

**Installation Service  
Steven Earl Fitzgerald  
Sunday, March 8, 2020**

**Gathering in the Word**

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude /Processional *Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne*

Buxtehude

Welcome and Introduction of Commission

Gavin Meek

\*Call to Worship

Cathy Chapman

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you .**

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.**

Invocation

Cathy Chapman

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us to this time and place to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord. Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us, that together we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith, so that as we receive all spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, we may support one another in common ministry; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise 298 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

Call to Confession

Robert Johnson

Even when we were dead through our sin, our merciful and loving God made us alive together with Christ and raised us up through him. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Confession and Pardon

**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 are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew 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.**

Assurance of Pardon

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen. or Thanks be to God. Lead a life worthy of your calling, with humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Growing in the Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Robert Johnson

Send us your Holy Spirit, O God, that these words might speak to us as your word, and our lives bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading Isa. 43:1-7; Matt. 9:1-8

Anthem *The Potter's Hand*

Zschech

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior,  
I know for sure all of my days are held in Your hand,  
Crafted into Your perfect plan.

You gently call me into Your presence,  
Guiding me by your Holy Spirit.  
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life  
Through Your eyes.

I'm captured by Your Holy calling.  
Set me apart, I know you're drawing me to yourself.  
Lead me, Lord, I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me.  
I give my life to the Potter's hand.  
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me.  
I give my life to the Potter's hand.  
The Potter's hand.

You gently call me into Your presence,  
Guiding me by you Holy Spirit.  
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life  
Through Your eyes.

I'm captured by Your Holy calling.  
Set me apart, I know you're drawing me to yourself.  
Lead me, Lord, I pray. I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me.  
I give my life to the Potter's hand.  
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me.  
I give my life to the Potter's hand,  
The potter's hand, the Potter's hand.

Epistle Reading Acts 6:1-15; 7:54-8:1a

Gavin Meek

Sermon "Oh, to be like... Stephen!"

Gavin Meek

\*Affirmation of Faith (Nicene Creed)

Bob Kearns

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\*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.**

Offering for Ministerial Emergency Fund

Bob Kearns

This is an emergency fund set up by New Harmony Presbytery to specifically assist member clergy in a time of crisis. It is not used for ongoing financial needs, but for those needs that were unexpected and irregular. This is a caring ministry that we are proud to offer to those who give and have given so much to God's work in our midst. Give generously, as God has given so generously to us.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: Acts 20:35 It is more blessed to give than to receive. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Offertory *Deck Yourself, My Soul, With Gladness*

Brahms

\*Doxology

**Installation to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament**

Statement on Installation

Ashley Cheek

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions to Minister

Linda Jackson

Constitutional Questions to Congregation

Cathy Chapman

