

2009 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

OPENING WORSHIP

Wednesday, July 29, 2009, 8:00 PM

Indianapolis Convention Center, Exhibit Halls A-C

(Doors open at 7:30 PM)

7:45 PM Welcome and Centering Time in preparation for Worship

Call to Worship & Bringing in the Light

“The Creation (A Negro Sermon)”

The Book of American Negro Poetry 1922

James Weldon Johnson, ed. (1871)

Choreography: Erin Jacobs; Acolyte: Malia Weatherspoon

Readers: Morgan Watkins, Miki Mathioudakis

Flute: Michael Morton

Processional

Hymn of Worship “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Arrangement Bill Thomas

Passing of the Peace

Sharon E. Watkins

Hymn of Community “Shall We Gather At the River”

Arrangement Bill Thomas

Scripture Reading/Children Worship and Wonder

Genesis 2:4-10, 15

Kaye Edwards

Pastoral Prayer

Sharon E. Watkins

Choral Response “O For A World”

Worship Band

New Direction Youth Dancers

Spoken Word Lyrics by Yvonne Gilmore-Essig

Introduction of the Speaker

William Lee

Special Music “Alleluia is the Highest Praise”

Ray of Hope Choir

Kabanya Vinson, Director

Words and music by Daniel Cason II

Sermon

Cynthia Hale

Time of Commitment

Cynthia Hale

Congregational Response “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Invitation to Communion

Newell Williams

Communion Hymn

“Lord, O Lord How Majestic is your Name”

Words and music by Michael W. Smith

Words of Institution

Sharon E. Watkins

Prayer for the Loaf

Ayanna Johnson

Prayer for the Cup

Robert Alvarez

Receiving Communion and Commitment Offering

(Leave paper hands in baskets at communion stations)

Music: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” Ray of Hope Choir

Arrangement, Kabanya Vinson

Dedication of the Commitment Offering

Cynthia Hale

Benediction

Morgan Watkins

Miki Mathioudakis

From “A Return to Love” by Marianne Williamson

Postlude

“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

Words and music, Peter Scholtes

Arrangement Ed Martel