



ORDINATION + INSTALLATION SUNDAY

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January 14, 2024

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *God of hope, who sent a star to guide men to where Christ was born: guide us by the light of your word, so we may come to him offering the gift of our lives, and go out into the world glorifying and praising you, for our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John White

HYMN: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

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*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace.*

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me
Dr. Terry McRoberts

arr. by Travis

CHORAL INTROIT

We Have Come to Worship the Lord
Chancel Choir

Yannerella

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 60:1-3)

Rev. John White

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come,
ALL: *And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you*
One: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
ALL: *But the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.*
One: Nations shall come to your light,
ALL: *And kings to the brightness of your dawn.*

*HYMN OF PRAISE: 10 *Sing Glory to the Name of God*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Samuel 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,
ALL: *Merciful God, forgive us.*
One: 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,

ALL: *Merciful God, forgive us.*

One: 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...

ALL: *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

One: The Good News is that even if we at first do not hear the Divine Word addressed to us, God calls again and again. When our words and actions separate us from God, we are assured that if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God to whom we have been reconciled by Christ.

ALL: *Thanks be to God! In Christ we are forgiven and restored! Alleluia! Amen!*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 581** *Glory Be to the Father
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A-men, a-men.*

GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: *And also with you.*

ANTHEM

THE WORD
Sacred Harp Suite
Chancel Choir

arr. McDonald

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lindsey Patterson

MINUTE FOR MISSION: RESULTS OF 2024 PLEDGE EMPHASIS

Elder Robert Reeves

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

***HYMN: 92** *While We are Waiting, Come*

WAITING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (pg. 247)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

NEW TESTAMENT READING *John 1:43-51 (pg. 92-93)* *Rev. John White*
One: This is the word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Voices in the Night* *Rev. John White*

RESPONSE
A SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
AND COMMISSIONING OF OFFICERS *(see insert)*

***HYMN: 69** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* **HERE I AM**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(A Creed from Colossians 1:15-23)* *Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Who is Jesus Christ?
ALL: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once we were alienated from God, but now God has reconciled us by Christ's physical body through death to present us holy in his sight. Thanks be to God!

OFFERING *Rev. Courtney Bowen*
OFFERTORY *Prelude on ST COLUMBA* *Willan*
Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Doxology (Tune: 606) **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 *Rev. Courtney Bowen*

SENDING
***HYMN: 691** *Lord, When I Came into This Life* **LAND OF REST**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** *Rev. John White*

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Alleluia!* *Patterson*
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Blessed Is the Nation* *Wilson*
Dr. Terry McRoberts