

Ordination and Commissioning

Sunday, June 3

Prelude

The Gospel Choir of St Mark UMC Chicago

Pastor P. Devon Brown

Musical Director, Semaj Coleman

A Reading

Pioneer Drift

By Sarah Agnew

Our Call

Somos El Barco

Chorus

Somos el barco, somos el mar,
Yo navego en ti, tu navegas en mi.
We are the boat, we are the sea,
I sail in you, you sail in me.



Singing Together

We are on this Earth to Love

The background of the slide is a close-up, high-angle shot of dark blue water with gentle ripples and small waves. The lighting is soft, creating a textured surface with subtle highlights and shadows. The overall color palette is a range of blues, from deep navy to a slightly lighter, shimmering blue where the light catches the water's surface.

Welcome and Prayer

The Historic Questions

The Ordinands:

With God's grace active in our lives and ministry, we commit ourselves to this way of life, walking with one another toward the Kin-dom of God which we are called to create.

The Bishop:

Celebrating the common ministry in which we share, I ask of all who have gathered here, will you re-commit yourself to the beauty and struggle, the mess and wonder of the life which we share together? Will you work together in your words and actions, in your hopes and dreams, to be a people who transform the world through your doing and being?

All People:

With the grace of God to guide us, we covenant together now to follow the way of Christ with these whom God has called before us today, a people who live together in unity and diversity, with love and humility, toward the Kin-dom of God.

We recommit to lives of prayer for and with one another, to be quick to forgive and slow to condemn, as we walk together in faith.

Our Story

Romans 5: 1 – 5 *(English Translation)*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The Procession into the Community

Singing Together

Greatly to Be Praised/Joyful, Joyful

Chorus

Greatly to be praised, greatly to be praised.

God is greatly to be praised.

Greatly to be praised, greatly to be praised.

God is greatly to be praised.

Verse 1 for *Clergy Only*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
Opening to the sun above.**

**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!**

Everyone Singing

Greatly to be praised, greatly to be praised.

God is greatly to be praised.

Greatly to be praised, greatly to be praised.

God is greatly to be praised.

2

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

Chorus

Greatly to be praised, greatly to be praised.

God is greatly to be praised.

Greatly to be praised, greatly to be praised.

God is greatly to be praised.

3

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.**

**Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.**

Chorus

Greatly to be praised, greatly to be praised.

God is greatly to be praised.

Greatly to be praised, greatly to be praised.

God is greatly to be praised.

Greeting and Prayer

Bishop: The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you!

The Bishop:

We come together to praise God, to hear the Holy Word,
and to seek for ourselves and others
the power, presence, and direction of the Holy Spirit.

All People:

Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit you gave to your apostles many excellent gifts. Give your grace to all servants of your church, that we may with diligence and faithfulness fulfill our various ministries.

Grant that we your people may follow where you lead, perfect our ministries, and live in joyful obedience to your will, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen

Ecumenical Representative

Bishop Jeffrey Lee
of the Episcopal Dioceses of Chicago

Singing Together

Halle, Halle, Halle Lu-jah!

Halle, Halle, Halle Lu-jah!

Halle, Halle, Halle Lu-jah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Baptism of Emmanuel Yura Na Cho

Rev. Hyemin Na & Rev. Daniel Cho, Parents

The Baptism of Alexander Michaelthomas Smith

Rev. Matthew James Smith & Lisa Marie Schickert Smith, Parents

Amanda Kloepping and Rev. Jarrod Severing, Sponsors

Presentation of the Children

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Since the earliest times, the vows of Christian baptism have consisted first of the renunciation of all that is evil and then the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ. Parents and other sponsors reaffirm these vows for themselves and take on the responsibilities of sponsorship.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.
He called his disciples
to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

**The People: Declare Christ's works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and those who receive it,
to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness
throughout their lives ,
that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his
final victory.

**The People: All praise to you, Eternal One,
through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the
Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

Baptism with Laying on of Hands

Commendation and Welcome

Deacon:

Members of the household of God,

I commend these persons to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase their faith,

confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

The People:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and
we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ and the
Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist
Church, we renew our covenant to**

**faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts,
our service and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

Recognition of Our Common Ministry

The Bishop: Therefore, in celebration of our common ministry,
I call upon all God's people gathered here:
Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**The People: We remember our baptism
and affirm our common ministry.**

Song of Celebration

Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am.
Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

Commissioning to the Office of Deaconess

**Catherine Celia Inserra
and Amy Reimer**

Singing Together

Halle, Halle, Halle Lu-jah!

Halle, Halle, Halle Lu-jah!

Halle, Halle, Halle Lu-jah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!



**Presentation of Persons
to Be Commissioned and Ordained**

We present these persons to be commissioned
for the work of a deacon,

Debra Hawkins
Lauren Rheingans

We present these persons
to be commissioned for the work of an elder

Joshua Bailey-Green

Caitlyn Butler

Hope Reyes Chernich

Joey Garcea

Sin-Gyo Jung

Taekwan Lee

Uziel Hernandez Martinez

Keri Rainsberger

Jarrood Severing

Anna Voinovich

We present this person to be ordained deacon

Heesung Hwang

We present these persons to be ordained elders

Rosa Lee

Kyungsu Park

Jungmi Deborah Kang

SoYoung Kim

The Bishop:

These persons are by God's grace to be ordained or commissioned for set apart ministry in Christ's Holy Church.

Those authorized by the Church to inquire about them have discerned that they are persons of sound learning and of Christian character, possess the necessary signs of God's grace, and have demonstrated a profound commitment to serve Jesus Christ.

Therefore, they believe them to be duly called to serve God.

The Bishop:

We ask you, people of God,
to declare your assent to the ordination, commissioning,
reception or recognition of these persons.

Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace,
to be ordained, commissioned or recognized?

The People: We do! Thanks be to God!

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

With God's help, we will.

The General Examination

Singing Together

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

1

God, be the love to search and keep me;

God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me:

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

2

**Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
Great cloud of witnesses enfold;
Prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

3

**Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
Flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
Depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

4

**Walking behind to hem my journey,
Going ahead to light my way,
And from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

5

**Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

The Examination of Persons being Commissioned

**The Prayer of Commissioning
with the Laying on of Hands**

Welcoming Those Commissioned

Singing Together

Halle, Halle, Halle Lu-jah!

Halle, Halle, Halle Lu-jah!

Halle, Halle, Halle Lu-jah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!



The Word Proclaimed

2 Corinthians 11: 21 – 31 *(English Translation)*

Whatever anyone dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? I am talking like a madman—I am a better one: with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning.

Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false siblings; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked.

And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not indignant?

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus (blessed be he forever!) knows that I do not lie.

Singing Response

Alleluia



Sermon
Bishop Sally Dyck

Invitation to Offering

The offerings given today will support the ongoing work of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, through whose work candidates for ministry are recruited, empowered, and sent to serve on behalf of our conference, locally and around the world.

Prayer for the Offering

Offertory

Remember Mercy

From Luke 1

**My soul magnifies you Lord
My soul glorifies you Lord
For you have seen me, known me, heard my cry
You have not forgotten me.
You have lifted me,
filled me with all good things.
You O Lord, remember mercy.
You, O Lord, remember mercy.**

(We will)

Magnify, Glorify

You, O Lord, hear the hearts that sigh

Magnify, Glorify

You, O Lord, make the humble rise

Magnify, Glorify *(repeat)*

You, O Lord, remember mercy.

From generation to generation.

You, O Lord, remember mercy.

Examination of Deacon and Elders

Laying on of Hands and Prayer for the Ordinands

Singing Together

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Laying on of Hands

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Confession

Assurance

Singing Together

All Belong Here

1

When you're not sure who you really are
When all you feel is the shape of your scars
And you have more wounds than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home

Chorus

**Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here.**

2

**When you don't know how to forgive
When locked doors seem like the only way to live
And you've got more questions than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home**

Chorus

**Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here.**

Bridge

**At this table, come as you are,
broken and bleeding's ok.**

At this table, eat and be filled.

Come and drink in this grace.

Chorus

**Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Holy One be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the One who guides our life together.
It is our joy to offer gratitude and praise.

God, you never promised us that way would be clear. You have, however, created us in your image - the image of One who is Wisdom, who is Love, who is Courage. You breathed your life into us with the assurance that we have, within and around us, everything we need to be your faithful people. Though we sometimes act in disregard for your call on our collective life, still you show up with and for us, relentlessly.

And so we join with all the saints who have gone before in gratitude for your abiding presence:

**Holy, holy, holy One,
God of power and presence
all that is, is full of your glory
Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of Love.**

... And so, in remembrance of Christ with us, and in the assurance of your Love persistent, we offer our lives, our ministries, and our church in the service of your healing work as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died;
Christ has risen;
Christ will come again.**

Giving and Receiving of the Elements

Music for Communion

Our World Needs You

by Kirk Franklin

Recessional Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2

**Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.**

**Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.**

**Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.**

3

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.**

**Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.**

Songs of praises, songs of praises

I will ever sing to you,

I will ever sing to you.

Dismissal

Postlude

The Gospel Choir from St. Mark Methodist Church
with The Many

Singing Together

Let the Glory of the Lord

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us

Let the praises of our God rise among us

Let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us

Let the joy of our God rise among us

Let it rise

Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.

**Let the glory of the Lord rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us
Let the praises of our God rise among us
Let it rise.**

Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.