

Bethany Presbyterian Church

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June 11, 2023 – 11:00 am Second Sunday after Pentecost Ordination and Installation of Officers



Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness. Isaiah 43:19 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here! Parts of today's liturgy are from Ruth Burgess and Chris Polhill, Fire and Bread: Resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2006); and Ruth Burgess, Summer: Liturgical Resources for May, June and July including Eastertide and Pentecost (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2020).

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: Lord of Hope

Hugh S. Livingstone

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

Refrain

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme, empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! (**Refrain**)

Let courage be our friend; Let wisdom be our guide, as we in mission magnify the Crucified! (**Refrain**)

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church in song! For Christ the Lord has Triumphed o'er the ages long! (**Refrain**)

*OPENING SENTENCES

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

Let us worship our God.

*GATHERING PRAYER

FROM "OPENING PRAYER," SHANEA D. LEONARD

God, who is sovereign and loving to us all, open our hearts and minds as we seek you today. Help us to see the value in welcoming the stranger, loving our neighbor and seeing people the way you do. God, help us to not center our own fear but open us up to the beauty of radical welcome. God, even when the task at hand gets difficult, give us the strength to push past the discomfort so that we may know more fully the bountiful blessings of beloved community. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A Prayer for Illumination

Send us your Holy Spirit, O God, That these words might speak to us as your word, and our lives bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

DEUTERONOMY 10:17-19PEW BIBLE, 231

ISAIAH 43:18-21PEW BIBLE, 885

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

AN OFFERING OF OUR PLEDGES

OFFERTORY

*Doxology #428: We Give Thee But Thine Own

WILLIAM WALSHAM HOW

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

*BLESSING OUR GIFTS

*HYMN OF THE DAY #522 Lord, When I Came Into This Life

FRED KAAN

Lord, when I came into this life You called me by my name; Today I come, commit myself, Responding to Your claim.

Within the circle of the faith
As member of Your cast,
I take my place with all the saints
Of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life, Between my faith and doubt, Let Your great Spirit give me hope, Sustain me, lead me out.

So, help me in my unbelief And let my life be true: Feet firmly planted on the earth, My sights set high on You.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and in deed. We are hesitant to welcome the stranger, our hospitality has been far from radical, we are quick to speak when we ought to listen and silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit.

O God, forgive us. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling.

Silent prayer

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

I proclaim to you in the name of the Lord who calls us to welcome, as we too have been welcomed:

You are enough. You are forgiven. You are loved.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE WORD IN MUSIC: Simple Gifts Shaker Tune, ARR. BY MARK SCHWEIZER AFTER PACHELBEL'S CANON

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: "Habit 1 – Radical Welcome" REV. PHILLIPS

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

In ordination the church sets apart with prayer and the laying on of hands those who have been called by God through the voice of the church to serve as deacons, ruling elders, and ministers of Word and Sacrament. In installation the church sets in place with prayer those who have been ordained as deacons, ruling elders, and ministers of Word and Sacrament, and are now called anew to service in that ministry. Directory for Worship, W-4.0401

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE 1 COR. 12:4-7, 27

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished. *To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.*

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

W-4.0404

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise...*

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

*CLOSING HYMN #525: Here I Am, Lord

DANIEL L. SCHUTTE

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

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)

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

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Alleluia!*

CHORAL BENEDICTION: Shalom to You

ELISE S. ESLINGER

Shalom to you now, Shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your Shalom, Christ be your Shalom.

POSTLUDE: Ever in the Faith EDWARD BROUGHTON

^{*} Please stand in body or spirit.

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, June 11th – Second Sunday after Pentecost Ordination and Installation of Officers

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, June 14th

6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, June 18th - Third Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)



Session

Moderator: Rev. Jon Phillips

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