our midst.

BISHOP SCHOL:

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 SCHOL:

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 SCHOL:

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:

**REV. DR. FRED DAY, GENERAL SECRETARY,
RETIRED, GENERAL COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES & HISTORY**

Let the people say, "Amen."

PEOPLE:

Amen. And Amen!

PRESENTATION OF SIGNS OF EPISCOPAL MINISTRY

Representatives of the people of God present signs of the episcopal office to the bishop. As each is received, the bishop responds, "Amen," and places it on a table.

DAVID KOCH & SUZETTE JAMES, CONFERENCE LAY LEADER AND ASSOCIATE CONFERENCE LAY LEADER:

Bishop Schol, 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.**

**REV. MARK SALVACION, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY;
AND PASTOR, HISTORIC ST. GEORGE'S UMC:**

Bishop Schol, take this Bible, and proclaim fearlessly the prophetic Word in the cause of justice and peace for all people. **Amen.**

LUCILLE CHELTON, MEMBER, CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRY:

Bishop Schol, take this water, be renewed in your baptism and renew us in ours. **Amen.**

ANNIKA DODLA & MIA HIBBS, REPRESENTING THE CHILDREN OF THE EASTERN PA CONFERENCE:

Bishop Schol, take this bread and cup, and keep us in communion with Christ and his Church. **Amen.**

REV. DARRYL STEPHENS, CHAIR, ORDER OF DEACONS; & REV. KATHRYN DINKELACKER-SWAN, FELLOWSHIP OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS & LOCAL PASTORS:

Bishop Schol, take this towel and basin, and be among us as one who serves. **Amen.**

REV. TOM EBERSOLE, CHAIR, ORDER OF ELDERS:

Bishop Schol, 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. JOHNSON DODLA & REV. MICHAEL REMEL, CHAIRS, BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY:

Bishop Schol, 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.**

REV. JACQUELINE HINES, CONFERENCE SECRETARY:

Bishop Schol, take this gavel, and preside in our Annual Conference; appoint pastors and assign diaconal ministers to their ministries, and guide us in our common mission of love and justice, witness and service. **Amen.**

LEADER:

JUDY EHNINGER,
DIRECTOR, CERTIFIED LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM; AND NEJ EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE

Bishop Schol, these are the signs of your ministry among the people of the Eastern PA Conference 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 SCHOL:

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 Eastern PA Conference as bishop, pastor, and friend.

PEOPLE:

On behalf of the congregations and people, we receive you, Bishop Schol, 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

LEADER:

JUDY EHNINGER, DIRECTOR CLM PROGRAM, NEJ EPISCOPACY

May the people of the Eastern PA Conference welcome our new bishop!

The people acclaim their bishop with applause or other signs.

SERMON OR OTHER RESPONSE BY THE BISHOP

BISHOP JOHN R. SCHOL

PRAYER

ROSA INES CRUZ, MEMBER, HOLY SPIRIT UMC

O God, Shepherd and Ruler of the faithful, look with favor on your servant John R. Schol, whom your Church has appointed bishop and chief pastor of the Eastern PA Conference. Grant that,

by word and example, he may assist those among whom he is placed, so that he and the people entrusted to his 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.

OFFERING

PASTOR TERRY BRIDGES, COORDINATOR OF URBAN MINISTRIES

The offering today will be used to support the Eastern PA Conference's work of Dismantling Racism. Please make checks payable to EPAUMC. Memo line: Dismantling Racism.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "CHRIST FOR THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD"

**KOREAN CHOIR
—PIANIST: MS. YERIM LEE**

HOLY COMMUNION

**BISHOP JOHN R. SCHOL
ASSISTED BY DEACON DAVID W. BROWN & DEACON JANE DUTTON**

Please prepare your elements at this time.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make

them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

At this time, we will partake of communion together. If you need assistance opening your communion cups, please raise your hand and an usher will assist you.

PRAYER

REV. WILLIAM BRAWNER, COORDINATOR OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

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 John for the ministry of being a bishop in your Church. We pray that he may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him 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 JOHN R. SCHOL

SENDING FORTH*

DEACON DAVID W. BROWN

RECESSIONAL HYMN*

"MARCHING TO ZION" UMH 733

POSTLUDE

"LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL!" SMART/THYGERSON

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.**

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A parish nurse is available, if needed. Please alert an usher who will direct you to the nurse.

Please join us for light refreshments following worship. Additional seating is available in the balcony and in the fiesta center on the 2nd floor.

The service today is being live-streamed and will be available on the conference's YouTube channel and website for future viewing.

Thank you to The United Methodist Church of West Chester for hosting and printing the bulletins for this celebration. Thank you to all who volunteered their services and contributions.





A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF BISHOP JOHN R. SCHOL



Bishop John R. Schol was raised in Philadelphia and served here first in his ministry career, where his faith and leadership skills were nurtured. Here is where he developed strong values of hard work, a respect for diversity, a drive toward ingenuity and excellence, and a spirit of grace.

Bishop Schol served congregations in Saugus, Massachusetts; Philadelphia, and West Chester. In each church worship grew, mission in the community expanded with new creativity, and new disciples were made.

For 12 years he served as the Executive Director of the Frankford Group Ministry in Philadelphia. This new, emerging cooperative ministry that aligned four United Methodist congregations grew from one staff person to more than 50 staff positions. The ministry led its community in developing better race relations and providing social services, community economic development and community arts programs for human development. During and after his ministry there, the ministry also led its community in building and rehabilitating more than 200 housing units and served more than 20,000 people a year.

In the 1990s John Schol served the denomination by leading Urban Ministries at the General Board of Global Ministries. There he developed and led at least two major, successful resourcing initiatives: Communities of Shalom and Holy Boldness. The Communities of Shalom initiative started more than 1,000 sites globally and trained more than 5,000 people in church and community development. And Holy Boldness developed into a collaborative urban ministry training and congregational development movement that served districts and conferences around the UMC connection.

Since his election in 2004, Bishop Schol has served with distinction as the Episcopal Leader of the Baltimore-Washington Conference (Washington Episcopal Area) and currently as Bishop of the Greater New Jersey Conference (New Jersey Episcopal Area). He now provides episcopal leadership to the Eastern PA Conference (Philadelphia Area), while continuing to lead Greater New Jersey.

Bishop Schol received a bachelor's degree from Moravian College and master's and doctoral degrees from Boston University. He has helped start six nonprofit organizations and served on numerous boards.

He is married to Beverly Schol, his partner in life and ministry. They have three grown children, Mark, Kristin and Rebecca, and three grandchildren. His hobbies and interests include family, reading, running, photography and travel.

