



SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

A Service of the Presbytery of St. Augustine
Celebrating the Ordination and Installation of

Natasha Lynn Sudderth
Associate Pastor

First Presbyterian Church of Ocala, Florida
June 24, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.



WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*PROCESSIONAL

"The Skye Boat Song"

Bagpipes/Organ

All who are able please stand for the processional and opening hymn.

*OPENING HYMN

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

No. 366
HYFRYDOL

OPENING SENTENCES

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

WELCOME BY THE PRESBYTERY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

WELCOME BY THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GATHERING PRAYER

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and not enough faith in the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive us when we go our own way and strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in this world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

KYRIE ELEISON

"Lord Have Mercy"
Sung Responsively

No. 579
David Bedenbaugh

Lord Have Mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14; p. 987

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Draw Me Nearer”
Evalyn Sudderth & David Bedenbaugh

Diane Sheets

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard your voice, and it told your love to me; But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee. Draw me nearer, to the cross where thou hast died; draw me nearer, to thy precious, bleeding side. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. Draw me nearer, to the cross where Thou hast died; draw me nearer, to thy precious, bleeding side. Draw me nearer. Oh, the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God I commune as friend with friend. Draw me nearer, to the cross where thou hast died; draw me nearer, to thy precious, bleeding side. Draw me nearer. There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea; There are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee. Draw me nearer, to the cross where thou hast died; draw me nearer, to thy precious, bleeding side. Draw me nearer.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-16; p. 240

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Larry Lyon

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

No. 475
NETTLETON

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SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

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

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

To each is given the gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

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

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God’s help.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept Natasha as our Associate Pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for her, encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Do we promise to pay her fairly, and provide for her welfare as she works among us; to stand by her in trouble, and share her joys? **We do.**

Will we listen to the word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her authority as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord? **We will.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Ordination to Christian ministry is marked by the laying on of hands with prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Through this liturgical action we are joined in Christ's service and called to reach out to others in his name.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME

Members of the Ordination Commission

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED PASTOR

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

APNC members – Becky Schatt, Scott Andrews, Anna McCurry, Mary Moore, Harry Batten, Fran Akin

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

CALL FOR OFFERING

Today's offering goes toward assistance to seminarians under care of the Presbytery of St. Augustine.

OFFERTORY

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”
Thomas Chisholm/ William Ruyan

David Bedenbaugh

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Rev. Natasha L. Sudderth

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides. You sent your Son Jesus Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many. We praise you that he calls his faithful servants to lead your holy people in love; to proclaim your Word and to celebrate the sacraments of the new covenant. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(presider continues)

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

THE LORDS PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion today is by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). There will be two serving stations at the front of the sanctuary. All bread is gluten-free. Go to the serving station of your choice, and return to your pew by the side aisles. Those in the balcony or side pews are asked to make their way to the center aisle. If you are unable to come forward, remain seated and you may be served in the pew.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*SENDING HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

No. 265

DUKE STREET

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a reception following the service.

Ordination Commissioners, Ministers of the Word and Sacrament or ruling elders, in this service are:

- ☞ Elder Mary Mickel, Moderator of the Presbytery of St. Augustine
- ☞ The Rev. Craig Davies, Honorably Retired
- ☞ The Rev. Dr. Charles Landreth, Honorably Retired
- ☞ Commissioned Ruling Elder Debbie Pangrass, Marion Oaks
- ☞ The Rev. Ruth Elswood, First Presbyterian Church Ocala
- ☞ Elder, Dr. Walter Laseter, First Presbyterian Church Ocala
- ☞ The Rev. Rhonda Link-Cummings, Kanapaha
- ☞ The Rev. Dr. Ron Watson, First Presbyterian Church Ocala
- ☞ The Rev. Sandra Hedrick, Presbytery Stated Clerk and Kirkwood

Guests of the Ordination Commission:

- ☞The Rev. Dr. Larry Lyon, Honorably Retired, Davidson Collage Presbyterian Church, NC
- ☞Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) Members: Becky Schatt, Scott Andrews, Anna McCurry, Mary Moore, Harry Batten, Fran Akin
- ☞David Bedendaugh, Director of Music, First Presbyterian Church Ocala
- ☞Evalyn Sudderth, Director of Music (Honorably Retired), Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church, Blowing Rock NC
- ☞The Rev. Dr. Ron Watson, Bagpiper

Our guest preacher is the Rev. Dr. Larry Lyon, an honorably retired pastor of the PCUSA. Larry's first career before entering the ministry was newspaper journalism. He served as solo pastor at Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock NC, where Natasha and her family were members. Larry baptized Noah, Natasha's son over fifteen years ago and supported Natasha and her family during her deployment. Larry has also served West End Presbyterian Church in West End, NC. Larry and Martha are the parents of three grown children and five grandchildren.
