



DEACON MINISTRY

Installation & Ordination Service

Sunday, June 27, 2021 | 5:00 pm



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A Service of Deacon Installation and Ordination

Organ Prelude | Rhonda Carpenter

Call to Worship | Richard Buerkle

Christ, You Call Us All to Service (Hymn 649) | IN BABILONE

Christ, You call us all to service, call us all who follow You;
Plant in us a deep commitment all Your work and will to do.
Fire a passion for Your justice, in us kindle love of peace;
Help us heal the broken-hearted, to the captive bring release.

Teach us how to work together, brothers, sisters, side by side;
Equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied.
To each one some gift is given, man or woman, young or old;
Help us use each skill and talent Your great purpose to unfold.

Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife;
Seeking ways more just of sharing and of ordering human life.
Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be;
Send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.

*Prayer of Invocation | Pam Neal

Welcome | Brent McDougal

Testimonies of Deacons for Ordination

Rick Carringer

David Higdon

Jimmy Mitchell

Presentation of Deacons for Installation | Mark Palmer

Dan Andrews

Calvin Balch

Mary Ann Dent

Patti Foster

John Stair

Susan Roberts

Scott Moore

Responsive Reading 487 | Mark Palmer

Commitment

Leader: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

Congregation: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Leader: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

Congregation: O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Leader: I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Congregation: Then (Jesus) said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'

*Commitment Hymn 653

Lord, You Give the Great Commission | BEECHER

Lord, You give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to Your purpose with renewed integrity;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You call us to Your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust Your promise, life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You make the common holy: "This My body, this My blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
Asking that the world around us share Your children's liberty;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that You so freely give.
May Your care and mercy lead us to a just society;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as You intend,
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Examination of Newly Elected Deacons | Mark Palmer

Leader: My Brothers and Sisters, do you believe that you are truly called by God and His church to the life and ministry of a Deacon?

Deacons: We believe we are so called.

Leader: Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourselves to this trust and responsibility?

Deacons: We do.

Leader: Will you be faithful in prayer and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?

Deacons: We will.

Leader: Will you help and serve those in need, and in so doing, present the gospel of Jesus Christ to them?

Deacons: We will.

Leader: Will you do your best to pattern your lives in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?

Deacons: We will.

Leader: Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

Deacons: We will.

Leader: May the Lord by His grace uphold you in the service He lays upon you.

Leader (*to Congregation*): In placing this mantle of responsibility upon these servants, you must commit to supporting them in their ministry. Do you accept the challenge?

Congregation: We do.

Leader: Recognizing that we are one body in Christ and having promised mutual support before Holy God, let us serve one another and the Lord.

Everyone: Amen!

Message in Music | Deacon Choir

Let Your Heart Be Broken (Hymn 658) | WYE VALLEY

Let your heart be broken for a world in need -
Feed the mouths that hunger, soothe the wounds that bleed,
Give the cup of water and the loaf of bread -
Be the hands of Jesus, serving in His stead.

Here on earth applying principles of love -
Visible expression God still rules above,
Living illustration of the Living Word
To the minds of all who've never seen and heard.

Add to your believing deeds that prove it true -
Knowing Christ as Savior, make Him Master, too;
Follow in His footsteps, go where He has trod,
In the world's great trouble risk yourself for God.

Let your heart be tender and your vision clear -
See the world as God sees, serve Him far and near;
Let your heart be broken by another's pain,
Share your rich resources - give and give again.

An Act of Service | Brent McDougal

Prayer and Meditation | Mark Palmer

Ordination Prayer | Brent McDougal

The Laying On of Hands

*Closing Hymn 510

Lord, Here Am I | BECK

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey;
Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me,
What is my labor, and where it shall be.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,
"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;
Willing to suffer reproaches and loss.
Willing to follow, if Thou wilt but lead;
Only support me with grace in my need.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,
Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Living, or dying, I still would be Thine;
Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right;
Pity, and bring me again to the light.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,
"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

***Spoken Benediction | Brent McDougal**

Postlude | Brandon Coffey

*The Congregation is asked to stand.



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