

# ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH SESSION THE EAST TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, 12 September 2020

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Reverend Donna Perkins, Memorial Committee Chair

### The Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live." Let us praise God for those who have finished their course in faith. May God bless us with comfort and encouragement as we seek to share with them the inheritance of the saints.

### The Opening Hymn

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

Dr. Roderick D. Belin

Hymn No. 327

*I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord; No tender voice like Thine can peace afford..*

### Refrain

*I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee. O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee!*

### The Prayer

**Eternal God, you hold all souls in life: Give us your light and your peace; give comfort to those who mourn as we remember the departed of the last annual conference year. Grant that we may follow the good examples of those who have served you and are now at rest. Let us not be found wanting in the day of judgement, but may we enter into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### The Scripture

*1 Corinthians 15:55-58*

### The Memorial

Leader: We celebrate and remember those members of the annual conference and connectional leaders

who have died since we last gathered together...  
Absent from the Body.

**Response: Present with the Lord.**

Leader:

*(Names of Deceased Connectional Leaders &  
Members of the Annual Conference)*

*Bishop Zedekiah Lazett Grady  
Supervisor Patricia Ann Morris (PAM) DeVeaux  
Mrs. Valerie Gary Bell, Connectional Lay President  
Dr. Frederick C. Harrison Former Secretary of Missions  
Mrs. Johanna Green, Former Connectional YPD Director  
The Rev. Jeane B. Williams, Former Connectional President of WIM  
Mrs. Micha Mack, Widow of Former Director of Christian Education*

*Departed Members of the Annual Conference*

Leader: We give thanks to You, O God, for those whom we name in our hearts and who have been faithful to Your call and glorified You with their life and work... Absent from the Body. Present with the Lord.

O God, we thank You for all those remembered here. Let us cherish their memory, celebrate their ministries, continue their work, and live in hope of the resurrection. Amen.

**The Benediction**

**The Closing Hymn**

Dr. Roderick D. Belin

***I Need Thee Every Hour***

*I need Thee every hour; Stay Thou nearby; Temptations lose their power when Thou are nigh.*

*Refrain*

*I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee. O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee!*