

# Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey Service of Installation



Sunday, October 10, 2021  
Wyoming Presbyterian Church  
2:00 p.m.

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Pastor: The Rev. Heather Woodworth Brannon

## Gathering

PRELUDE

“Salvation, Now to Us Has Come”

J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

Vice Moderator Kirk Woodward

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Doris Peterson

One: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**Many: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

One: In her baptism, Heather Woodworth Brannon was clothed with Christ, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to be installed as Minister of Word and Sacrament at Wyoming Presbyterian Church.

**Many: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God’s particular call to our sister, Heather.**

\*HYMN #301 (*Glory to God*)

“Let Us Build a House” (verses 1, 3, 5)

Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:  
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard,  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Gregory A. Horn

**Redeeming God, how easily we say we would follow you, but how often we live as if we don't have a clue as to what that means. We choose to hurt our friends and neighbors, rather than surrounding them in love. Our competitive nature wills us to win at all costs, rather than engaging in faithful service. We expect others to do for us and rarely we ask what we might do for them.**

**Forgive us, High and Holy One. Set us free to serve in love and compassion; help us to feast on the fruit the Spirit offers to us; put us on the path of faithful discipleship, to follow your call, as we walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Gregory A. Horn

\*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, Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE

Rev. Gregory A. Horn

## Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Deborah Jacoby

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:18–19

Elder Deborah Jacoby

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Timothy 1:5–7

Rev. Dr. Deborah Kirk

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Deborah Kirk

MUSICAL RESPONSE

“The Call”

Ralph Vaughn Williams

## Installation

### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Vice Moderator Kirk Woodward

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**Many: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**Many: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good. Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.**

### STATEMENT ON INSTALLATION

Vice Moderator Kirk Woodward

### \* REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Clerk David Berry

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Elder Loretta Hazelwood

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.  
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Clerk David Berry

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND  
PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Vice Moderator Kirk Woodward

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION AND  
WELCOME

Vice Moderator Kirk Woodward

MUSICAL MEDITATION      “Courant” from Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major      J. S. Bach

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Gregory A. Horn

### Eucharist

OFFERING

Vice Moderator Kirk Woodward

*Today's offering supports the ministries of The Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Heather Brannon

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING      Rev. Heather Brannon and Rev. Dr. Debbie Kirk

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

One: Friends, these are gifts of God for the people of God.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

*You are invited to gather together whatever elements you have on hand: bread or crackers and juice. All elements will be blessed. We will then partake of the elements together, whether in-person or remotely.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Heather Brannon

## Sending

\*HYMN #525 (*Presbyterian Hymnal*) “Here I Am, Lord”

Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people’s pain.  
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me I will hold your people in my heart.

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Rev. Heather Brannon

MUSICAL BENEDICTION “How Can I Keep from Singing”

Robert Lowry

POSTLUDE

“Sortie”

John Marsh

## About Worship

Worship leaders today are members of the commission of The Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey to install The Rev. Heather Woodworth Brannon as Minister of Word and Sacrament at Wyoming Presbyterian Church:

- Elder David Berry, Clerk of Session, Wyoming Presbyterian Church
- Elder Loretta Hazelwood, Elizabeth Avenue-Weequahic Presbyterian Church
- Rev. Gregory A. Horn, Pastor, Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair
- Elder Deborah Jacoby, Wyoming Presbyterian Church
- Rev. Dr. Deborah A. Kirk, Associate Pastor, Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church (Raleigh, NC)
- Elder Doris Peterson, Elizabeth Avenue-Weequahic Presbyterian Church
- Presbytery Vice Moderator and Commissioned Ruling Elder Kirk Woodward, Bethel Presbyterian Church & Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church

The Wyoming Presbyterian Church Pastor Nominating Committee:

- Deirdre Brown
- Michael Gillim
- Julie Hutchinson
- Debbie Jacoby
- Scott Tansey
- Foster Wright
- Ann Zauber

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- Mr. Steven Shellman, Music Director, Wyoming Presbyterian Church
- Mr. Kirk and Mrs. Claudia Sohr, AV Coordinators, Wyoming Presbyterian Church
- Mr. Jon Reese & Ms. Aimee Perez, Communion, Wyoming Presbyterian Church
- The Congregation of Wyoming Presbyterian Church

## **Note of Gratitude**

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Today's Confession and Prayer of Great Thanksgiving was adapted by Rev. Heather Brannon for this service from the writings of Thom M. Shuman. The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the PC(USA) *Brief Statement of Faith*.

Cover Art: This beautiful creation is by Charlotte, age 2, daughter of Michael and Tabby Gillim. Charlotte made this watercolor painting during worship on Sunday, October 3. Thanks be to God for the ways in which our youngest members inspire us through their creativity and curiosity.



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