

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**March 10, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons**



**Preparation:** “Before the creation of an ecclesial organizational structure that includes pastor and laity, or pulpit and pew, God regularly showed up during a simple meal being shared in someone’s home, where believers gathered in expectation of God’s holy presence.” -- Dr. Yolanda Pierce, Dean and Professor, Vanderbilt Divinity School

**Gathering As a People of God**

**Prelude**

*Largo*

Antonio Vivaldi

[2<sup>nd</sup> Movement, Spring]

Transcribed by Aldo Rossi

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

**Choral Introit**

*For the Healing of the Nations*

PCO Chancel Choir

**Invitation to Our Shared Ministry**

Rebecca Mattern

**\* Call to Worship** (based on 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27)

Beth Layhe, Liturgist

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.

**\* Hymn #733**

*We All Are One in Mission*, v. 1-3

[Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein]

**Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Our actions, our words, our silence, our fears all show the presence, or absence, of God in our lives. As we enter this time of confession, let us empty ourselves of all that burdens us and freely admit our need for God, the One who can make us whole.

**All: Holy God, our faith is uncertain, our forgiveness slow, our convictions weak, and our compassion wavering. We have exalted the proud and powerful, ignoring the weak and neglecting the poor. Instead of helping the hungry, we have helped ourselves. In the silence of these moments, we pause to confront ourselves and name the things that prevent us from fully realizing your grace and sharing it with those around us. Silent prayer. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love. Hear us, love us, and forgive us. Amen.**

**Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.  
Through the waters of baptism our sins are washed away.

**All: Therefore we will live as grateful and forgiven people! Thanks be to God!**

One: As a forgiven people, let us greet each other, sharing the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.** *Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.*

**\* Act of Praise #581**

*Gloria Patri*

**The Word**

**Prayer of Illumination**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds to hear your Word. Speak into our lives to enable a community that worships you through prayer, service, and in the sharing around the table. May your words empower us to care for one another. Amen.

**Children's Message**

Rebecca Mattern

**Scripture Readings**

Luke 14:1, 12-14  
Deuteronomy 15: 7-10

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Sermon**

*Serving by Sharing*  
Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Anthem**

*Servant Prayer*

Terry Piontkowski

**Responding to the Word**

**Minute for Gratitude**

Green Team: Solar Panels

Jeff Arbour

**Offering**

Rebecca Mattern

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

*Largo*  
[2<sup>nd</sup> Movement, Winter]

Vivaldi

**\*Doxology #606**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

Beth Layhe, Liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer** **in unison**  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Service of Ordination and Installation**

*(Please see bulletin insert)*

**Sent Out As a People of God**

**\* Hymn #767**

*Together We Serve, vs. 1-4*

[San Anselmo]

**\* Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Postlude**

*Allegro*

Vivaldi

[1<sup>st</sup> Movement, Spring]

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

**Ushers:** Gary and Trudy Sturk, Jeff and Michele Arbour

**This Morning's Fellowship Team:** Thank you to Shirley Rumminger for supplying our snacks and to the Schabergs and David Rumminger for taking care of the coffee.

**MUSIC NOTES - HAPPY BIRTHDAY VIVALDI !**

Antonio Vivaldi, Italian composer and violin virtuoso, was born March 4th, 1678 in Venice and was known primarily for his developments in orchestration and the concerto form. In addition to over 500 concertos for a variety of instruments, Vivaldi composed more than 60 sacred choral works, and over 50 operas.

His best-known work is a series of four violin concertos known as "The Four Seasons", each depicting a different season beginning with spring. The concertos were published with accompanying poems inserted directly into the music on the page thus relating the music to the poetic text and the spirit and sounds of each season. This use of a narrative component was one of the earliest examples of what was later to be called "program music".

The four concertos were composed in the eighteenth-century pattern of three movements: an Allegro (fast), a slow movement, and a final Allegro, shorter and livelier than the first. The organ music for this morning's service consists of the first and second movements from the "Spring" concerto and the second movement from the "Winter" concerto transcribed for keyboard.

**Adult Education:** Today through March 17 there are opportunities to intentionally draw closer to God using a variety of spiritual practices. Prayer stations are set up based on the Scripture for each week, with opportunities to reflect and respond with music in the Temple Room, art in the Art Room, labyrinths (body) in the Board Room, and written word in the Kehde Chapel. You are invited to use one room each week and encouraged to spend at least 30 minutes. You are welcome to return to Fellowship Hall if you would like to process your experience in a prayer station with others.

**Next Week: March 17, 2024**

**Scripture:** Luke 22:14-30

**Education Hour:** Spiritual practices for Lent. All are welcome!

The Prayer of Confession this morning is from the Rev. Leah Kabira from Together in Worship. Available online at <https://togetherinworship.net/ResourceView/82/21624>. The Service for Ordination and Installation is from the *Book of Common Worship* for the Presbyterian Church (USA), Westminster John Knox Press, 2016.

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## **Service of Ordination and Installation**

### **Statement on Ordination and Installation**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Ordination and Installation of Deacons: Sean Clark, Barbara Fretwell-Cook, Linda Cravotta, and Nancy Kanistanaux

Ordination and Installation of Elders: Jennifer Gordon and Kelly Locke

Installation of Elders: Gail Lytle Lira and Kent Workman

### **Call to Ordination and Installation**

Clerk of Session, Dorinda VanKempen

### **Constitutional Questions**

Rebecca Mattern and 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?

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?

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?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions?

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?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

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

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?

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?

**Questions to the Congregation**

Clerk of Session, Dorinda VanKempen

One: Do we, members of the church—the body of Christ— accept Sean, Barbara, Linda, Nancy, Gail, Jennifer, Kelly and Kent 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**

Rebecca Mattern

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. All in the congregation are invited to rise as able and raise your hands in blessing.

**Declaration of Ordination and Installation**

Pastor Lisa Schrott