

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
SERVICE OF ORDINATION OF TYLER BRINKS
BY THE PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT
JUNE 19, 2022



*Kindle Thy light within me, O God, that Thy glow may be spread over all of my life; yea indeed,
that Thy glow may be spread over all of my life.*
— Howard Thurman

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Kevin Brinks, Elder

Kirk in the Hills

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Andante

George Frederic Handel; arr. by Walter E. Buszin

* *Please rise in body or spirit at the ringing of the tower bell.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 21:7-10

Susan File

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

**The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

**The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory.**

* INTROIT

arr. George Guest

Christ be with me, Christ within me;
Christ be with me evermore.
Christ beside me, Christ who loves me;
Christ to strengthen evermore.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me;
Christ within me evermore.
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger;
Be my guide for evermore.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalms 51

Rev. Edwin Estevez

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**
**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Silence is kept for personal confession.

* KYRIE ELEISON

Land of Rest

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Edwin Estevez

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, God will not despise.
Friends, believe the Good News:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Edwin Estevez

PRAYER

SOLO

Spirit of God

Nicole Joseph, soprano

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 heav'n descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

**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.**

WORD

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Wylde Green

Thanks to God whose word was written
In the Bible's sacred page,
Record of the revelation
Showing God to every age.
God has spoken:
Praise God for the living Word.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 146: 1, 5-10 (*Pew Bible, OT. page 581*)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Rev. Zachary Pearce

MEDITATION

Through...
Isaiah 43:1-3a (*Pew Bible, OT. page 672*)

Rev. Fernando Rodríguez

THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
Stanzas 1 & 2

I'm Gonna Live

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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. (See note on page 11 regarding today's 'loose offerings' and offerings to the Detroit Presbytery's COM.)

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

John Rutter

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart:
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;

Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou vision, O Ruler of all.

*** DOXOLOGY**

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

Old Hundredth

ORDINATION

WELCOME FROM THE PRESBYTERY

Vice Moderator, Kevin Smith

LITANY OF GIFTS

Vice Moderator, Kevin Smith

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 serve 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

Rev. Neeta Nichols

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
Tyler David Brinks to ministry as a teaching elder.

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Rev. Zachary Pearce

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.

RENUNCIATIONS

Rev. Neeta Nichols

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

(The Apostles' Creed)

Elder, Steve Orr

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.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Vice Moderator, Kevin Smith

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?

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

Grant him the same mind
that was in Christ Jesus.

Give him 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 him 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 Tyler,
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.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND WELCOME

Rev. Fernando Rodríguez

Tyler, you are now a teaching elder in the church of Jesus Christ. 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

Elder, Kevin Brinks
Rev. Mark Waterstone (*in absentia*)

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Gracie Payne

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

Elder, Susan File

SENDING

* HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)

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* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Tyler Brinks

CHORAL ORISON

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter

May the Lord show His mercy upon you;
May the light of His presence be your guide;
May He guard you and uphold you;
May His spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep, may His angels watch over you;
When you wake, may He fill you with His grace:
May you love Him and serve Him all your days,
Then in heaven may you see His face.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude in G Major

George Frederic Handel

[WORSHIP NOTES](#)

Worship/Music Notes

On this special day, we celebrate the Ordination of the Kirk's own Tyler Brinks!

We begin with a reminder of the need for Christ to be in everything we do with a 4th century prayer from St. Patrick of Ireland, *Christ Be With Me*, put to music arranged by George Guest. Our opening hymn *How Firm a Foundation* is a hymn that for over two centuries has assured believers of the faithfulness of Christ and the certainty of hope. In this hymn we are assured by the words we sing, the Word we are given, and the Word made flesh, of the steadfastness of God and His unfailing love from generation to generation. Before we enter into a time of prayer, the soloist sings *Spirit of God* by Donald Hustad. This hymn is an intimate, personal prayer for the working of the Holy Spirit, for illumination, for greater holiness in our walk with the Lord, and for the fullness of the Spirit.

We respond to the sermon singing *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*, an African American spiritual about dedicating oneself to God, despite any challenges we might face. The offertory anthem is a beautiful setting of *Be Thou My Vision* by John Rutter, and the text is one that we can continue to pray throughout our journeys that God would be "first in my heart" and in all our days be "Ruler of all."

After the service of Ordination we gave thanks and sing a song of God's covenant with us, *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*. In this we hear and answer God's call to love and share God's light with the world, saying "Here I am Lord, I will hold your people in my heart." And as prayer of a blessing for Tyler's ministry to come, we pray, "may you love him and serve him all your days, then in heaven may you see his face."

Stephen Ministers are available for personal, confidential prayer in Melrose Chapel (to the left, when facing forward in the sanctuary) immediately following service each Sunday. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer please contact Nancy Lau at 248-835-6691.

Tour Kirk in the Hills each Sunday! Those interested in a brief tour are asked to meet in the Baptistry, to the right of the Chancel, after today's service. See an usher for direction or further details.

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 Health Ministries (The Kirk's June recipient) in honor of today's ordination, please make note of that on your check, envelope, or online gift to support our Health Ministries.

Join us for coffee and fellowship in Heritage Hall immediately after the service as we continue our celebration with Tyler Brinks his and family!

The flowers on the altar in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God and in honor of the ordination of Tyler David Brinks by the Brinks family. "We wish to express gratitude to our Kirk family for helping to mold and support Tyler from baptism to confirmation, through his theological education and training, and now into ordained ministry."

A garden memorial is presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Garnet B. Sparks by his wife, Juleen, and children, Jon and Adrienne Sparks Karen Sparks and grandson, William Bradley Sparks.

A garden memorial is presented to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Coubrough, Jr., in loving memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Coubrough, Sr., his brother, Robert J. Coubrough and sister and brother-in-law, Arlene St. Clair Clifford and John St. Clair.

About today's cover art

Raise Your Heads inspired by Luke 21:25-36 | Lauren Wright Pittman | used with permission by A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

The artist says about this work, "Instead of getting lost in the worries of this life, [receive Christ's invitation to] stand up, raise your head, and get lost in the fact that this expansive, infinite God is drawing near to you. Chose to get lost in wonder [and prepare for the redemption that is drawing near]".

Note: Tyler inserted the bracketed words above that Jesus says in Luke 21:28 as a fitting and faithful addition to the artist's description.

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Worship Times

8:00 a.m. - Cedarholm Chapel

9:00 a.m. - Outdoor Worship

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

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