

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND ORDINATION  
to the  
MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT  
of  
MEGAN ELIZABETH BERRY

NOVEMBER 7, 2021



*Psalm 100*

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into God's presence with singing.  
Know that the Lord is God.  
It is God that made us, and we are hers;  
we are his people, and the sheep of their pasture.  
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,  
and her courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless their name.  
For the Lord is good;  
her steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

A Service of  
Heartland Presbytery  
and  
Trinity Presbyterian Church



Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

**The Words of Welcome** are adapted from 2 Corinthians 13:13 and Colossians 3:12–15.

**The Opening Prayer** is from *Connections: Worship Companion*.

**The Call to Worship** is an adaptation of Isaiah 43.

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Listen, God Is Calling  
God of Grace and God of Glory*  
Jack Palmer, organ

Anna Krentz Organ  
Paul Manz

### INTROIT

*If With All Your Hearts* from *Elijah*  
Kristopher Taylor, soloist

Felix Mendelssohn

### WELCOME

Craig Gibson

One: The grace of Christ, the love of God,  
and the disruption of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Many of you were baptized with water and Spirit and clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, and patience as Jesus did.

**All: We are called to be one body, though many members, and live into the hope of our calling, forgiving and loving one another.**

### OPENING PRAYER

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Bonnie Grabowski

One: O God, who created Jacob and formed Israel, you tell us...

**All: “Do not fear, I have called you by name, you are mine.”**

One: When we pass through the waters, God will be with us.

**All: We are precious in God’s sight, God loves us.**

One: God is about to do a new thing, do we perceive it?

**All: God is making a way in the wilderness,  
the animals will honor God.**

One: Let us praise and worship God!

#### \* HYMN 69

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Jason Carle

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ, but we have not always listened. We walk away from our calling to help our neighbors in need, instead we focus on our own concerns. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer...

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."*

## \* HYMN 627

*I Love You, Lord*  
Rev. Jason Carle, guitar

I LOVE YOU LORD

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gail Cunningham

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 3:2–11

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12:4–31

The grass withers, the flower fades; **the word of the Lord endures forever.**

### HOMILY

Rev. Elizabeth Meador

## RESPONDING AND SEALING

## \* HYMN 721

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

*Please sing stanzas 1, 3, and 4.*

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Bob Stikeleather

#### Prayer of Dedication

#### Offertory

*We Are One in the Spirit*  
Troy Berry, soloist

Peter Scholtes

## SERVICE OF ORDINATION

### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Craig Gibson

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

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

One: God works through each of us in a unique way,  
calling out to us by name.

**All: Though we may not hear the call the first time or the fifth time,  
when we do hear it we cry out "Speak Lord, for I am listening!"**

One: We listen and discern God's call on our lives with one another,  
for together we are the body of Christ.

### STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

***I Love You, Lord, along with Sanctuary, are two of Megan's favorite camp songs.*** They were sung every week with kids and staff, and remind Megan of all her favorite camp memories. Whether eating s'mores around a campfire or telling kids how much God loves them, these two hymns remind Megan of the time and place where she first felt called to go to seminary and be a pastor.

**The Prayer for Illumination** is adapted from Ruth Duck's *Flames of the Spirit*.

**This offering benefits the Heartland Presbytery Candidates Scholarship Fund.**

Due to Covid, we will not be passing the plates, however, you may place your offering in the plates that are on the table in the back on your way out.

**The Sentences of Scripture** are adapted from 1 Corinthians 12, Isaiah 43, and 1 Samuel 3.

**Note on Ordination:**

From the PC(U.S.A.) Book of Order: "In Baptism each Christian is called to ministry in Christ's name. God calls some persons from the midst of congregations to fulfill particular functions, so that the ministry of the whole people of God may flourish. In ordination the church sets apart with prayer and the laying on of hands those who have been called by God through the voice of the church to serve as deacons, ruling elders, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament" (W-4.0401). Ordination is not about elevating one person over others, but about the shared ministry of God in which we all engage together.

**During his ministry, Jesus shared meals as a sign of community and acceptance.** As we gather for communion, know that you are welcome in this community and accepted at Christ's table.

"As this broken bread scattered on the mountains was gathered and became one, so too, may your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom." – *The Didache*, one of the earliest Christian texts.

**PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE**

Betty Miller

**CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS**

Craig Gibson

**PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS**

Rev. Bonnie Grabowski

**DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND WELCOME**

Craig Gibson

**CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED**

Rev. Doodle Harris

**PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY**

Rev. Bonnie Grabowski

\* **HYMN 727**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

THE SERVANT SONG

*Please sing stanzas 1–4.*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Rev. Megan Berry  
Betty Miller

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise you... joining our voices with choirs of angels, and the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, \_\_\_\_\_  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

One: Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for your son Jesus Christ...  
Gathered around this table of welcome and grace, let us boldly pray the words Jesus taught us saying...

**All: 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

## Communion of the People

### Communion Music

Hymn 507

*Come to the Table of Grace*

TABLE OF GRACE

Hymn 525

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

LET US BREAK BREAD

Jack Layman, soloist

### Prayer after Communion

Betty Miller

**Feel free to sing along** with Jack Layman during communion or enjoy the music and reflect on what communion means to you and how it connects you deeper to God and your community.

## SENDING

### \* HYMN 701

*Sanctuary*

SANCTUARY

Rev. Jason Carle, guitar

### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Megan Berry

### POSTLUDE

*Sing Praise to God*

Paul Laubengayer

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

Robert Hobby

Jack Palmer, organ



### **The Laying on of Hands:**

Due to the pandemic, we will not be inviting everyone up for the laying on of hands (please give your hugs to Megan after the service!). Instead the commission and immediate family will be invited up to lay on hands and everyone else will be invited to reach out their hands during that time. Megan will also be receiving a stole with hand prints on it. These are the hands of many of you! Hands from elders at Trinity, her commission, and others who have watched Megan on this beautiful journey.

### **Cover image:**

The image on the cover is of the Sea of Galilee in Israel. It was taken from the Church of the Primacy of Peter. Megan took this picture on her trip to Israel/Palestine in January 2020.

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### **A Word of Thanks from Megan:**

Thank you so much to everyone who has been a part of my journey thus far. I am incredibly humbled and grateful for the support I have received, and I'm sure will continue to receive. This has been an unexpected journey filled with many blessings, challenges, tears, and lots and lots of sass and laughter. I wouldn't be here today without the never-ending support of my family, particularly my parents, Lucy and David Berry, who never dreamed their sassy night-owl daughter would become a pastor but have given me their full support and more during this time. Thank you for teaching me to be independent, to care so deeply for those in need, and to love with every fiber of my being even when it hurts. Thank you to my grandmother, Betty Miller, for always loving me and being relentlessly patient with me. Whether it was confirmation class, talks about camp, or just figuring out this thing called life, you have always been there for me, praying, lending a listening ear, and attempting to keep me out of trouble. I am honored to be your granddaughter and continue a legacy of strong female leadership in the PC(USA). Thank you to all of the pastors in my life who have helped me, encouraged me, answered my questions, prayed for me, and everything in between. Especially, thank you to Rev. Elizabeth Meador, the first person to tell me "you'll go to seminary one day." I remember scoffing and thinking "wow, she's insane if she thinks I'm gonna go to seminary"... funny how God works in our lives. Finally, thank you to every single person of Trinity Presbyterian Church, my home church, the church that raised me, the church that taught me so much. I would not be here today without you all. Whether it was encouraging me to play flute in service, be a liturgist, help out with VBS, and so much more, you were always there helping me to grow and learn and blossom into the pastor that I am today. You gave me an amazing foundation that I was able to shape and mold so much in seminary and continue to shape and mold in my current ministry. Every single one of you has been a blessing in my life and I am forever grateful that I got to grow up in this church surrounded by all of you. There is so much more I could say, but thank you to every single person who is here today, whether in person or online, you are forever a part of my community and I am so incredibly grateful for you.

### **Flowers:**

The chancel flowers were donated by Megan's family in honor of her grandparents who are smiling down from heaven: Margaret and Jesse Berry, and Forrest Miller.

**Following the service,** all are invited to enjoy cake and punch with Megan and her family. You are also invited to leave a note for Megan or highlight your favorite scripture in the Bible that will be given to her.

**Heartland Presbytery Ordination Commision:** Rev. Elizabeth Meador, Rev. Jason Carle, Rev. Bonnie Grabowski, Elder Betty Miller, Elder Craig Gibson (Moderator), Elder Bob Stikeleather, and Elder Gail Cunningham

**Worship Leadership:** Rev. Doodle Harris, Elder Jack Palmer, Troy Berry, Elder Jack Layman, and Kristopher Taylor

**Candle Lighters:** Aubrey Shineman and Michaela Martin

**Communion Servers:** Elder Lucy Berry, Elder David Berry, Elder Mari Shineman, and Elder Bev Thieme

**Greeters:** Elders Dennis and Felicidad DeLong

**Special Music:** Troy Berry, Elder Jack Layman, and Kristopher Taylor

**Technology Leadership:** Elder Dave Lyons and Kevin Berry

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**The blessing by Jan Richardson on the back cover is one of Megan's favorites.** It was introduced to her at the end of her second year of seminary and touched on many of the conflicting emotions she was feeling. As Megan went into her third year of seminary, and thus was job hunting, she came back to this blessing over and over again. Meditating on its words, trusting in the promises that it will all be okay, that we are not meant to know the end of the path for a reason. May this blessing impact your life as you journey into this week.

The accompanying image, *St. Catherine's Labyrinth*, is also by Jan Richardson. (*St. Catherine's Labyrinth* © Jan Richardson. [janrichardson.com](http://janrichardson.com))

## *The Shimmering Hours*

*There is so much  
I want to say,  
as if the saying  
could prepare you  
for this path,  
as if there were anything  
I could offer  
that would make your way  
less circuitous,  
more smooth.*

*Once you step out  
you will see for yourself  
how nothing could have  
made you ready for this road  
that will take you.  
from what you know now  
to what you cannot perceive  
except, perhaps,  
in your dreaming  
or as it gives a glimpse  
in prayer.*

*But I can tell you  
this journey is not  
about miles.  
It is not about how far  
you can walk  
or how fast.*



*It is about what you will do  
with this moment, this star  
that blazes in your sky  
though no one else  
might see.*

*So open your heart  
to these shimmering hours  
by which your path  
is made.*

*Open your eyes  
to the light that shines  
on what you will need  
to see.*

*Open your hands  
to those who go with you,  
those seen  
and those known only  
by their blessing,  
their benediction  
of the road that is  
your own.*

—Jan Richardson