



**SERVICE OF ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY
OF WORD AND SACRAMENT OF ALEXIS MAE ALLUM**

**First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor
October 25, 2020
2:00 p.m.**

THE GATHERING

HYMN SING

Please sing only with your eyes and hearts, and not with your voices.

Hymn 280 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision;
help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias
for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.

Hymn 314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. (*Refrain*)

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. (*Refrain*)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. (*Refrain*)

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. (*Refrain*)

Hymn 386

Come, Worship God

O QUANTA QUALIA

Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;
enter God's presence with thanks and a song!
You are the rock of your people's salvation
to whom our jubilant praises belong.

Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains;
held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
God above all gods, who gave us our birth.

We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;
you are our Maker, and to you we pray.
Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;
great is the one whom we worship this day!

Now let us listen, for you speak among us;
open our hearts to receive what you say.
Peace be to all who remember your goodness,
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

GREETING

Elder Dave Bunch

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

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

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

In her Baptism, Lex was clothed with Christ
and is now called by God through the voice of the church
to enter upon the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

**We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ,
and we celebrate this call of God to our sister, Lex.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Elder Bob Heuer

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

GATHERING PRAYER

Elder Katie Parker

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace
you have called us to this time and place
to be your servant people
as we follow our servant Lord.
Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us,
that together we may live a new life
in the crucified and risen Christ.
Bind us together in faith,
so that as we receive all spiritual gifts
needed to fulfill our calling,
we may support one another in common ministry;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

HYMN 69*I, The Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM

Please sing only with your eyes and hearts, and not with your voices.

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and 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?

Refrain:

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? (*Refrain*)

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? (*Refrain*)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Jay Sanderford

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
In thought, word, and deed,
By what we have done,
And by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
With our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your infinite mercy, forgive what we have been,
Help us amend what we are,
And direct what we shall be,
That we may delight in your will
And walk in your ways
To the glory of your holy name.**

(A brief silence is kept for confession.)

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news!
As people born of water and the Spirit
We have died to the old life, and a new life has begun.
God's grace is poured out upon us day by day.
Come to the water and remember your baptism.
Be thankful,
And live as one who has been raised to new life!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you!

(The people may exchange with one another while remaining socially distant, by words and gesture and signs of peace and reconciliation.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Mandy Pardue

Send us your Holy Spirit, O God,
that these words might speak to us as your Word,
and our lives near witness to the Good News
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 85:8-13

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Rev. John Kassen

John 14:15-20, 25-27

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

SERMON

Rev. Angela Ryo

HYMN 177

I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

Please sing only with your eyes and hearts, and not with your voices.

“I will come to you in the silence;
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice;
I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.”

Refrain:

“Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.”

“I am hope for all who are hopeless;
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light.
Come and rest in me.” *(Refrain)*

“I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see;
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name.” *(Refrain)*

“I am the Word that leads all to freedom;
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live!” *(Refrain)*

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION

LITANY OF GIFTS I Corinthians 12:3-7, 27

Elder Dave Bunch

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

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

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

**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 OF ORDINATION

CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Rev. Angela Ryo

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Elder Dave Bunch

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

Rev. Jay Sanderford

Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders present may gather appropriately spaced around the candidate for the laying on of hands during the prayer. A stole with traced hands attached is placed on the candidate to symbolize the company of Ruling and Teaching Elders surrounding the newly ordained pastor.

DECLARATION & WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED

Rev. Jim Monnett

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

Rev. Jay Sanderford

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

OFFERING

The offering benefits the Candidates Scholarship Fund for seminary students under the care of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of the Presbytery of Detroit.

Offertory

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ,
of Christ the light of the world to you,
Deep peace of Christ to you.

EUCCHARIST

Rev. Lex Allum

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We are bold to pray the prayer that our
Savior Jesus Christ has taught us.

**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.**

Communion of the People

Communion Music *Taste and See*

TASTE AND SEE

Prayer after Communion

THE SENDING

HYMN 543 *O Christ, Surround Me*

GREEN TYLER

God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Lex Allum

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost (BWV 667)

J. S. Bach



Presbytery of Detroit Ordination Commission and Guest Participants:

Dave Bunch

Vice Moderator, Presbytery of Detroit

Mr. Bob Heuer

Ruling Elder, Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Rev. John Kassen

Pastor, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Ortonville, MI

Rev. Jim Monnett

Interim Pastor, Port Huron Presbyterian Church, Port Huron, MI

Mrs. Mandy Pardue

Ruling Elder, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN

Mrs. Katie Parker

Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, MI

Rev. Angela Ryo

Associate Pastor, Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Rev. Jay Sanderford

Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, MI

Musicians:

Dr. Paul Haebig

Interim Organist, First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor

David VanderMeer

Minister of Music and Fine Arts, First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor

Videographer is Bill Hall; Sound Technician is Rol Kibler.

Today Alexis Allum will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of Detroit. Due to Covid restrictions, this service is not open to all but a live stream of the service may be viewed at <http://podiumvideo.biz/alexis-allum.html>. A link to a recording of the ordination service will be posted on the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor website in the next week. Lex has been under watchcare of the First Pres Session during her period of candidacy for ministry. She is a former Youth Peer Minister at First Pres and is now serving as a Resident Minister at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis.