

October 15, 2006

Ordination  
to the Ministry  
of Word and Sacrament  
and Installation  
as Associate Pastor

John W. Vest

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND ORDINATION** 6:30 p.m.

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,  
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE** Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire *Dieterich Buxtehude*

**WELCOME** Gordon Zerkel

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

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ  
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

People: **There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

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

People: **We remember with joy our common calling  
to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call  
to our brother John.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 25:1–10 Jeremy Lewis

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: **O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me**

Leader: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: **Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.**

Leader: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are  
the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

People: **Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your  
steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth or  
my transgressions; according to your steadfast love  
remember me, for your goodness sake, O Lord!



\*HYMN 525 "Here I Am, Lord"

OFFERING Loretta Gratiyas-Bremer

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "I'm Going to Sing" *African American spiritual  
arr. Ronald E. Anderson*

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Loretta Gratiyas-Bremer

## THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

OPENING WORDS Gordon Zerkel

Leader: There are varieties of gifts,  
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

People: **There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way,  
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

People: **To each is given a gift of the Spirit  
to be used for the common good.**

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,  
and individually members of it.

STATEMENT OF ORDINATION Gordon Zerkel

\*REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT Elizabeth Merrill Neel

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH Elizabeth Merrill Neel

*(unison)*

**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.**

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM** Elizabeth Merrill Neel  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*ANOINTING** Elizabeth Merrill Neel

**CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE** Gordon Zerkel

**CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION** Steve Bumpus

**PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION** Corey Nelson  
*(unison)*

**Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon your servant John, whom you called by baptism as your own. Grant him the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give him a spirit of truthfulness rightly to proclaim your Word in Christ from pulpit, table, and font and in the words and actions of daily living. Give him the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to your servant John, and to all who serve as pastors among your people, gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION** Gordon Zerkel

**CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED** Donna Gray

**CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION** John M. Buchanan

**CHARGE TO THE YOUTH** Deb Helms

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION**

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(unison)*

**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.**

**THE COMMUNION**

**THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*(unison)*

**Gracious God, you have gathered us at this table  
with all the company of your people in heaven and  
on earth. In your mercy we have been nourished  
by the living bread, Jesus Christ, and we have been  
refreshed by the power of your Holy Spirit.  
May we, who have shared this holy meal,  
go out as glad disciples of our Lord,  
following in his way, proclaiming his truth,  
and living his love for the world. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 339**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Tune: SLANE

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Lift High the Cross”

*Donald Busarow*

### **Clergy Commissioners**

John M. Buchanan, Pastor, Fourth Presbyterian Church  
Christine Chakoian, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church  
of Lake Forest  
Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families,  
Fourth Presbyterian Church  
Corey Nelson, Associate Pastor, Community Presbyterian Church  
of Clarendon Hills

### **Elder Commissioners**

Steve Bumpus, Fourth Presbyterian Church  
Loretta Gratias-Bremer, Western Springs Presbyterian Church  
Deb Helms, Director of Youth Ministries, Community  
Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills  
Cyndi Frost, Director of Children's Ministries, Community  
Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills  
Joshua Patty, United Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Gordon Zerkel, Moderator, Presbytery of Chicago

### **Guests of the Commission**

Jeremy Lewis, Fourth Presbyterian Church  
Elizabeth Merrill Neel, Minister at Large, Presbytery of Milwaukee

### **The Music Today**

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
The Vespers Choir

### **Worship Notes**

**The offering tonight** will be given to the Presbytery of Chicago's Minister's  
Emergency Fund, which supports pastors during times of financial emergency.

**The bulletin cover** depicts the seeds of new life, in the form of acorns. This hand  
carved stone on the north wall of the chancel dates from 1914, the year of  
Fourth Church's construction.

**The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago**

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