

SERVICE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF
THE REVEREND EDWIN ESTEVEZ
TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
BY THE PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT

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



Rev. Edwin Estevez is the son of Guatemalan immigrants and was born and raised in North Jersey. He previously served a Methodist congregation in Wilmington, Delaware, helping to launch a girls' middle school, a community garden, and a community kitchen incubator and café. He also founded Riverfront Church through the Presbytery of New Castle in 2015 as a seeker-friendly parish model ministry for outreach in Wilmington. He received his M.Div and M.A. in Religious Education at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. Since coming to the Kirk, he has loved making site visits with

Outreach and Mission leadership, dreaming alongside the whole committee about strategic partnerships and impact, and leading events like the Pontiac Mission Collaborator's Conference and the Faith Leaders Breakfast, along with his colleague, Director of Outreach and Mission, Julie Walker. Current exciting work is gathering information and conspiring with the Holy Spirit about Mission House that would inspire mission in, through, and beyond Pontiac; support and encourage our neighbors who are vulnerable; and be transformed by Christ through service.

His guests today include his long-time mentor, **Rev. Brooks Smith**, who pastored the church in Edwin's hometown, North Plainfield, that sponsored him for seminary. He gave Edwin a love for mission, budgets(!), community organizing, deep thinking about ministry, and the "medicinal meandering sermon." Also included is **Rev. Dr. Tom Dickelman**, who was a key advisor as Edwin planted Riverfront, inspired Edwin to reimagine what church could be, to see ministry as fun, to explore the challenges and possibilities of church planting. His insights, humor, and many hot teas still serve as fodder for Edwin's ministry. And today's preacher, **Rev. Jim Moseley**, was Edwin's boss in Delaware as the Executive Presbyter for New Castle Presbytery and worked closely with Edwin in advocating for, brainstorming over, and struggling to understand the "odd" vision for Riverfront as a frontier parish model, with pop-up styled worship, fellowship, and outreach opportunities. Most importantly, he's been Edwin's "Spiritual Grandfather"; riverwalks at night during some of the most challenging moments of church planting are locked in Edwin's memory.

Last, but not least, the three most important women in Edwin's life, his mother, **Azucena "La Mami" Estevez**, his wife, **Dr. Merideth Hite Estevez**, and his daughter, **Eva Ruth**, will be leading today's *Call To Worship*, carrying his son **Eli Edwin**. They have been a part of his faith story and continue to strengthen and empower his ministry. For all they mean to him there are not enough words, so he will use the best one—love! Edwin is thankful to worship with you today, looking forward to serving, and welcoming fellowship and counsel by the Body of Christ.

About today's Cover Art

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John August Swanson (January 11, 1938 – September 23, 2021) was an American visual artist who worked primarily in the medium of serigraphy, as well as oil, watercolor, acrylic, mixed media, lithography, and etching. Swanson studied with Corita Kent at Immaculate Heart College. He was the recipient of a Doctor of Humane Letters degree honoris causa from California Lutheran University.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Jean Kallgren, the love of his life, by her husband Rod Kallgren and her sons Jeff, Doug, Scott, Christ, Ted and Peter.

About today's offering: Loose offerings collected today will support the Presbytery of Detroit's Committee on Preparation for Ministry. If you'd also like to give to Global Missions, in honor of today's Installation, please name note of that on your check, envelope, or online gift to support our global partners.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you will be my witnesses... – Acts 1:9*

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue on Victimae Paschali Laudes Dom Paul Benoit
(Praises to the Paschal Victim)

* *Please rise in body or spirit at the ringing of the tower bell and wherever you see an asterisk noted.*

* OPENING SENTENCES

Rev. Jasmine Smart

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!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 47:1–2, Psalm 92:1

The Estevez family

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
Shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the Most High is awesome,
A great sovereign over all the earth.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To sing praises to your name, O Most High.

INTROIT

This Little Light of Mine

Performed by Accent Pontiac

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 819

Be Still My Soul

Finlandia

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

1 John 1:8, 9

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

If we say that we have no 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 sin to God.
**Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit
you baptized us to be your own and called the church into being.
We confess that we hold back the love of your Spirit among us.
We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.**

Silence is kept for personal confession.

* KYRIE ELEISON

Herbert Sumsion

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:4, 5a, 6a, 8

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

God, who is rich in mercy,
out of the great love with which God loves us,
even when we were dead through our sin,
made us alive together with Christ and raises us up with him.
For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God. **Amen.**

* GLORIA PATRI

Greatorex (Hymn 581)

**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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Accent Pontiac

Tina Rowan

WORD

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Angela Ryo

Children remain in worship following the Word with the Children. Nursey Care is available for children ages newborn to three.

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the loving God, fall afresh on me.

SCRIPTURE READING

Charon Barconey

Acts 1:1-11 (*Pew Bible, NT. page 118*)

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Acts 1 Meditation

Rev. Jim Moseley

* HYMN 710

We Lift Our Voices

Offering

THANKSGIVING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Angela Ryo

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

Our giving is an offering to God. All offerings, whether made in the worship service or outside of it, are part of our worship of God and are used to support the Kirk's ministry here and in other parts of the world. (See note on page 2.)

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SOLO

Jesus, There's Something About That Name *Bill and Gloria Gaither*

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!
There's just something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus,
Like a fragrance after the rain;

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!
Let all heaven and earth proclaim:
Kings and kingdoms may all pass away,
But there's something about that name!

Rebecca Eaddy, soprano; Phil Kelly, piano

* DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

INSTALLATION

WELCOME FROM THE PRESBYTERY

Elder Charon Barconey

On behalf of the Presbytery of Detroit, I want to welcome you to the Installation Service for Rev. Edwin Estevez of Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church. This service represents the unique partnership between the Minister of the Word and Sacrament, this Church, and the Presbytery of Detroit. It is a time when the Presbytery family celebrates with joy the formal installation of those called to be ministers of the Word and Sacrament within the church.

LITANY OF GIFTS

Rev. Neeta Nichols

Elder Adam Delzenne

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 ON THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Elder Linda Juracek-Lipa

Elder Amy Davis

This 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.

All continue:

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.

The Elder continues:

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 the 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 Detroit, by means of this

commission, now installs Edwin as Associate Pastor of Kirk in the Hills.

In his baptism, Edwin was clothed with Christ.
He was ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament
by the Presbytery of Chicago,
and is now called by God through the voice of the church
to serve as pastor of this congregation.

All continue:

**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.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE MINISTER

Elder Kevin Smith

Do you trust in 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 office 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 Minister of the Word and Sacrament, 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?

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Elder Ruth Reading

Do we, the members of the church, accept Edwin Estevez 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 him, encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

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

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? **We do and we will.**

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Associate Executive Presbyter, Charon Barconey

Synod Executive, Chip Hardwick

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 Edwin,
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

Elder Kevin Smith

The Reverend Edwin Estevez, as a Minister of the Word and
Sacrament in the church of Jesus Christ, you are now installed as
Associate 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.

Commissioners and Elders, you may welcome Pastor Edwin to this
ministry.

SUNG ORISON

St. Columba

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine forever.

And so through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED

Rev. Brooks Smith

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Dr. Tom Dickelman

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

Elder Ruth Reading

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Rev. Angela Ryo

THE LORD'S 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.

THE SENDING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Edwin Estevez

*** RECESSIONAL HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Jubilate Omnis Terra

Dom Paul Benoit

(Sing Joyfully to the God of All the Earth)

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The Estevez Family

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*All members and friends of the Kirk are invited and encouraged to attend a reception
in Heritage Hall following this service to celebrate the installation of*

The Reverend Edwin Estevez.

From left to right: Rev. Angela Ryo, Rev. Edwin Estevez, Rev. Kelsey Sorge



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