



All One in Christ

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF ZAMBIA**  
**SYNOD HEADQUARTERS**  
**DIAMOND JUBILEE**



**ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE DIAMOND JUBILEE**  
**OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF ZAMBIA (UCZ)**

**Order of Worship:** Rev Bishop Laston Chisanga  
**Preacher:** Rev Richard Andrew

**THURSDAY**  
**16TH JANUARY 2025**

**MINDOLO CONGREGATION**  
**KITWE**  **TIME: 08:30HRS**





## **1. Processional Hymn:** WCF Synod Choir

## **2. Purpose of Gathering:** The Synod Bishop Rev Festus Chulu

Today, we gather to celebrate our unity with God and each other through Jesus Christ. Jesus teaches us that He is the Vine and we are the branches; staying united with Him ensures we bear much fruit and live in harmony with one another (John 15:1-5). Our Christian unity stems from our connection to Jesus, the true vine.

We gather to celebrate the UCZ at 60 that was established on January 16th, 1965. This union brought together multiple church missions, solidifying our commitment to the Bible-based proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

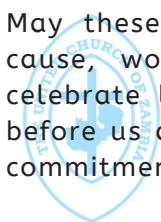
## **3. Presentation of The Banner, The Light and The Bible:**

Rev Bishop Howard Hamwinga, accompanied by Rev Milan Musunga and Rev Harriet Kapeya

As a sign of this commitment, we now present the Banner, the Light of the candle, and the Bible, symbolizing our official logo, theme, and tagline, to the Synod Bishop and General Secretary, marking the beginning of our Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

The Banner represents our unity and the calling we share to spread Your Word. The Light of the candle symbolizes Christ as the light of the world, guiding us in our mission with His divine illumination. The Bible, the foundation of our faith, signifies our dedication to Your teachings and the promises we strive to uphold.

May these symbols inspire us to remain devoted to our cause, working together with faith and enthusiasm. As we celebrate let us remember the legacy of those who came before us and honour their contributions with our steadfast commitment to a future rooted in grace and love.





#### **4. Call to Worship:**

**Celebrating Unity in Diversity-** Rev Bishop Laston Chisanga

**Leader:**

"We come together as one body in Christ, to worship the God who has been faithful to us for 60 years. In our unity and diversity, we praise God for the blessings of this journey and seek His guidance as we move forward in faith and service."

**People:**

"We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen."

**Leader:**

As we celebrate 60 years of God's faithfulness, let us remember the words of Scripture that remind us of our unity:

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit." (1 Corinthians 12:12-14, NRSV)

As we celebrate this milestone, we come before the Lord with hearts full of gratitude for His continual guidance, provision, and love. May we honor God by celebrating our diversity and the unbreakable bond that unites us in Christ.





## **5. Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation"**

## **6. Prayer of Adoration and Gratitude:**

Rev Bishop Chitalu Daruis

God of our mothers and fathers, We thank You for calling us into the fellowship of The United Church of Zambia. We celebrate Your faithfulness that has sustained us for 60 years of unity, faith, and service. As we gather today, we are mindful of our diverse backgrounds but united in our commitment to serve You and one another.

Gracious and loving God, we come before You with hearts overflowing with thanksgiving. We praise You for the unity we share in Christ, for the diversity of gifts You have given each one of us, and for the way You have woven us together as one body, serving Your purpose. We are grateful for 60 years of faithful witness, of growing together in faith, and of becoming a community that reflects Your love and grace.

Lord, we thank You for Your guidance through every season, for sustaining us in times of challenge and leading us in times of joy. We acknowledge Your Spirit at work in our midst, empowering each member of the body to serve, to love, and to grow. May we continue to be faithful to Your call, united in our mission to glorify You. We offer ourselves anew to You today, trusting that You will continue to lead us in unity and in faith for the years to come. In Jesus' name, we pray.

**Amen.**





## **7. Welcoming Remarks and Notices:**

Dr Allivet Mwale, Synod Administrative Secretary

## **8. Ministry from Choirs:**

- Copperbelt Presbytery Youth Choir

## **9. Address: "Celebration of Unity and Diversity"-**

Rev Prof Jonathan Kangwa, Vice Chancellor UCZ University

Reflecting on the historical union of four missionary societies in 1965, highlighting the growth and continued unity of the UCZ amidst cultural and doctrinal diversity.

## **10. Prayer for Unity and Diversity:** Rev Bishop Harrison Silungwe

### **Leader:**

O God, We thank You for the rich diversity within the body of Christ, which makes us stronger and more faithful. We acknowledge the many ways in which You have brought us together as one church, united in our mission to serve You. Continue to inspire us to live out our unity with humility and joy, celebrating the many gifts You have given us.

Grant us the grace to honour and respect each person in our community, recognizing that each individual reflects Your image. Help us to learn from one another, and to grow together in faith and understanding.

May we be open to the richness that comes from different cultures, traditions, and perspectives, and may this openness deepen our faith and widen our love. Guide us to be a living testament to the power of Your unifying love, and let our actions bring glory to Your name.

Empower us to use our diverse gifts to build a more just and compassionate world. May our unity be a source of hope and encouragement to others, and may it draw more people to You. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.





**11. Choir: WCF Synod Choir**

**12. Address: "Faithful Service to God and Community"-  
Deaconess Mable Sichali, Community Development and Social  
Justice**

Reflecting on how the UCZ has faithfully served God through the years, addressing both spiritual and practical needs of the community, and the church's role in social justice.

**13. Prayer of Commitment and Service:**

Rev Bishop Dr Charles Lungu

**Leader:**

God of all people, You have called us to be Your hands and feet in the world. We offer ourselves anew to You today, asking for Your strength and wisdom to continue our work of service. May our hearts be full of compassion for those in need, and may our actions reflect the love and justice of Your Kingdom.

Fill us with the courage to speak out against injustice and to stand in solidarity with the marginalized and oppressed. Let our efforts be guided by Your love and truth, and may we always seek to uplift and empower others.

Grant us the patience and perseverance to work diligently, even when the path ahead seems difficult. Help us to remain faithful to Your call, and let our actions be a testament to Your grace and mercy. May we find joy in serving others and draw strength from our unity as a community of believers.

In moments of doubt or weariness, remind us of Your endless love and the purpose You have given us. Let our lives be a reflection of Your light, and may we inspire others to follow in Your footsteps.

Amen.





#### **14. Choir: Copperbelt Praise Team**

Acknowledging God's continued faithfulness through the years.

#### **15. Address: "A Time of Reflection and Renewal"-**

The General Secretary, Rev Chipasha Musaba

Reflecting on the church's past 60 years—celebrating achievements and recognizing challenges, while calling for renewal in the church's mission and vision for the future.

#### **16. Prayer of Reflection and Renewal:**

Rev Bishop Melvin Mubanga

##### **Leader:**

Immortal, Invisible and wise God, We thank You for the countless ways You have led us in the past. As we reflect on the history of the United Church of Zambia, we ask for Your grace to renew our faith and mission. Empower us to face the challenges of the future with courage and hope, and help us to pass on a legacy of faithful witness to the next generation.

Guide us to build on the foundations laid by those who came before us, and let their dedication inspire us to strive for greater heights. May we be a source of strength and encouragement to each other, fostering a community that reflects Your love and compassion.

Fill our hearts with a sense of purpose and drive, that we may continue to serve with unwavering commitment. Keep us grounded in Your teachings and open our minds to new ways of spreading Your message of hope and redemption.

As we embark on new journeys and embrace the changes ahead, remind us that Your presence is always with us. Help us to remain united in our vision and steadfast in our resolve, knowing that with Your guidance, we can achieve all things through Christ who strengthens us.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.





### **17. Music Minister Situmbeko**

A hymn of thanksgiving for those who have contributed to the church's growth and mission.

### **18. Address: "Acknowledging Past Contributions"-**

Rev Bishop Roy Kanchele

Honouring the contributions of missionaries, clergy, lay members, and global partners who have worked tirelessly to build and sustain the church over the past six decades.

### **19. Prayer of Gratitude and Honor-Rev Bishop Mutembo**

#### **Leader:**

God of all, We thank You for the faithful servants who have gone before us. We honour their hard work, sacrifices, and the legacy they have built. May we continue their work, carrying the torch of faith, hope, and love into the future.

Grant us the strength and courage to face the challenges ahead with unwavering faith, just as they did. Fill our hearts with compassion and love for those around us, and guide our actions so that we may be a reflection of Your grace and mercy.

Help us to remain steadfast in our purpose, even when the path seems difficult. May we find joy in serving others and inspiration in the lives of those who have paved the way for us. Let our efforts bring healing, unity, and hope to our communities.

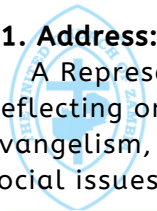
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### **20. Choir: Copperbelt Presbytery Youth Choir**

#### **21. Address: "A Vision for the Future"-:**

A Representative from the Youth

Reflecting on the church's renewed focus on discipleship, evangelism, carrying the youth along, and addressing current social issues like poverty, inequality, and climate change.







## **22. Prayer for the Future: Rev Bishop George Sindaza,**

### **Leader:**

Gracious God, we look forward with hope, trusting in Your plans for our future. As we continue our journey of faith, may we embrace new challenges and opportunities with passion and faithfulness. Guide us to be a church that speaks out for justice and works toward peace, proclaiming the good news of Your Kingdom.

Instill in us a spirit of unity and cooperation, that we may work together in harmony for the greater good. May we be beacons of light in a world that often seems dark, and may our actions and words reflect Your love and compassion in all that we do.

Equip us with wisdom and discernment to walk through the complexities of our world. Help us to stand firm in our convictions and to courageously advocate for those who are marginalized and oppressed. May our lives be a testament to Your steadfast love and grace.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

## **23. Choir: Music Minister Chilu and collection of offering A celebration of the global and national impact of the UCZ.**

### **24. Offertory Prayer: Rev Erica Mumba**

God of wealth and the giver of talents, we come before You with grateful hearts, offering our gifts and tithes as a sign of our devotion and thanksgiving. We acknowledge that all we have is a blessing from You, and we give back a portion of what You have generously provided.

We pray that You bless these offerings and use them to further Your Kingdom's work. May they be a source of hope and support for those in need, and may they help to spread Your love and truth to all corners of the world.





**Guide us in the stewardship of these resources, that we may use them wisely and faithfully. Let our offerings be a reflection of our commitment to serve You and to extend Your grace to others.**

**Thank You for the opportunity to give and for the privilege to participate in Your plan of redemption. May our gifts bring glory to Your name and be a testament to Your endless love and faithfulness.**

**In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**25. Address: "National and Global Recognition"-  
Rev Bishop Festus Chulu, The UCZ Synod Bishop**

**Reflecting on the role of the UCZ, and its influence both nationally and globally in promoting unity, faith, and moral leadership.**

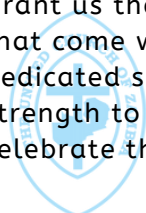
**26. Address: The Guest of Honour**

**27. Prayer for National and Global Mission:  
Rev Bishop Dr Lordwell Siame**

**Leader:**

Creator God of all, We thank You for the privilege of being part of a church that has a global mission and a national influence. We pray that our work here in Zambia, and our partnerships around the world, continue to bear fruit for Your Kingdom. May we be faithful witnesses of Your love, truth, and justice, now and always.

Grant us the wisdom and guidance to navigate the challenges that come with our mission. May we remain humble and dedicated servants, always seeking to do Your will. Give us the strength to persevere in the face of adversity, and the grace to celebrate the successes and blessings You bestow upon us.





Help us to build bridges of understanding and friendship with people from all walks of life. Let our efforts bring healing and hope, and may we be a source of inspiration and support to those in need.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**28. Scripture Reading Luke 4: 14-30:** Mrs Mulumba Sofia

**Homily-** Rev Richard Andrew, President, Methodist Church UK

**29. Affirming the Unity:** Rev Bishop Sydney Sichilima

**Leader:** Israel often strayed from the blessing of unity. Renewal came as its' leaders turned the people back to celebrate and honor their oneness in being chosen people of God. Gods' hand comes on repentant people of God giving them one heart to do his will (2 Chronicles 30:12)

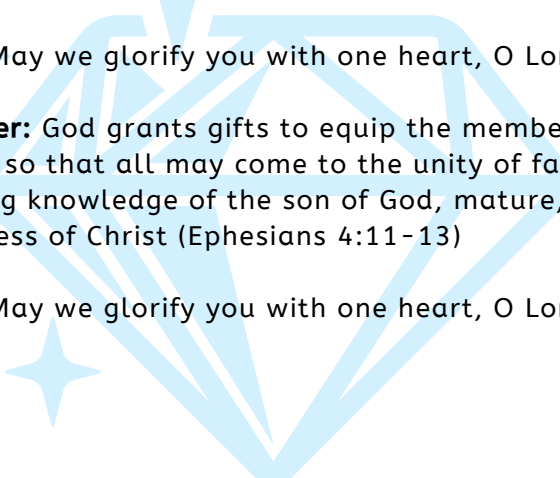
**All:** May we glorify you with one heart, O Lord!

**Leader:** God call the members of the body of Christ to live in unity with one another. As Christians, we witness our union with Jesus as we work and live with one another in unity of spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-3)

**All:** May we glorify you with one heart, O Lord!

**Leader:** God grants gifts to equip the members and build up the body so that all may come to the unity of faith and to the saving knowledge of the son of God, mature, attaining the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13)

**All:** May we glorify you with one heart, O Lord!





**Leader:** Clothing ourselves as one body, with virtues of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and forgiveness, we witness to your unity through love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony (Colossians 3:12-14)

**All:** With one heart we pray. AMEN

### **30. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE-Rev Bishop Festus Chulu**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

What shall we render to the Lord for his goodness to us? We shall take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. We shall pay our vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. [Psalm 116: 12-16]

#### **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**LEADER:** The Lord lives and He is with us; let us acclaim God and worship with gladness.

**PEOPLE:** We are God's people and God has shown his love to us. we give thanks to God and praise his name.

**LEADER:** Sisters and brothers, lift up your hearts, lift up your eyes, and lift up your voices. the living God has called us together to be partners in His mission to the world and to glorify His Holy name.

**PEOPLE:** For the living God has filled the whole universe with His love and made us his temples.





## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**LEADER:** Let us remember and confess our sins. Great King of heaven and earth, you are Holy and just. We confess to you all our sins, our lack of love, the tension, the injustice, and the strife of which we are a part.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**PEOPLE:** For yours is the kingdom, whose days are not numbered, your power shall not end, to you be glory in the Church through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

## PRAYER FOR THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**LEADER:** Let us pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Father, open our hearts so that we may reflect your love to all the people in the world.

**PEOPLE:** AMEN.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**LEADER:** Lift up your hearts.

**PEOPLE:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**LEADER:** Let us give thanks.

**PEOPLE:** It is right to give thanks and praise to the Lord God.

**LEADER:** It is our duty and delight, God our Father, to give you thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. Our hearts are full of gratitude to you, because you loved the world so much that you gave your only son, so that whoever believes in him may not die but have eternal life.





God, we thank you because Jesus was born among us, that he lived our common life on earth, he suffered and died for us on the cross, was buried, and rose from the dead. and that he is always present through the Holy Spirit. Remembering these things, we celebrate the Lord's supper. We pray that despite our sins and doubts, the Holy Spirit may transform what we are doing so that as we eat the bread and drink the wine, we may share in the eternal life of Jesus Christ.

**PEOPLE:** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of your glory; we worship and adore you.

## **INSTITUTION NARRATIVE**

**LEADER:** BROTHERS AND SISTERS, LET US LISTEN TO THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

ACCORDING TO THE EXAMPLE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND IN MEMORY OF HIM, WE DO THIS:

THE LORD JESUS, ON THE NIGHT OF HIS ARREST, TOOK BREAD, AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE BROKE IT, AND SAID, "THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS FOR YOU; DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

IN THE SAME WAY, JESUS TOOK THE CUP AFTER SUPPER AND SAID, "THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD; DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

## **COMMUNION**

**BREAD:** The Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Given for You.

**WINE:** The Blood of The Lord Jesus, Shed for You.





## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**LEADER:** God our Father, give us your peace, send us your peace.  
**PEOPLE:** The peace which the world cannot give, the peace which we cannot find by ourselves, may your peace be with us

### **31. Cutting of the UCZ@ 60 Cake and Presentation of Gifts to Partners**

### **32. Prayer of Thanksgiving - Rev Bishop Patrice Siyemeto**

Eternal, Gracious, and Triune God, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude, acknowledging the many blessings You have bestowed upon us. We thank You for Your constant presence in our lives and for guiding our steps each day.

Today, we especially thank You for the rich legacy of faith handed down through generations in The United Church of Zambia. We are grateful for the sacrifices of those who have gone before us, who laid the foundation upon which we now stand. Their dedication and love have been a source of inspiration and strength for us all.

As we gather to celebrate our Diamond Jubilee, we are reminded of the countless ways You have led and sustained us. Your faithfulness has been our anchor, and Your love has been our guide. We thank You for the unity and diversity within our church, which enriches our mission and strengthens our witness. Lord, we recognize the need to share these blessings with others. May we be generous in our love, compassionate in our service, and faithful in our witness. Help us to carry forward the light of faith, hope, and love, so that it may shine brightly in our communities and beyond.

May our hearts always be filled with gratitude for Your endless goodness and mercy. Empower us to live out our faith with courage and joy, knowing that You are ever with us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.





### **33. Closing Hymn: "To God Be the Glory"**

**34. Prayer of dedication of the UCZ and Benediction-** Rev Bishop Mutale Mulumbwa

#### **Prayer of Dedication:**

God of all times, we come before You with grateful hearts, dedicating the United Church of Zambia to Your glory and service. We thank You for Your faithfulness and for guiding us throughout our journey. Today, we offer ourselves anew to You, committing to live out Your will with devotion and love.

Grant us the wisdom and strength to continue this mission with firm faith. May our church be an example of hope, love, and justice in our communities. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may serve with compassion and humility, always seeking to reflect Your grace in all that we do.

Help us to remain united in purpose and vision, supporting one another and sharing the burdens and joys of our faith journey. May our dedication to You and each other be a testament to Your great love and a source of inspiration to those around us.

#### **Benediction:**

And now, as we go forth from this place, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and always. Amen.

### **35. Notices, Recessional and Fellowship**

The service will conclude with a recessional march, followed by an opportunity for fellowship, reflection, and refreshments.

### **36. The Boys Brigade Brass Band leads the recessional march**





# Our Past, Present & Future



**The UCZ @ 60 – Changing The Narrative**

## Past & Present Synod Bishops



**Rev. Dr. Colin Morris**  
The UCZ first President  
1965–1969  
(Late)



**Rev. Doyce Musunsa**  
President, later Synod  
Moderator 1981–1984  
(late)



**Rev. Godfrey M. Sikazwe**  
Synod Moderator  
1984–1996  
(late)



**Rev. A.M. Siatwinda**  
Synod Bishop.  
1996–2000  
(late)



**Rev. Patrice Siyemeto**  
Synod Bishop.  
2000–2004



**Rev. Mutale Mulumbwa**  
Synod Bishop.  
2006–2016



**Rev. Sydney Sichilima**  
Synod Bishop.  
2016–2024



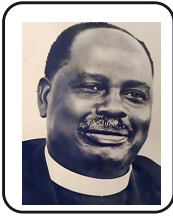
**Rev. Festus Chulu**  
Current Synod Bishop.

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## Past & Present General Secretaries

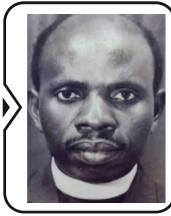
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**Rev. Doyce Musunsa**  
Synod Clerk  
1965-1980  
(late)



**Rev. Joel Chisanga**  
General Secretary  
1980-1988  
(late)



**Rev. Bwalya S. Chuba**  
General Secretary  
1988-1990



**Rev. Benson M. Chongo**  
General Secretary  
1992-1996



**Rev. Silishebo**  
Silishebo General  
Secretary 1996-2004



**Rev. Prof. Teddy  
Kalongo General  
Secretary 2005-  
2007**



**Rev. Chrispin  
Mbalazi General  
Secretary 2008-  
2010**



**Rev. Dr. Peggy M.  
Kabonde General  
Secretary 2011-2021**



**Rev. Chipasha  
Musaba Current  
General Secretary**

# Our Rich History



## OPENING HYMN

### TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1 To God be the glory, great things He  
hath done,  
So loved He the world that He gave us  
His Son,  
Who yielded His life our redemption  
to win,  
And opened the life-gate that all  
may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice;  
Oh, come to the Father, through  
Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory; great  
things He hath done.*

2 Oh, perfect redemption, the  
purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of  
God;  
The vilest offender who truly  
believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon  
receives.

3 Great things He hath taught us,  
great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through  
Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater  
will be  
Our wonder, our transport when  
Jesus we see.



**Amen**

## CLOSING HYMN

### THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

1 The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation,  
By water and the word;  
From Heav'n he came and sought her  
To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died..

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the Earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With ev'ry grace endued.

3 'Mid toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forever more;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

4 O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with thee;  
There, past the border mountains,  
Where in sweet vales, the bride  
With thee, by living fountains,  
Forever shall abide!

**Amen**

