



ORDINATION + INSTALLATION SUNDAY

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**Baptism of the Lord
Ordination & Installation of Officers
January 10, 2021**

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue wayward people; by the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Callie Dollar

Leader: In the beginning, darkness covered the deep, and God said:
Let there be light.

People: *The voice of the Lord is over the waters!*

Leader: Through the words of the prophets, the Lord said:
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

People: *The voice of the Lord is over the waters!*

Leader: Do not fear, says the Lord:
I am with you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

People: *The voice of the Lord is over the waters!*

Leader: When Jesus was baptized by John, suddenly the heavens were opened.

People: *The voice of the Lord is over the waters!*

Leader: And as Jesus was coming out of the water, the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

People: *The voice of the Lord is over the waters!*

Leader: And a voice said:
You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.

People: *The voice of the Lord is over the waters!*

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son.

People: *Keep us, you children born of water and the Spirit, faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

PRELUDE

Sonata IV

Handel

Larghetto Allegro

Tere Irvin, flute | Penny Kendall, cello | Dr. Terry McRoberts, piano

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Leader: Isaiah testified to God's call on his life – a call he lived out through his prophetic words and actions. We confess that so many voices clamor for our attention that God's word is hard to hear. When we have been called to be witnesses of God's activity in the world and in our lives, and we have been unwilling to respond,

People: Merciful God, forgive us.

Leader: When Jesus' disciples heard the call of Christ, their lives were changed forever as they turned to follow Jesus. When we do not expect to hear life-changing words, and fail to discern God's call on our lives,

People: Merciful God, forgive us.

Leader: We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to recognize and to respond to the invitation of Jesus to follow him, even when that means traveling unknown and unfamiliar paths...

People: Merciful God, forgive us when we fail, and take from us the fear and uncertainty that hinder us. Cleanse us from all that hinders our hearing your voice, and fill us anew with the Holy Spirit, that we may joyfully respond to Christ's call on our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us:
You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Courtney Bowen

MUSIC

Melody in D (Cantique de J. Racine)

Faure

Tere Irvin, flute | Penny Kendall, cello | Dr. Terry McRoberts, piano

**Congregation standing, if able*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Callie Dollar

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:1-11

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SERMON

“Out of Water and Wilderness”

Rev. Courtney Bowen

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(The Apostle’s Creed)*

Callie Dollar

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**A SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
AND COMMISSIONING OF OFFICERS**

(see insert)

MUSIC

Trio on Amazing Grace
Dr. Terry McRoberts, organ

Jones

OFFERING

Rev. Courtney Bowen

*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Dedicatory Prayer

Callie Dollar

SENDING

***CHARGE**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

***POSTLUDE**

Morning Has Broken
Dr. Terry McRoberts, organ

arr. by Colvin