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Prelude *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! #305* Evan O'Donovan

Welcome Elder Jerome B. Lane, Jr.

Call to Worship Al Shipley

One: No matter how far we wander from You, O God,
All: Your steadfast love finds us.

One: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,
All: Your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

One: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,
All: Your steadfast presence gives us hope.

One: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,
All: You hear our cries and answer our prayers.
Thanks be to God!

Hymn *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* #99

Call to Confession

Unison Confession
All: God of Justice and Mercy, we confess that we have silenced our prophets. We have covered our ears by those who speak out for justice because it makes us uncomfortable. We ignore calls to end oppression and violence because it is inconvenient for us. We avoid the looks of the poor because they embarrass us. Forgive us, Lord, for not learning from the mistakes of our ancestors, who ignored and killed their prophets. Forgive us when we follow their steps instead of following Your ways. In the name of Christ, who forgives us, we pray. Amen.

Hymn *Praise God for This Holy Ground* #405

Assurance of Forgiveness
One: God's faithfulness endures forever. God forgives, renews, and restores. God's mercies are new every morning. We are called to seek the restoration and healing of others in our own forgiveness. Go with this good news, that God loves you deeply, and calls you into new life.
All: Amen.

Hymn *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom* #174

Passing of the Peace
Leader: Rejoicing in the brightness God's blessings, let us share signs of peace.
The peace of Christ be with you always!
People: **And also with you!**

Affirmation of Faith: *Apostles' Creed*

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he de-scended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture

1 Peter 4:10-11

Sermon

Our Calling...

Elder Jerome B. Lane, Jr.

Offering Invitation

Offertory Song

***Doxology**

We lift our voices,
we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to You;
We are an offering.
Lord, use our voices;
Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours;
We are an offering.
All that we have,
All that we are,
All that we hope to be,
we give to You, we give to You.
We lift our voices,
We lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to You;
We are an offering, we are an offering.

Dedication

Hymn

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

#645

Blessing

Postlude

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace #545

Evan O'Donovan

BIO INFORMATION: ELDER JEROME B. LANE, JR.

Elder Jerome Bishop Lane Jr. was born in the Bronx, NY and raised in Harlem. He's been happily married for 20 years to his high school sweetheart Misan Oroye-Lane. God has blessed them with two amazing sons, Jerome Bishop Lane III and Joseph Lenox Lane. His religious journey started in Queens, NY at Springfield Assembly Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, founded by his God-Father Bishop Emmlo Win-ningham.

His first memory of service to his community was in church serving hot meals to men that where transport- ed to the church from the Bowery Mission in Manhattan. Then on to the NAACP where he served as Pres- ident for the Mid-Manhattan Branches' Youth and College Division and then Vice President of the New York State Youth and College Division. This is where he was able to develop his community organizing and leadership skills.

He earned his Bachelor's Degree at Lehman College in the Bronx, New York, where he majored in Com- munications and minored in Political Science. He was awarded the Percy E. Sutton Scholarship from the NAACP and the Charles S. Ensley Scholarship from the Social Service Employees Union Local 371.

In 2017, he became a proud member of Elmwood United Presbyterian Church (THE WOOD), where he currently serves as Elder. He has had the privilege of working with members of the church to try to im- prove the lives of families in the church and the surrounding community.

Five years ago, he founded the Talented Tenth Enrichment Program, a Saturday program for students' kindergarten thru 6th grade. He is also a President of the Men of Faith Ministry. He enjoys multiple genres of music and movies, podcasting, sports and barbecuing for family and friends.