

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)



SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
OF KELSEY SORGE
BY THE PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT
NOVEMBER 8, 2020



*My role in the faith journeys of young people is embarrassingly small: naming a God-sighting here,
inviting them to pray or serve there. Mostly what I do is show up, and get to know them,
and respond to them as the incredible creatures God made them to be,
while trying to be a faithful Christian adult alongside them.*

— Kenda Dean

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Please join us on the front lawn for a reception honoring Kelsey immediately following the service.

**SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF KELSEY SORGE
TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary/Refectory

Let no one despise your youth. — 1 Timothy 4:12a

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in C

Johann Sebastian Bach

* *Those who are able are invited to stand at the ringing of the tower bell.*

*** INTROIT**

Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.

*** OPENING PRAYER**

Julia Yousif, Senior High Youth

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us to this time and place to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord. Make your Holy Spirit 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 as we receive all spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, we may support one another in common ministry; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Julia Yousif, Senior High Youth

Grace, mercy, and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ our Lord. It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

This is the day that Lord has made:

Let us Rejoice and be glad in it!

*** HYMN 267**

Come Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

The congregation is invited to hum or sing very lightly and quietly the hymns, with masks on.

Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice:

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;

To us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again:

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain:

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore

His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore:

Alleluia! Amen!

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Angela Ryo

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 or deed.**

We are quick to speak when we ought to listen
and remain silent when we ought to speak.

**We put too much faith in our own actions
and fail to trust the strength of your spirit.**

Silence is kept

*** KYRIE ELEISON**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Healey Willan

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*** WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Rev. Angela Ryo

By grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven

Thanks be to God.

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Greataorex

Glory be to the Father,

And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

SCRIPTURE READING**1 Timothy 4:11-14**

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****MEDITATION****Right Now**

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

ANTHEM**O God, Beyond All Praising***Gustav Holst*

O God, beyond all praising, we worship You today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end;
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your Word,
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Jasmine Smart

Our giving is an offering to God. This morning, the offering collected will be given to the Presbytery of Detroit's Committee on Preparation for Ministry for their Theological Education Fund which helps to support individuals in the ordination process. You may leave your gift as you exit the church in the baskets near the main aisle exit.

WELCOME FROM THE PRESBYTERYDave Bunch, Vice-Moderator
Detroit Presbytery**REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

Rev. Jasmine Smart

Ordination calls the whole church to renewed commitment, and reminds us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of baptism. Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

LITANY OF GIFTS

Dave Bunch, Vice-Moderator

As in one body we have many members,
and not all the members have the same function,
so all of us together with Christ are one body,
and we all belong to each other.

We have different gifts according to the grace God had given us.

If your gift is to hear God's Word,

speak it out in faith.

If your gift is service,

live to service others.

If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

teach what is true.

Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;
**let officers work diligently for the people,
and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.**
Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,
**serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope,
patient in suffering, constant in prayer,
supporting one another, and welcoming all.**

STATEMENT OF ORDINATION

Dave Bunch, Vice-Moderator

We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit.

This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as teaching elders, as ruling elders, and as deacons.

Recognizing the importance of each office, the church ordains in order to assure fulfillment of the primary responsibilities of preaching the Word and administering the sacraments, ordering the governance of the church, and providing for ministries of care and compassion in the world.

Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the Presbytery of Detroit, by means of this commission, now ordains Kelsey Sorge to ministry as a teaching elder.

RENUNCIATIONS

Elder, Wayne Goeman

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

* PROFESSION OF FAITH

Elder, Anita Pinson

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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.**

(The Apostles' Creed)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM AND ANOINTING

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

David Bunch, Vice-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?

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?

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?

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of the church, accept Kelsey as your pastor,
chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide you
in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

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

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

Will you 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 do and we will.**

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

Gracious God,
pour out your Spirit upon your servant, Kelsey,
whom you called by baptism as your own.

Grant her the same mind
that was in Christ Jesus.

Give her a spirit of truthfulness
rightly to proclaim your Word in Christ
from pulpit, table, and font,
and in the words and actions of daily living.

Give her the gifts of your Holy Spirit
to build up the church,

to strengthen the common life of your people,
and to lead with compassion and vision.

In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry,
give to your servant Kelsey,
and to all who serve as pastors among your people,
gladness and strength,
discipline and hope,
humility, humor, and courage,
and an abiding sense of your presence.

SOLO

Spirit of God

Donald Hustad

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from sin, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no opening skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
My heart and altar, and Thy love the flame.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

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

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED

Rev. Todd Tracy

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Angela Ryo

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

Anita Pinson

*** HYMN**

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

Austria

God the Spirit, guide and guardian,
Wind-spiced flame and hovering dove,
Breath of life and voice of prophets,
Sign of blessing, power of love:
Give to those who lead Your people
Fresh anointing of Your grace;
Send them forth as bold apostles
To Your Church in every place.

Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd,
Word made flesh, Love crucified,
Teacher, healer, suffering servant,
Friend of sinners, foe of pride:
In Your tending may all pastors
Learn and live a shepherd's care;
Grant them courage and compassion
Shown through word and deed and prayer.

Great Creator, life bestower,
Truth beyond all thought's recall,
Fount of wisdom, womb of mercy,
Giving and forgiving all:
As You know our strength and weakness,
So may those the Church exalts
Oversee its life steadfastly,
Yet not overlook its faults.

Triune God, mysterious being,
Undivided and divers,
Deeper than our minds can fathom,
Greater than our creeds rehearse:
Help us in our varied callings
Your full image to proclaim,
That our ministries uniting
May give glory to Your Name.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

CHORAL ORISON

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you;
And give you peace.
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you. Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in C

Johann Sebastian Bach

MUSIC NOTES

About today's hymns

Come, Christians, Join to Sing was written by Christian Henry Bateman, a pastor in Scotland during the nineteenth century, and was written for use as a children's hymn. The tune was a popular Spanish folk melody.

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian was written as a gift to Jeffrey Rowthorn for his consecration as bishop suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut in 1987. The first stanza is addressed to the Third Person of the Trinity, and the second to the Second Person of the Trinity. The tune *Austria* is best known as the tune used for the hymn "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken."

About today's choral and solo music

Spirit of God is a setting of a text by George Croly, a pastor in London, England during the first half of the nineteenth century. The text first appeared with the title "Supplication" and an epigraph, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." The composer of this setting, Donald Hustad, was a recognized leader in evangelical church music for over six decades, serving with the Billy Graham organization as well as a professor of church music, first at the Moody Bible Institute and then the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

O God, Beyond All Praising was specifically written by Michael Perry, a twentieth century hymn writer and priest in the Church of England for this tune. The tune, *Thaxted*, comes from the orchestral suite, *The Planets*, by Gustav Holst, and takes its name from an English village where Holst lived most of his life.

If you are in need of prayer

You may submit prayer requests online at kirkinthehills.org under Resources/Prayer Request.

Stephen Ministers are available for personal, confidential prayer in Melrose Chapel and in the refectory immediately following Service each Sunday. Masks will be worn and social distancing will take place. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer please contact Nancy Lau at 248-835-6691.



A flowers on the altar are presented to the glory in loving memory of Dr. John H. Libcke and loved ones and the men and women of the Armed Forces by Mrs. Jean Libcke and family.

Today's Cover Art - I Will Pour Out My Spirit | Wayne Forte | used with permission by Eyekons
Wayne Forte's banner illustrates scripture with symbols applied through collage techniques. The choice of using a banner to express himself makes a connection with work found in early Christian churches. The artist, who lives in California, has exhibited with CIVA and has taught at Biola University and Gordon College.

Poinsettias will be used to adorn the Kirk during the Christmas season.

If you would like to donate flowers to this display, send a check made payable to Kirk in the Hills for \$25 along with your name and the person or persons you are memorializing. Send requests to Kirk in the Hills, Attn: Marsha Rogers, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. You can also donate online at kirkinthehills.org. The deadline is November 30.





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