



Presbytery of Detroit Order of Worship

Including the Installation of the Moderator

Elder Dave Bunch

and the Vice Moderator

Reverend Jasmine Smart



January 26, 2021

Zoom and Geneva Presbyterian Church,
Canton Michigan

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to Worship

Reverend Jenny Saperstein

Thank you, Lord, for the people gathering around us today. Let us take this time to give thanks for these things of the earth that give us the means of life.

Thank you for the plants, animals, and birds that we use as food and medicine.

Thank you for the natural world in which we find the means to be clothed and housed.

Thank you, Lord, for the ability to use these gifts of the natural world.

Help us to see our place among these gifts not to squander them or think of them as means for selfish gain.

May we respect the life of all you have made. May our Spirit be strengthened by using only what we need and may we use our strength to help those who need us.

Opening Song

Fairest

Glenn Packiam

Call to Confession

Reverend Marjorie Wilhelmi

Prayer of Confession

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

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.
~(excerpts from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Silence for Individual Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

READING AND PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34:1-10 Elder Cindy Thomas

Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth* Geneva Ringers

New Testament Reading Matthew 25:31-46 Elder Gail Anderson

Sermon "The Things I Could Tell You..." Elder Dave Bunch

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Installation of Moderator and Vice Moderator Elder Stefanie Lewis

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

All: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

One: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Call to Discipleship

Elder Charon Barconey, CRE

One: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

All: The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the kingdom of heaven to the world.

One: The call of Christ is willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

Constitutionnel Questions

Elder Stefanie Lewis

Installation Prayer

Elder Charon Barconey, CRE

One: Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us, and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives. Empower us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading Dave and Jasmine to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope, and love, and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

All: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Please bring your Spirit to rule our church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.

Presentation of the Symbols of Office

Charge and Blessing

Rev. Dr. Flo Barbee-Watkins

The Lord's Supper Invitation

Rev. Bryan Smith

THE INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

Sending Song:

Jesus, Be With Us

David Gambrell

Charge and Benediction

Elder Dave Bunch

Worship Leaders

Rev. Jenny Saperstein, Ann Arbor Northside

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi, Bloomfield Hills Kirk in the Hills

Elder Cindy Thomas, Geneva Canton

Elder Gail Anderson, Geneva Canton

Elder Stefanie Lewis, Hope Detroit

Elder Charon Barconey, Associate Executive Presbyter

Rev. Dr. Flo Barbee-Watkins, Transitional General Presbyter

Rev. Bryan Smith, Geneva Canton

A special thank you to our musicians!

Soloist and Music Director, Geneva: Michelle Fabricatore

The *Geneva Ringers* bell choir