

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE ORDINATION OF MICHAEL BURKETTE HOOD

January 22, 2023

Five o'clock

The Greeting of Worshipers

The Trinity Chimes and Lighting of Candles

*Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit. As we gather, we present ourselves "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship."*

The Prelude

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship (responsive)<sup>1</sup>

LEADER: The world belongs to God,  
PEOPLE: **the earth and all its people.**  
LEADER: How good it is, how wonderful  
PEOPLE: **to live together in unity.**  
LEADER: Love and faith come together,  
PEOPLE: **justice and peace hold hands.**  
LEADER: If Christ's disciples keep silent,  
PEOPLE: **these stones would shout aloud.**  
LEADER: Open our lips, O God,  
PEOPLE: **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise 45

NETTLETON

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

The Charge to the Congregation

Leah Reed

The Congregational Affirmation (responsive)

Lynn Lingafelt

LEADER: Is it your will that Michael Burkette Hood be ordained as a minister of the word of God?  
PEOPLE: **It is.**  
LEADER: Will you uphold him in this ministry?  
PEOPLE: **We will.**  
LEADER: In ordination we recognize the particular ministry to which we have been called, remembering that our Lord Jesus said: "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave to all."  
PEOPLE: **"For the Son of Man also came, not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."**  
LEADER: We call you and in so doing, we call ourselves to be servants of God and one another.

The Hebrew Bible

Genesis 18:1-15 (p. 12)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Acts 10:24-48 (p. 895)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

John 21:1-19 (p. 883)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.  
PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

\*The Hymn of Devotion

KELVINGROVE

"The Summons"

1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but  
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but  
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but  
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but  
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

call your name? Will you go where  
call your name? Will you care for  
call your name? Will you set the  
call your name? Will you quell the  
call my name. Let me turn and

you don't know And nev - er be the same?  
cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?  
pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?  
fear in - side And nev - er be the same?  
fol - low you And nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, Will you  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do  
Will you use the faith you've found To re -  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your

let my name be known, Will you let my  
life at - tract or scare? Will you let me  
such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to  
shape the world a - round, Through my sight and  
love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

life be grown In you and you in me?  
an - swer prayer In you and you in me?  
what I mean In you and you in me?  
touch and sound In you and you in me?  
live and grow In you and you in me.

The Anthem “What Does the Lord Require of You?” Youth Choir  
Mark Miller Cady Mercer, solo

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself  
before God on high? God has told you, O mortal, what is  
good. What does the Lord require of you? Justice!  
Kindness! Walk humbly with your God!

Micah 6:8

The Sermon Christopher Chapman  
“The Nature of Calling”

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 532 SLANE  
“Be Thou My Vision”

The Prayer of Confession and Consecration (responsive)<sup>2</sup>

MICHAEL: Jesus, I bow before you to confess the common sins  
of my calling. You know all things; you know that I  
love you and that my heart’s desire is to serve you in  
faithfulness; and yet, like Peter, I have often failed  
you in the hour of your need. If I become engrossed  
in narrow duties and little questions, when the vast  
needs of humanity call aloud for prophetic vision and  
apostolic sympathy, I pray that you will forgive me.  
If in my loyalty to the church of the past I distrust  
your living voice and suffer you to pass from your  
door unheard, I pray that you will forgive me. If ever I  
become more concerned for the strong and the  
rich than for the shepherdless throngs of people for  
whom your soul grieved, I pray that you will forgive me.

PEOPLE: **O Master, amidst our failures we cast ourselves  
upon you in humility and contrition. We need a  
new light and a new message. We need the ancient  
spirit of prophecy and the leaping fire and joy of a  
new conviction, as you alone can give. Inspire  
our church with dauntless courage to face the vast  
needs of the future. Free us from all entanglements  
that have hushed our voice and bound our action.  
Give us your inflexible sternness against sin, and  
your inexhaustible compassion for the frailty and  
tragedy of those who do the sin, that we may  
become true seers of God, and true followers of Jesus.**

**ALL: Amen.**

The Laying on of Hands

*Out of consideration for Michael, we ask that all who wish to  
participate in this special time please put on a mask. We have  
disposable masks available at the doorways to the sanctuary.*

The Prayer of Blessing Cara Lynn Vogel

The Presentation of Gifts

\*The Response (sung) FOR EVERYONE BORN

**And God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy.**

— Shirley Erena Murray, 1996

\*The Words of Dismissal (responsive)<sup>1</sup> Michael Hood

LEADER: The cross . . .

PEOPLE: **we shall take it.**

LEADER: The bread . . .

PEOPLE: **we shall break it.**

LEADER: The pain . . .

PEOPLE: **we shall bear it.**

LEADER: The joy . . .

PEOPLE: **we shall share it.**

LEADER: The gospel . . .

PEOPLE: **we shall live it.**

LEADER: The love . . .

PEOPLE: **we shall give it.**

LEADER: The light . . .

PEOPLE: **we shall cherish it.**

LEADER: The darkness . . .

PEOPLE: **God shall perish it.**

\*The Benediction

\*The Chimes

*Three chimes are sounded, sending us into the world with the love  
of God, the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy  
Spirit. As you go, remember, “you are a chosen people, a royal  
priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people.”*

\*The Postlude Maureen Howell

\*The congregation may stand.

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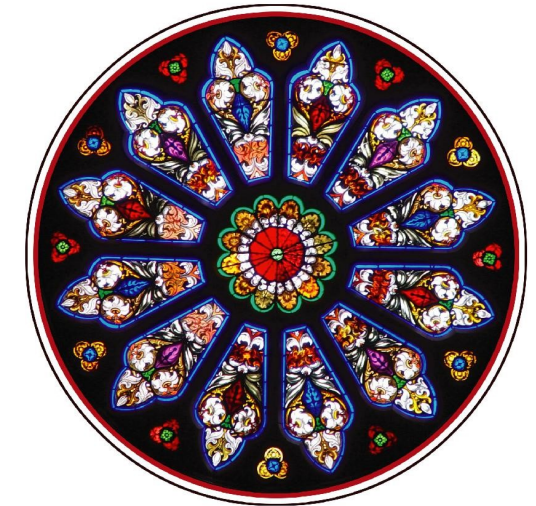
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