

January 26, 2014
Ten o'clock
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Ordination/Installation of Officers

GATHERING

REFLECTION

In ordination the church sets apart with prayer and the laying on of hands those who have been called through the election of the church to serve as deacons, ruling elders, and teaching elders.

[PC(USA) Book of Order, W-4.4000]

PRELUDE

Choral Op.37 No. 4

Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Matthew 4:17, 19; Psalm 27:1, 8*)

Jesus said: Repent, for the realm of heaven has come near.

The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?

Jesus said: Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.

My heart says: Go, and seek the face of God.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 620

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA

Lighting the candles today is Acolyte Giana Suda.

CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Searcher of hearts, you know us from the beginning. You see in us more good and beauty than we have dared to believe. You beckon us to do more than we have dared to try. Forever you call our names. But we have filled our ears with the sounds of the world; we have timidly spoken of your great love; we have doubted the gifts hidden within each of us. Searcher of hearts, shine your forgiving light into our hesitancy, and embolden us to live with such joy and fire that all the world may know of your love.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

In the name of Jesus we pray.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 70

“What does the Lord Require of You?”

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness, Walk humbly with your God

To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?

*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING NO. 607 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

ORDINATION AND/OR INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

Introduction

*Hymn of Dedication No. 69 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

HERE I AM

Constitutional Questions of the Officers-Elect

Constitutional Questions of the Congregation

Prayer of Installation and Laying on of Hands

Declaration of Ordination/Installation

GOING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 175 “Seek Ye First”

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of welcome and peace with your neighbor.

**Those who are able, please stand*

†If you are new to our church...**Welcome!** We’re glad to have you here. Please ask an usher to direct you to *Visitor packets* at the rear of the church. They can be found on the table near the usher’s closet under the balcony stairs. After the 10:00 service today, we hope you will join us for Coffee Hour in Room 120.

†The flowers this morning are give to the glory of God and in loving memory of...
...Richard Harvey by his wife, Ruth.

†We express our sympathy as a Christian family to...
...the Payne family on the death of Ellen on January 17th.



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