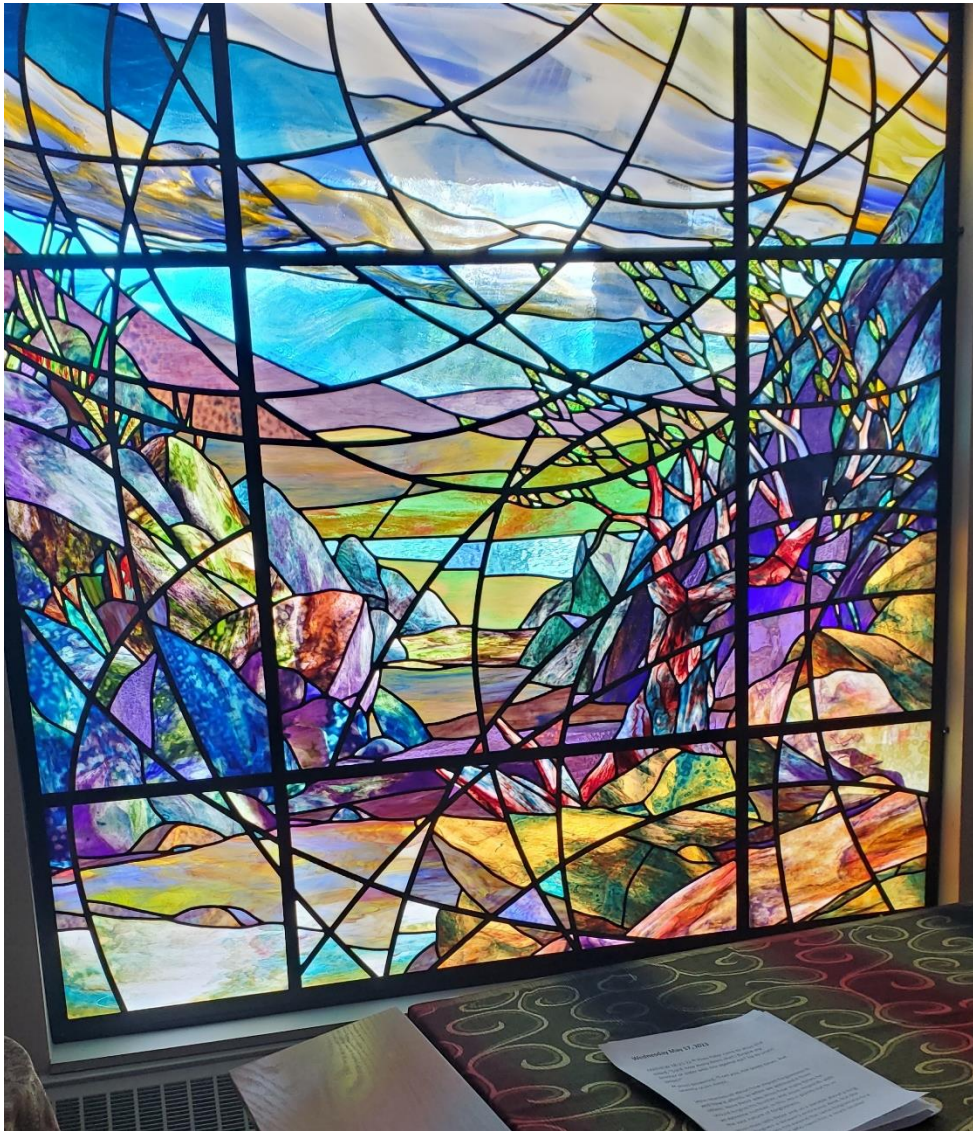


SERVICE OF ORDINATION
TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT



OF CLIFTON K. GENGE, II

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February 10, 2024, 2:00 PM
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Prelude

Hymns of Our Faith

Dr. Lee Wright

Presentation

Mindy Shaffer

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

In his baptism, Clif was clothed with Christ, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve, and we celebrate God's particular call to our brother Clif.

* Call to Worship

The Rev. Walter Stuber

Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing,

In Your presence they are not alone

Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving

With You there is comfort and peace

Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness

In Your grace and mercy there is freedom.

Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and seek their needs

Walking the journey together Your love brings hope

Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others

Let us come together in worship to celebrate Your love working with us, in us and through us. Your love endures forever! Amen.

*Hymn

Love Divine All Loves Excelling
(Verses 1-3, Music may be found on page 8.)

HYFRYDOL

Call to Confession

Dr. David Lee

If we say that we have done no wrong, we deceive ourselves. As we acknowledge this in our heart, we know God is faithful, gracious and loving. In humility and faith let us together acknowledge our shortcomings.

Prayer for Wholeness

Gracious God, you have called us to be a people of grace and love. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. In the haste and hurry of our lives we are short with others. As we strive to please we judge ourselves. Help us to bring grace, hope and love to the world, our neighbor and ourselves. Lift us up as we do our best to bring kindness, compassion and empathy to others and ourselves. Knowing that even in our imperfection we are accepted, valued and loved in Your eyes. Precious, honored and loved. As you have chosen us, give us strength as we live into our calling. Bring your Holy Spirit to provide all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The grace and mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. You are forgiven and loved. May the God of mercy, who forgives with grace and love, strengthen you. **By the power of the Holy Spirit we live into our calling as we share the kindness, grace and forgiveness we have been granted.**

Amen

The Peace

Susan Orr

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.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Susan Orr

Scripture

Psalm 23
Psalm 145:1-3,8-9
Matthew 9:35-36

The Rev. Val Fowler
Ann McMican

Sermon

"Enwombment"

Rev. Fowler

Ordination

The Rev. Hodong Hwang

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 Ordination

Mindy Shaffer

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination/Laying on of Hands

Gracious God, we praise you that you have chosen servants in every age to speak your Word and lead your loyal people. We give you thanks for your servant Clif, and for the ministry to which you have called him. Give Clif a full measure of the gifts of your Holy Spirit, both in the walk of faith and for the work of ministry. Anoint Clif with live a life worthy of word and sacrament, in witness and in service, in truth and in love, for the building up of the people of God and for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Declaration of Ordination

Clif, you are now a minister of the Word and Sacrament in the church of Jesus Christ and for your calling to Chaplaincy. Be faithful and true in your

ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the hope, grace, peace and love of Christ.

Amen.

Presentation of Symbols of Ministry

Charge and Blessing to the Newly Ordained

Rev. Hwang

*Hymn

Here I Am, Lord
(Music may be found on page 10.)

HERE I AM

Invitation to the Offering

John DeHority

(For the Committee on Preparation for Ministry)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

We bring to You a portion of what is given to us that you would multiply them to bless the world around us.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Offertory Music

Andante Tranquillo Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Let songs rise up from earth below;

Let stars and galaxies enthrone;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One! Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

John DeHority

Abundant God,

All that we have given comes from the grace we have received.

May these gifts be a blessing to your community. Enriching and empowering those who are answering your call. Amen

Prayers of the People

The Rev. Clif Genge

Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Spirit, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Rev. Genge

Invitation to the Table/Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Music at Communion Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness Johannes Brahms

Prayer of Blessing

Loving God, you have gathered us at this table with all the hosts of heaven and earth. In your grace we have been nourished by the living bread, Jesus Christ, and we have been refreshed by your Holy Spirit. May we, who have shared this holy meal, go out as glad disciples, following in Jesus' way, proclaiming his truth, and living his love for the world. Amen.

*Hymn

We Are One in the Spirit
(Music may be found on page 11.)

THEY'LL KNOW
WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*Charge and Blessing

Rev. Genge

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
from Sonata II for Organ

Everyone is welcome to a reception following this service
in the Hallock Lounge.

Thank you to. . .

Ordination Commission

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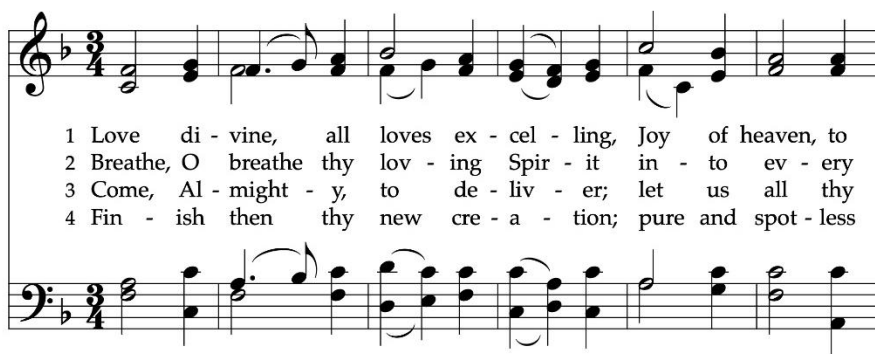
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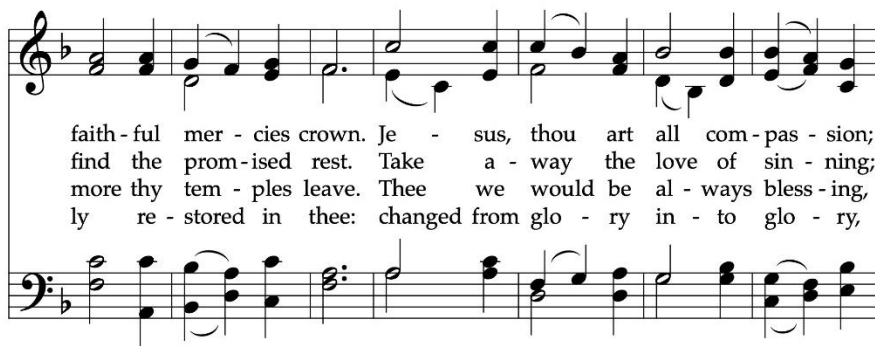
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.
 MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

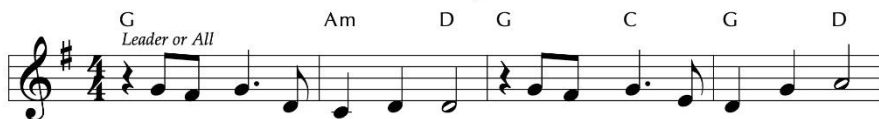
HYFRYDOL
 8.7.8.7.D

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) B^bm (Em) Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) B^bm (Em) Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) D^b (Em) Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) B^bm (Em) Fm (Am) B^bm (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm (Am/E) B^bm/F (Em) Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966
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THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
 7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain

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