

❖ An Order For The Celebration Of An Appointment ❖

Jeannette Findley (Lay Leader)

Dear friends, today we welcome **Rev. Dr. Edward C. Andercheck**, who has been appointed to serve as our pastor. We believe that he is well qualified and has been prayerfully appointed by our bishop, Bishop LaTrelle Easterling. **Pastor Andercheck**, you have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the word of God, a minister of the sacraments, and a sustainer of the love, order, and discipleship of the people of God.

Rev. Dr. Edward C. Andercheck (Pastor)

Today I reaffirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

Rev. Dr. Johnsie W. Cogman (District Superintendent)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participating in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service, will you celebrate this new beginning by supporting and upholding Pastor Andercheck in these ministries?

Congregation

We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, and service.

Esedra Bishop (Pastor Andercheck's Administrative Assistant)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger,

Congregation

who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.

Jeannette Findley

Let us Pray. Almighty God, you still call us to go into your service and spread the message of salvation of your Son. Blessed richly, we pray, for your servant, Pastor Andercheck, as he enters our fellowship. Fill him with the power of your Holy Spirit. Let him find with us an open door for the Word. We also pray for your Church on earth. Equip us all with the spirit of willingness, that we, with courage, can witness about you by the profession of our mouths and through our way of living. Grant us all to partake in your strength and joy, so that we can enter into the anxiety and suffering of the world, to radiate and make alive the hope which Christ gives. All this, we dare to pray to you; for you are to us the Father of mercy, and the God of all grace, you are the Son, the Savior and the Redeemer; you are the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Helper and the Giver of life. Blessed be you. Amen.

❖ Presentation Of Signs ❖

Representatives of the people of God come forward to make presentations. As each is received, the pastor responds, AMEN, and places it on a table.

Jeannette Findley - Reader; Mildred Ward - Presenter

Pastor Andercheck, accept this **Bible**, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word. Amen.

Annette Schneider-Reader; Garrett Loy - Presenter

Pastor Andercheck, take this **water**, and baptize new Christians in this place. Amen.

Sue Hammond-Reader; Ken & Elnora Wease & Travis Engholm - Presenters

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

Susan Hood Reader; Jack & Audrey Shunk - Presenters

Pastor Andercheck, use this **hymnal and book of worship** to guide us in our prayer and praise. Amen.

Peggy Wilson - Reader; Steve Schneider - Presenter

Pastor Andercheck, receive this **Book of Discipline**, and help us keep the covenant that strengthens our connections as United Methodists. Amen.

Rachel Crim – Reader; Madelyn Crim and Delaney Postanowicz - Presenters

Pastor Andercheck, receive this **globe**, and lead us in our mission to this community and all the world. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Johnsie W. Cogman – Reader and Presenter

Pastor Andercheck, receive this **stole**, signifying your ordination, and shepherd us as our pastor.

Pastor Andercheck

This yoke has been laid upon me and I willingly take it upon myself.
Let us pray.

