

The Presbytery at Worship

May 16, 2020

Hymn: Jesus Calls Us
(verses 1 - 2)

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1 – 6 (responsive)

One: Lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness,
with patience, bearing with one another in love,
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 you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.**

Installation of the Moderator and Vice-Moderator and Commissioning of Delegates to General Assembly

Moderator:

As we turn now to the installation of our new Moderator and Vice Moderator, and to the commissioning of our Delegates to General Assembly; we recognize that though we have many gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make God's church useful in the world and we call men and women to faith, so that in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God.

Stated Clerk:

Moderator, speaking for the people of the Presbytery of Southern New England, I present Elder Steven Hart to be installed as Moderator and the Reverend JC Cadwallader to be installed as Vice Moderator. I also present (names of delegates) to be commissioned.

Moderator:

Steve, JC (name delegates) God has called you by the voice of this Presbytery to serve Jesus Christ in special ways. You know who we are and what we believe and you understand the work for which you have been chosen, I ask that you give answer to these questions:

- Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's Word to you?
- Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and continually guided by our confessions?
- Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- **(For ruling elders)** Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
- **(For teaching elder)s** Will you be a faithful teaching elder, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

If so, say, "**I Do**".

Stated Clerk:

Do you, commissioners to the Presbytery of Southern New England accept the Elder Steven Hart as Moderator and the Rev. J C Cadwallader as Vice Moderator, chosen by God through the voice of this Presbytery to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? And do you, commissioners, accept (names of delegates) to be our representatives to the ___ General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, USA?

If so, say, "**We Do**".

Moderator:

Let us pray: God of grace, who calls us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation; we thank you for Steve, JC, (names of delegates)

whom you have bestowed many gifts of your spirit. And we ask that you graciously accept them in faith and humility, and bestow upon them the grace of your Holy Spirit as they dedicate themselves to your service in this place. Give to us all courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful works and deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.

Moderator:

Steve, you are now installed as Moderator. JC, you are now installed as Vice Moderator. We welcome you both to this ministry.

Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but think with sober judgment.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.

Love the Lord's people.

Do not lag in zeal.

Do not quench the Spirit, but ardently seek its guidance as you serve the Lord.

May the Lord bless you richly in His service and make you a blessing to others.

(symbols of the office to be bestowed at a later date)

Remembering Our Saints

The Rev. David Baer

Hymn

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(verses 3 and 4)

Benediction