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INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR
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AS PASTOR OF THE NORTH LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DATE: Sun., 20 September 2020 SEASON: 16th Sunday after Pentecost

✠ ✠ ✠ PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠ ✠

PRELUDE: "Here I Am, Lord"

GREETING: Elder Jeff Black

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 107:1 – 3 & 39 - 43

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, evil, and sorrow, He pours contempt on princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes; but He raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks.

People: The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth.

Leader: Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD. Let us worship almighty God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER: Elder Barbara Wiles

Almighty and eternal God, by Your grace You have called us in this time and place to be Your servant people as we follow You, our servant Lord. Make Your Holy Spirit so move within and among us that, together, we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith so that we receive all spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, and that we may support one another in common ministry, through Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CALL TO CONFESSION: Elder Barbara Wiles

If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sins before Him. [I]John 1: 8-9

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Elder Barbara Wiles

Unison: O Most Merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; You who pardons all people who honestly, sincerely and truly repent from their sins and evils and turn to You; we humbly and earnestly confess to You our many sins and shortcomings and implore You to shine on us the great light of Your eternal mercy. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have neither done justice and loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You, Almighty God.

Have mercy on us, O God, and according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, we solemnly appeal to you to blot out our iniquities. Create in us clean hearts and renew right spirits within us. Lord, do not cast us away from Your presence or take away Your Holy Spirit from us. Rather, we beg You to restore to us the joy of Your salvation and give us the free desire to love and serve You in thanksgiving and gratitude. Amen.

[Adapted from the Book of Common Worship, 1946]

DECLARATION OF PARDON: Elder Barbara Wiles

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ! And yet, Christ died for us; He rose for us; He reigns in power for us; and He prays for us. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that one is a new creation. The old life is Gone and a new life has begun. Let us give glory to God for the forgiveness He has given us through His Son.

[I Tim. 1:15 & I Pet. 2:25]

✠ ✠ ✠ HEARING THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠ ✠

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: Rev., Dr., Eric Powell

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: I Timothy 6:11 - 21

✠ ✠ ✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠ ✠

THE LITANY OF GIFTS: Rev. Carolyn Moss

Leader: As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

People: We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

Leader: If your gift is to hear God's Word,

People: speak it out in faith.

Leader: If your gift is service,

People: live to serve others.

Leader: If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

People: teach what is true.

Leader: Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

People: let officers work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.

Leader: Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

People: serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

STATEMENT ON THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH & Elder Jeff Black

Moderator: The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and

calling all people to discipleship in Christ. Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God's mission. Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:

Unison: The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Moderator: The ministry of the church is shared by pastor and people, so that all together may fulfill the mission to which we are called in Jesus Christ. The particular responsibility of the ministry of a teaching elder is to build up the church and serve the people of God, so that the Word may be rightly proclaimed and the sacraments rightly celebrated. The call to this ministry has been extended by the congregation, accepted by the candidate, and approved by the presbytery.

Therefore the Presbytery of Shenango, by means of this commission, now installs the Rev. Albert Rhodes Stuart as Pastor of North Liberty Presbyterian Church.

[The teaching elder to be installed, the moderator, commission members, and other worship leaders gather at the front of the place of worship.]

Moderator: In his baptism, Albert Stuart was clothed with Christ. He was ordained as a teaching elder by the Presbytery of Pittsburgh and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as Pastor of this congregation.

People: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's call to our brother to serve among us as pastor.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE NEW PASTOR:

Moderator: 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?

Candidate: I do.

Moderator: 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?

Candidate: I do.

Moderator: 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?

Candidate: I do and I will.

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

Candidate: I will.

Moderator: 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?

Candidate: I will.

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

Candidate: I will.

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

Candidate: I do.

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

Candidate: I will.

Moderator: Will you be a faithful teaching elder, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Candidate: I will.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION:

Elder Susan Black

Clerk: Do we, the members of the North Liberty Presbyterian Church, accept the Rev. Albert Rhodes Stuart as our Pastor chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: We do.

Clerk: Do we agree to pray for him, encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

People: We do.

Clerk: Do we promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among us; stand by him in trouble and share his joys? Will we listen to the word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

People: We do and we will.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION:

Elder Jeff Black

Moderator: We praise you, gracious Lord, for you alone are God. You have made us, and we are your people, the sheep of your pasture. You have led us to green meadows by cool waters, satisfying our every need with your love. You have shown us paths that are right. Through shadowed valleys of despair, you have been our comfort and our hope. Over long generations, your presence has sustained your people. In your good time, you sent Jesus, your only Beloved, to be our shepherd. He knew and loved your own, calling all who would hear to follow him. The Good Shepherd laid down his life for us, risking the cross for the hope of resurrection. By the power of the risen Christ you gathered the church together to live for you in newness of life, a holy nation, a priestly family, a people chosen as your own and called to proclaim your marvelous love.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be faithful as your people and fruitful in the ministries you have given us. Grant diligence to those who lead, faith

to those who teach, truth to all who speak, compassion to all who heal, wisdom to those who counsel, generosity to those who give, and cheerfulness to all who serve. To your servant, Albert, and to all who tend your flock as pastors among your people, give vision and strength, hospitality, humility, and peace. Bless the common ministry of this pastor and people with joy and power in the gospel. Strengthen us to live out the grace of our baptism and to serve you with the gifts of your Holy Spirit; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only shepherd and Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION & WELCOME: Elder Jeff Black

Moderator: Albert, as a teaching elder in the church of Jesus Christ, you are now installed as Pastor of this congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

ANTHEM: "Grace Wins" Josiah Stuart

CHARGE TO THE NEW PASTOR: Rev., Dr., Eric Powell

Rev. Mark Frailey

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION: Rev. William Crooks

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY: Elder Susan Black

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

THE CHARGE & BLESSING:

POSTLUDE: "In Christ Alone"

Jesus Christ Is Lord,
to the glory of God
the Father

MEMBERS OF THE INSTALLATION COMMISSION:

Elder Jeff Black; Chairman,	North Liberty Presbyterian Church Moderator, Presbytery of Shenango
Elder Barbara Wiles	Highland Presbyterian Church, Slippery Rock Presbytery of Beaver-Butler
Rev. Carolyn Moss; Pastor	Slippery Rock Presbyterian Church, Ellwood City Presbytery of Shenango
Rev., Dr., Eric Powell; Pastor ,	Chartiers Cross Roads Presbyterian Church Presbytery of Washington
	Rev. Mark Frailey; Pastor Cool Spring & Union Presbyterian Churches Presbytery of Shenango
Rev. William Crooks;	Interim Executive Presbyter Presbytery of Shenango
Elder Susan Black;	Clerk of Session & PNC Chair North Liberty Presbyterian Church Presbytery of Shenango

PIANIST: Michele Bonnici
SOLOISTS: Mark Bonnici & Josiah Stuart (son of Albert & Christina)



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