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A Message of Gratitude

As Chair of the Worship Task Force, it has been my privilege to work with some very creative and dedicated team members who have been diligent in setting our work here this week in the context of worship: Communion Service coordinator, Lisa Warner-Carey; coordinator for the Journey of the Saints service as well as our noon sacrament and prayer times, Holly Hillman; Service of Commissioning and Ordination co-coordinators, Debbie Grundman and Andrea Davidson; musician, arranger, and coordinator of daily worship, Adrian Pell.

There are also many support people who have helped put all the details in place: Jim and Karen Stoffers Pugh, visuals' designers; Craig Dale, Stage Manager; Jack Mueller, Facilities Manager; Stan Barkey, BOOM representative; Nancy Daley, Executive Director of the Retired Clergy Association; Cate Monaghan and Jane Horstman, Communications and Technical Coordinators; Linda Wiberg, Director of Connectional Ministries and her Administrative Assistant, Dina Stenwick; PSR students Dong Soo Lee and Warren Gill and their supervisor, Andrea Davidson, worship center designers.

I also want to acknowledge Anne Lau Choy who has put together a team of people willing to be called upon by Bishop Brown, at his discretion, to cover parts of plenary with prayer. We want to thank Lorraine McNeal, Gabriela Perla, and Samuel Vorn for sharing their cultural tradition in sacrament and prayer.

And, of course, no worship experience would be complete without all of you who are willing to be musicians, ushers, communion servers, readers, dancers, preachers, shepherds, greeters, sound, light, and media technicians, printers, proofers, and a myriad of other roles we never see.

Please thank all of these people when you see them.

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