

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## LEASIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 13, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

Elder Ordination

### GATHERING

*Organ Voluntary VI: Andante - J. Stanley*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

A TIME OF CENTERING & STILLNESS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

*The church's one foundation No. 479*

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN

*Help us accept each other No. 632*

PEACE OF CHRIST

### WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Lave Sommernacht - A. Mahler*

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

HYMN

*This is my Father's world No. 328*

SCRIPTURE Mark 4:26-34

SERMON

*Resilient community*

### RESPONSE

RULING ELDERS - A SERVICE OF ORDINATION

*Carol Anne Armstrong, Mary Kopman,  
Alex McLean and Nancy Weir*

APOSTLES CREED

NARRATION OF STEPS

THE VOWS

ORDINATION PRAYER

DECLARATION AND RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS *Something for Jesus - R. Gardner, Tune by R. Lowry*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### SENDING

HYMN

*God of grace and God of glory No. 490*

SENDING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Organ Voluntary IX: Largo Staccato - J. Stanley*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The church is the place where the broken gather:

**All: let us worship the One who reconciles us to one another  
and to God.**

One: The church is the place where sinners are welcome:

**All: let us worship God who, with forgiving hands, shapes us into new people.**

One: The church is the place where the lost, the least, the forgotten, the ignored gather:

**All: let us worship God who looks at us with the eyes of love.**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: We confess, God of Faith, that we ask about someone's background to see if they are like us, while you look at where their heart is grounded. We examine another's good looks or athletic prowess, while you take notice of how they reach out to those who are different. We gaze at the size of another's house or car or portfolio to judge how successful they are, and you observe whether or not they have faith the size of the smallest seed.**

**Forgive us, Anointing God, for looking at those around us with human eyes, and not seeing them as created in your image. As you shape us into new people, give us new eyes, new hearts, new lives to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: This is the good news: no longer must we walk the old paths of sin and death.

**All: Christ has come to take our old ways on himself, and to fill us with new life in God.**

One: Now, we know we are forgiven; now, we know we are at peace; now, we can step forward in faith, to live with our God forever. Amen.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

One: Let us now share the peace. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

#### APOSTLES CREED

**All: Let us confess our faith together in the words of The Apostles' Creed:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.**

THE VOWS (to Carol Anne Armstrong, Mary Kopman, Alex McLean and Nancy Weir)

The moderator shall address the elders-elect, saying:

Carol Anne Armstrong, Mary Kopman, Alex McLean and Nancy Weir, your faith in God and your integrity of purpose may be declared before God and all people, you are required in terms of this preamble to answer the questions appointed for all who would enter the office of the Ruling Elder.

1. Do you believe in God the Father, made known in his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom the Holy Spirit witnesses in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

2. Do you accept the subordinate standards of this Church, promising to uphold its doctrine under the continual illumination and correction of the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scriptures and to be guided thereby in fostering Christian belief, worship and service among the people?

I do.

3. Do you accept the government of this Church by sessions, presbyteries, synods, and general assemblies, and do you promise to share in and submit yourself to all lawful oversight therein, and to follow no divisive course, but to seek the peace and unity of Christ among your people and throughout the Holy Catholic Church?

I do.

4. In accepting the office of Elder, do you promise to perform your duties in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, striving to build up his Church and to strengthen its mission in the world?

I do.

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to keep these vows.

THE VOWS (to the congregation)

The ordination of elders in a congregation, if their leadership and ministry are to be fruitful, involves responsibilities for both the elders and the people of the church. These questions therefore I direct to you, the members and adherents of this congregation, so that you may renew your obligations to this shared ministry.

1. Do you confess your faith in God as creator and ruler of the world, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your inspiration and strength?

**We do.**

2. Do you receive Carol Anne Armstrong, Mary Kopman, Alex McLean and Nancy Weir as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead you in the way of Christ?

**We do.**

3. Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions as they guide you, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

**We do.**

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to keep these promises. Amen.

ORDINATION PRAYER

**All: God of Grace, who baptized us into a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ; who called us to be a priesthood of all believers; who entrusted to us the message of reconciliation; we pray for courage and discipline to follow where your elders rightly lead us, that together we may declare your mighty acts and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ who is ruler of all. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. AMEN**

SENDING

One: Now go as God's seeds of reconciliation.

**All: We will plant reconciliation in all the broken places and people.**

One: Now go as Christ's hands of forgiveness.

**All: We will embrace everyone we meet with mercy and hope.**

One: Now go as the Spirit's eyes of love.

**All: We will see each person as our sister and brother.**