

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
March 6, 2022
First Sunday of Lent
Ordination and Installation of Elders & Deacons



COVID-19 Safety Recommendations

- *Wear a mask at all times while in the sanctuary, fellowship hall, or classrooms.*
- *Seat yourself while being aware to keep 6 feet of distance from the neighbors in your pew.*
- *While seating is now allowed in every row, please stagger your seats so that you are not sitting directly behind or directly in front of anyone in the pews around you.*
- *Remember that young children are not vaccinated.*

Preparation: “Jesus was always talking about a reverse economy. He talked about how if you want to receive, you give. If you want to lead, you follow. That the poor are rich...that following Jesus means doing the math differently sometimes.” -- Bob Goff, from *Love Does*

Prelude *A Kingsfold Suite* David P. Dahl
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Greetings and Announcements of the Church Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship Bill Given, Liturgist

One: In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One, whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

All: Beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our daily work, God calls us.

One: We respond with our whole heart, singing God’s praise and giving thanks.

All: In steadfast love, God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives.

One: Listen for the promise of God’s steadfast love and God’s faithfulness.

All: We are listening for God’s call in our lives.

* **Hymn #712** *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*, vs. 1-3
[Forest Green]

Prayer of Confession Bill Given, Liturgist

One: Friends, we worship a God who doesn’t keep score and doesn’t hold grudges. We worship a God who invites us into a richer faith, a deeper love, a more compassionate existence with a million chances to try again. So let us speak truth into our lives, asking for God’s help where we need it. Let us pray the prayer of confession together.

All: Holy God, we confess: we don’t return to you fully. We share with you the pieces of our lives that are convenient. We put on different hats in different rooms. We forget that we are called, invited, and loved with all that we are— including our mess, our beauty, our faith, and our doubt. Forgive us, and give us hearts that long to return.

Promise of the Gospel

Bill Given, Liturgist

One: Friends, God sees you. God hears you. God loves you. You are forgiven and claimed with all that you are. Rest in that good news.

All: Thanks be to God, amen.

*** Act of Praise #581**

Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Ordination & Installation of Deacons & Elders

Sentences of Scripture (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27)

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

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

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All: To each is given gifts of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

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

Statement on Ordination & Installation

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Ordination and Installation

Clerk of Session, Dorinda VanKempen

Constitutional Questions

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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.**

For Deacons: Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

For Ruling Elders: Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

Questions to the Congregation

Clerk of Session, Dorinda VanKempen

One: Do we, members of the church—the body of Christ—accept Angie Boldrey, Sandy Detrisac, John Juarez, Beth Layhe, Steve Mayhew, Jane Paterson, Dave Rumminger, and Trudy Sturk as deacons or elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to help lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

All: We do.

One: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions and to follow them as they help guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

All: We do.

Prayer of Ordination & Laying on of Hands

Pastor Lisa Schrott

All who have been ordained as Elders, Deacons or Ministers are invited to come forward to lay hands on those to be ordained and/or installed.

Declaration of Ordination & Installation

Pastor Lisa Schrott

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed (in unison)

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.

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Bring your word near to us, O God and may it reside in our hearts. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to respond to your word with our whole lives until you become our dwelling place through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

Healing Through Giving

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem

Meditation on *I Am Thine, O Lord*
PCO Handbell Choir – Monday Mallets
Irene Shutt, director

Sandra Eithun

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

* **Offertory**

Sarabande

Jean-Marie LeClair

* **Doxology #606**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Bill Given, Liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy

All: **Hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer "...forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors..."

* **Hymn #757**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples, vs. 1-4
[Kingsfold]

Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

As you leave this place,
may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world.
May you laugh, and may it be contagious.
May you overflow with love for those around you.
May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy.
And in all of your living, and breathing, and being,
may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit,

and may it change your life.
Go in peace. Amen

Postlude

Trumpet Fanfare
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Jean Joseph Mouret

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Ushers: *Doug & Jane Paterson, Keith Camann, Tom Schaberg*

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Adult Education Following Worship: A Town Hall on the Solar Panel Project is scheduled in the Sanctuary and on Zoom #434 304 558

Next Week – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Pastor Lisa Schrott and Iman Sohail Chaudhry meet in Fellowship Hall for conversation and a renewal of the relationship between PCO and the Islamic Center in East Lansing.

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