



A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

FOR

SCOTT BLACK JOHNSTON

AS

SENIOR PASTOR

AT

FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2008

2:00 PM

This Is God's House. All Are Welcome.

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PRELUDE

Music for a Solemn Occasion
Procession

*Calvin Hampton
June Nixon*

CHORAL INTROIT: Come Let Us Worship

Come and let us worship God,
turn to serve the living Lord,
move from where we are misled,
do as ancient prophets said.

Though society goes astray,
keen to find an easier way;
let our eyes be on God's care,
evident and ev'rywhere.

Refrain: Oh, our ever-loving God, we, the creatures of your word,
Come to make our home in you, knowing that your word is true.

Let us hear our Maker's voice, and let Christ inform each choice.
Sister women, brother men, let us turn to God again. *Refrain*

Text and music by Cranmer Muhabura, an Anglican priest in Uganda

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Elder Chad Stubbs

PRAYER OF THE DAY (in Portuguese and English)

Eternal God,
neither death nor life can separate us from your love.
Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth,
and in heaven rejoice with all your saints
who ceaselessly proclaim your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Dr. Beatriz Rocha

HYMN #423: Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Jon Walton

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and merciful God,
you have called us to be your people
and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.
We confess that we have not lived up to our calling.
We have been timid and frightened disciples,
forgetful of your powerful presence
and the strength of your Spirit among us.

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways.
As you have chosen us,
and claimed us in our baptisms,
strengthen us anew
to choose Christ's way in this world.
Give us your Holy Spirit
that each one in ministry
may be provided with all the gifts of grace
needed to fulfill our common calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SUNG RESPONSE: Hymn #298, stanza 1

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

EXHORTATION

As God's own people,
be merciful in action,
kindly in heart, humble in mind.
Be always ready to forgive
as freely as God has forgiven you.
And, above everything else, be loving,
and never forget to be thankful
for what Christ has done for you.

Elder Warner T. Brown

THE PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
To this peace we were called as members of a single body.

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Overwhelm us with your Spirit, O God,
that the words we hear
will speak to our hearts as your Word,
made known to us in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Elder James Tse

FIRST READING: Daniel 6:16-23

Elder Tse

ANTHEM: Down to the River to Pray

*Traditional
Arrangement by M. Noia*

As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.
O sisters let's go down, come on down, let's go down in the river to pray.
As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.
O brothers let's go down, come on down, let's go down in the river to pray.
As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.
O fathers let's go down, come on down, let's go down in the river to pray.
As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.
O sinners let's go down, come on down, let's go down in the river to pray.
As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.
Show me the way. Lord, show me the way.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:7-19

Dr. Thomas G. Long

SERMON: "Of This Gospel"

Dr. Long

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Brief Statement of Faith*)

Elder Cheryl Martin

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 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.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

THE OFFERING

Rev. Arabella Meadows-Rogers

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Creation, a fuguing tune

William Billings

When I with pleasing wonder stand, and all my frame survey,
Lord, 'tis thy work; I own, thy hand thus built my humble clay.
Our life contains a thousand springs, and dies if one be gone.
Strange that a harp of thousand strings should keep in tune so long.

Words by Dr. Watts from The Continental Harmony, 1794

DOXOLOGY: Hymn #592

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SUNG AMEN: Hymn #584

THE INSTALLATION

Elder Joyce Hansen

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 ON INSTALLATION

Rev. Margaret Thomas

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE PASTOR

Rev. Thomas

TO THE CONGREGATION

Elder Deborra Mullins

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Rev. Thomas

Ministers and elders greet the newly installed pastor.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long

CHARGE TO THE SENIOR PASTOR

Dr. Michael Jinkins

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Dr. Fred R. Anderson

PRESENTATION FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

HYMN #326: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Dr. Scott Black Johnston

Go out into the world in peace;
have courage;
hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
Alleluia! Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn #210, stanza 5)

Our God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last
And our eternal home.

POSTLUDE: Toccata

Gerald Near

*You are all invited to a reception following the worship service
in Bonnell Hall on the 2nd floor of the church house and hosted by the Women's Association.*

PARTICIPANTS

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