

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 31, 2021
Order of Worship 10:30 am

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Will Benton, organist

David Cherwien

Call to Worship (from Psalm 11)

Praise the Lord!

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I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is God's work, whose righteousness endures forever.

God sent redemption to his people, and has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is God's name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

God's praise endures forever.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Hymn No. 395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Pew Bible, O.T., page 168

Call to Confession

It's very simple: all God asks is that we recognize our sin and acknowledge it. And why? When we offer our prayers of confession, God takes them from us and fills our hearts with such an abundance of mercy, we cannot hold it all. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

Unison Prayer of Confession

God our God: we fill our souls with the empty sounds of our culture, and wonder why we are so hungry for words of hope, of grace, of comfort. We are careful to follow the prescriptions our doctors give us, yet pay little heed to Your Words that give us life. We are defensive about what good people we are compared to others, but do not notice how our arrogance trips up others who seek to follow Jesus.

Forgive us, Holy One, for those times we have followed our own paths.

Astound us with Your Words, so we may learn your ways;

nourish us with Your Mercy, so we may be filled with life;

enter our empty souls, till they overflow with praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Of all the astounding works of God, this may be the most wonderful: God is gracious and merciful - to us! What has this to do with us? Everything!

This is good news of the very best kind! We are forgiven.

We give thanks to our God with all our hearts. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

The children’s bulletin is available on the plpc.org and the Park Lake Up2Date weekly email.

Blessing of Children

tune - Hymn No. 535, Tallis Canon

***Go with them, Lord, and guide their way, through this and every coming day,
That in Your spirit strong and true, their lives may be a gift to You.***

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:21 - 28

Pew Bible, N.T., page 33

Sermon

The Laying on of Hands

Dr. Helen DeBevoise

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

(page 35 Glory To God hymnal)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and was buried;**

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

The Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders, Class of 2023

Offertory

Whom Should I Fear ?

Noel Goemanne

Chancel Choir, section leaders

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Hymn No. 69

Here I Am, Lord

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Sinfonies De Fanfares

Jean Joseph Mouret

Will Benton, organist

Arranged by Elaine C. Gardner

Assisting in worship today is Linda Shrieves, Park Lake Presbyterian Church, Clerk of Session.

The Sanctuary flowers this day, are given to the glory of God, by Walk Jones, in honor of Nancy Jones’s birthday, and to all elders past, present and future who have answered the call to serve.

The Ordination and Installation of Elders - Class of 2023

To be ordained and installed:

Pam Coburn

To be installed:

John Bowers, Barbara Martin, Jane Callahan, David Simmons, Lynne Long

Statement on the Meaning of Ministry

One: There are different gifts,

All: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

One: There are different ways of serving God,

All: But it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through different people in different ways,

All: But it is the same God who achieves His purpose through them all.

One: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

All: To use it for the common good.

One: Together we are the Body of Christ,

All: And individually members of Him.

Statement on the Meaning of Ordination and Installation

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 deacons, as elders, and as ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us, providing for ministries of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering the sacraments.

Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the session of Park Lake Presbyterian Church now ordains and installs to active service,

Pam Coburn, and installs these previously ordained elders, John Bowers, Barbara Martin, Jane Callahan, David Simmons, Lynne Long.

Constitutional Questions of Ordination and Installation to the Elders

- a. 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?
- b. 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?
- c. 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?
- d. Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- e. 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?
- f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- h. Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- i. Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Questions to Congregation

- a. Do we, the members of the church, accept these elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
- b. Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Ordination

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

You are now elders 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.

395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,
 God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;

and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your

true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought! 338

From Psalm 23
Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862

HE LEADETH ME: L. M. with Refrain
William B. Bradbury, 1864



1. He lead-eth me: O bless-ed thought! O words with heav-en-ly com-fort fraught!
2. Some-times 'mid scenes of deep-est gloom, Some-times where E - den's bow-ers bloom,
3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur - mur nor re-pine;
4. And when my task on earth is done, When, by Thy grace, the vic-tory's won,



What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
By wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, Still 'tis His hand that lead - eth me.
Con - tent, what-ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jor-dan lead - eth me.



REFRAIN



He lead-eth me, He lead - eth me; By His own hand He lead-eth me:



His faith-ful fol-lower I would be, For by His hand He lead-eth me. A-MEN.



69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.