

**Service of Ordination and Installation for
Russ Pearson
as Associate Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday, August 11th, 2024, 3pm**

Welcome: Mike Shelton

Ordination Commission Chair: London Williams

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ~ Carolyn McPherson

Opening Sentences and Gathering Prayer: Greg Cartwright

Hymn: Gather Us In #401 *Glory to God (vs. 1,2,4)*

Confession and Words of Forgiveness: Greg Cartwright

Merciful and loving 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 to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. Forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture and Sermon: Rev. Sharon Amstutz

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Statement of Ordination: Mark Knisley

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows for Congregation: Aaron Caton

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Apostle's Creed: Aaron Caton

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism: Blair Adams

Constitutional Questions to Candidate: Collin Adams

Questions to the Congregation: London Williams

Do we, the members of the church, accept Russ Pearson as our Associate Pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for him, encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Do we promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble and share his joys? **We do.**

Will we listen to the word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord? **We will.**

Prayer of Ordination and Installation: Sharon Amstutz

Declaration of Ordination and Installation: Kim Fifield

Charge to Newly Ordained: Karen Russell

Presentation of Symbols of Ministry: Ordination Commission

Charge to the Congregation: Wes Mink

WE DEPART AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering and Closing Hymn: Here I Am Lord #69

Benediction: Russ Pearson

Postlude: "Processional of Joy" ~ Carolyn McPherson

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