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THE 2024 GLADDEN LECTURE
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

INFORMATION ABOUT THE GLADDEN LECTURE

Mr. Tom Worley
Washington Gladden Social Justice Park

* *Please stand.*

*OPENING HYMN

African American spiritual

“This little light of mine”

1. This lit - tle light of mine, _ I'm gon-na let it shine, _
2. Ev - ery - where I go, _ I'm gon-na let it shine, _
3. All through the night, _ I'm gon-na let it shine, _

this lit - tle light of mine, _ I'm gon-na let it shine; _
ev - ery - where I go, _ I'm gon-na let it shine; _
All through the night, _ I'm gon-na let it shine; _

this lit - tle light of mine, _ I'm gon-na let it shine, _
ev - ery - where I go, _ I'm gon-na let it shine, _
all through the night, _ I'm gon-na let it shine, _

let it shine, _ let it shine, _ let it shine.

*CELEBRATION HYMN

African American spiritual

“Every time I feel the Spirit”

African American spiritual, arr. Joseph T. Jones

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my
heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the
Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. *Fine*

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's
2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the
mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so
bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this
to Refrain
fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

THE ADDRESS

The Rev. Dr. Yvonne V. Delk

“Truth telling: A Mission for the Church and Country
in an Era of Afrophobia, Critical Race Theory and Christian Nationalism”

*RESPONSE HYMN

"I shall not be moved"

I shall not be, I shall not be moved. I shall not be, I shall not be moved;

like a tree plant-ed by the wa - ter, I shall not be moved. be moved.

1 When my cross is heav - y, I shall not be moved,
2 The church of God is march - ing, I shall not be moved, the
3 Je - sus is our cap - tain, I shall not be moved,
4 Fight - ing sin and Sa - tan, I shall not be moved,

when my cross is heav - y, I shall not be moved;
church of God is march - ing, I shall not be moved;
Je - sus is our cap - tain, I shall not be moved;
fight - ing sin and Sa - tan, I shall not be moved;

Refrain
like a tree plant-ed by the wa - ter, I shall not be moved. be moved.

*CLOSING HYMN

“O Savior, let me walk with you”

Maryton, H. Percy Smith, 1874
att. Washington Gladden, 1879, alt.

1 O Sav - ior, let me walk with you in earth - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear
3 Teach me your pa - tience; let me be in clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; Tell me your se - cret,
win - ning word of love. Teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ening way, In peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
you can give, with you, O Sav - ior, let me live.

CLOSING

A RECEPTION INCLUDING A BOOK SIGNING will take place immediately following the program.

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