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Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

June 3, 2020

7:00 PM

(Via Zoom)

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GATHERING

WELCOME

+ GATHERING WORDS

Christ is calling you as disciples.

Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.

You will be led into fields of mission and service.

Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.

Listen for Christ's call to you.

We are ready to serve the Lord.

+ OPENING SONG

Jesus Messiah

Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves (CCLI#:5183443)

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Ending
Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all

PRAYER OF THE DAY (based on *Jonah 3, 1 Corinthians 7*)

Holy One, God of all Creation, you call us to be your people, to carry your vision in this time and place, to go where you send us to help welcome your amazing good news. As we gather in the presence of the risen Christ to spread the news that your realm is near, fill us with your Holy Spirit, O God of all Creation. Fill us with your glorious Spirit, that we may share your good news with a world in need.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We gather as God's people, believing the promises fulfilled in Christ. We do not need to confess out of dread or fear, but in trust that God is faithful to forgive us and make us new. Join me as we pray together, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have saved us and called us to be your ministers of love and warmth in this hurting world. Forgive us when we do not minister in your name. Sometimes we say we are way too busy, when we really know that this is just an excuse. Other times we do not believe we are good enough for certain tasks of caring. Sometimes we are scared that we will do or say the wrong things. And sometimes we just don't want to be bothered. Help us to understand your calling in our lives. Help us boldly to reach out to spread your goodness. And now, hear us as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts . . .

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ's way is simple, but it is also not easy. To walk the narrow path, we need to be people of commitment and faith, always seeking God's way. We have been given an assurance, though. When we decide to walk Christ's path, even though it is unknown, we find that it is filled with new possibilities, hope, grace, and God's blessings.

This is the promise of Christ. Through God, all things are possible.

Hearing this good news, know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Startle us, O God, with your truth and open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love. Speak your word to us; silence in us any voice but your own and be with us now as we turn our attention, our minds and our hearts, to you, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

I Samuel 3:1-11

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:18-22

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elder to be installed - Chris Martin

Deacon to be ordained and installed - Tracy Stevens

Deacons to be installed - Deborah Folly, Charlotte Stultz

Sentences of Scripture

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Questions to the Officers

Book of Order, W-4.4003

Regarding Personal Faith

(1) Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? “**I DO.**”

(2) Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to you? “**I DO.**”

Regarding Doctrine

(3) Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? “**I DO AND I WILL.**”

(4) Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? “**I WILL.**”

Regarding Government

(5) Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit? “**I WILL.**”

Regarding Discipline

(6) Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? “**I WILL.**”

(7) Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **"I DO."**

Regarding the Duties of the Office

(8) Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **"I WILL."**

(9) (for elders) Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **"I WILL."**

(9) (for deacons) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **"I WILL."**

Questions to the Congregation

Book of Order, W-4.4004

(1) Do we, the members of the church, accept these individuals as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? If so, please say **"WE DO."**

(2) Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? If so, please say **"WE DO."**

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND VIRTUAL LAYING ON OF HANDS

STATEMENT OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

+ ***HYMN OF RESPONSE***

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

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I I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

SENDING

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

And now, sisters and brothers,
go from this worship knowing that the God who made you
also sustains you.

The God who calls you also goes with you.

The God who loved you before you were born
still loves you today, and into all the tomorrows.

May the love of God,
the grace of His Son Jesus Christ,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all, now and forever,
Amen.

+ Please stand, in body or in spirit.

DEACONS: THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.¹

RULING ELDERS: THE MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT AND GOVERNANCE

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as teaching elders, and they are eligible for any office.²

¹ *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Part II, Book of Order: 2013/2015*, 2013. Published by The Office of the General Assembly, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202, p. 26.

² *ibid.*, p. 60.

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Ministers.....	People of the Church
Pastor.....	Rev. Adam C. Bowling
Chancel Choir Director	Dana Van Slyke
Pianist/Organist	Justin Streletz
Contemporary Worship Directors.....	Becca and Chris Anderson
Children's/Youth Choir Directors.....	Becca and Chris Anderson
Jubilation Handbell Director.....	Ike Evans
Nursery Supervisor.....	Joann Paige
Little Hands Preschool Director	Tiffany Ramsey
Sexton.....	Homer Detrich
Office Manager.....	Kim Parker