

The Commission to Install

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Constitutional Questions for Minister

1. Do you trust in the Lord 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?
2. 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?
3. 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?
4. Will you be a minister of the Word and Sacrament in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and continually guided by the confessions?
5. 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?
6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
7. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
8. Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
9. Will you be a faithful minister, 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 governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Constitutional Questions for the Congregation

1. Do we, the members of the church, accept Ed as our pastor chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?
2. Do we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?
3. 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 joy? 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?

The Presbytery of the Peaks



A Service or Installation for Eduardo Soto, Jr.

On behalf of the Presbytery of the Peaks, the Commission named in this bulletin calls this congregation to the worship of God. We will, as we worship, "focus upon Christ and the joy and responsibility of serving him through the mission and ministry of the church" (Book of Order, W-4.001b). The commission counts it a privilege to lead you in worship and to install the one whom you have called to equip you for ministry. The entire presbytery rejoices with you upon this occasion, and pledges to you its prayers and support as you undertake this ministry together.

Today's offering will be received by the Presbytery for the purpose of supporting the educational expenses of candidates and inquirers in preparation for ministry through The Candidate's Scholarship Fund.

GATHERING OF THE CHURCH

Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Sentences of Scripture

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Most High is awesome,

A great sovereign over all the earth.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

To sing praises to your name, O Most High.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Gratitude

#457 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit you baptized us to be your own and called the church into being. We confess that we hold back the love of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit and make strong our common witness to the one Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 27:4-9

Choral Anthem

Our Lord is In This Place by Mary McDonald

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 4:18-22

Sermon

“Tender Pioneer”

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn of Response

#442 The Church's One Foundation

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Sentences of Scripture

As in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,

So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:

Prophecy, in proportion to faith;

Ministry, in ministering;

The teacher, in teaching;

The exhorter, in exhortation;

The giver, in generosity;

The leader, in diligence;

The compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let us not lag in zeal, but be ardent in spirit, serving the Lord.

Statement of Purpose

Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:

The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Presentation of Pastor Elect

...and is now called by God through the voice of the Church to serve as pastor of this congregation. **We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's call to our brother, to serve among us as pastor.**

Constitutional Questions to the Pastor Elect

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation

Welcome to Ministry

Charge to the New Pastor

Charge to the Congregation

RESPONDING AND SENDING

Invitation to the offering

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, by J. S. Bach

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Lord's Prayer

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Sending

#391 Take My Life

*Remarks and Benediction

*Postlude

All Creatures of Our God and King, arr. by R. V. Williams