

Order of Worship
New Castle Presbytery
May 21, 2019



Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. John Riley

You call to us, O God, in the moments of our days,

In storms and in whispers

In coincidence and in chaos.

You call us here, O God, from the duties of our days

To be your people gathered

To lift up our voices in resonant praise

To listen for your Word

To open ourselves to your Spirit

And to live into your calling with courage and joy.

Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #420**

God of Grace and God of Glory

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (Unison)

Almighty and ever-loving God, you are our source, our destination, and our companion in every moment. Creator of all from the vastness of galaxies to the energy of each atom, you are the author of life, the conqueror of death, and the love that redeems all existence. We dare to call ourselves your children, and you deign to call us friends. Let us live into those words with all that we are. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

Holy One, we confess that our worlds are too small, our dreams too meager, and our goals too much shaped by our own wish for comfort. We listen for words that echo our own sentiments and are afraid to be challenged. In a rapid-fire world that fosters fear, our churches cry out. Some seek a return to what we once knew, some seek a new vision, and all of us seek meaning that can carry us through even a world gone mad. Yours, O God, is the peace that passes understanding, the love that never gives up, and the grace that can lead us beyond our comfort to the bold adventure of abundant life, beyond what we used to be, beyond our timid plans, and into the very Spirit of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Non Nobis Domine

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jessica MacMillan

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. J Herbert Nelson

COMMISSIONING OF TRIENNIUM YOUTH AND ADVISORS

Rev. Caitlan Quin Gartland

INTRODUCTION

HYMN #356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (verses 1 and 2)

PROMISES OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Do you promise to open your hearts to all that God will offer to you as you experience the Presbyterian Youth Triennium? (We do.)

Do you promise to give of your hearts to those around you to help them also grow in faith? (We do.)

Do you promise to share your hearts with others when you return so that even those of us who do not attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium might be blessed by your presence there? (We do.)

PROMISE OF THE PRESBYTERY

Do we as representatives of the Church universal promise to pray for our participants and seek to learn from them what they learned at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium when they return? Do we? (**We do!**)

HYMN #356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (verse 3)

COMMISSIONING PRAYER (Unison)

Holy God, through never ending streams of mercy, guide and protect our young people and their leaders as they attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Tune their hearts to sing your praise and fill them with your wondrous grace. Transform their lives through this experience so that they may further build your Kingdom through their gifts and leadership. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF MISSIONAL PRESBYTER TRACY KEENAN Rev. Dianne Deming

As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

If your gift is to hear God's Word, **speak it out in faith.**

If your gift is service, **live to serve others.**

If your gift is the heart of a teacher, **teach what is true.**

Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely; **let officers work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.**

Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit, **serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.**

The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the

Church... Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:

- **The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;**
- **the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;**
- **the maintenance of divine worship;**
- **the preservation of the truth;**
- **the promotion of social righteousness;**
- **and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

The ministry of the church is shared by pastor and people, and among the congregations of a presbytery.... In her baptism, Tracy Keenan, was clothed with Christ. She was ordained as a teaching elder by the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, has pastored churches in Pittsburgh and in Columbus, and is now called by God through the voice of the presbytery to serve as *Missional Presbyter* of this presbytery.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's call to our sister, to serve among us as Missional Presbyter.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in the Lord 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.**

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.**

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.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **I will.**

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.**

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.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

Will you be a faithful teaching elder, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people?

Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

Do we, the members of New Castle Presbytery, accept Tracy. as our *Missional Presbyter* chosen by God through the voice of this presbytery to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for her, encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Do we promise to pay her fairly and provide for her welfare as she works among us; to stand by her in trouble and share her joys? Will we listen to the word she preaches, welcome her encouragement and guidance, and honor her authority as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord? **We do and we will.**

PRAYER OF 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 INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE MISSIONAL PRESBYTER AND THE NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY

Romans 12:12-24

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson

HYMN # 430 COME SING, O CHURCH, IN JOY!

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. John Riley, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Smyrna

Rev. Jessica MacMillan, Connectional Presbyter of New Castle Presbytery

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Rev. Caitlan Quinn Gartland, Pastor of Presbyterian Church of Chestertown

Rev. Dianne Deming, Moderator of New Castle Presbytery

Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan, Missional Presbyter of New Castle Presbytery

Vera Mrohs, Organist at First Presbyterian Church of Smyrna

Chancel Choir, First Presbyterian Church of Smyrna