



Installation of Pastor and Teacher
The Rev. Dr. F. Russell Mitman

Parkside United Church of Christ
505 Main Street
Phoenixville, Pennsylvania

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Welcome to this service of installation via ZOOM. The ZOOM protocol involves the muting of everyone except for those involved in leadership and any unison spoken responses and prayers. Church Administrator Jennifer Dickson, is the ZOOM host; she will unmute those who are involved in leadership throughout the service. Because the number of ZOOM devices are limited to 100, please consider everyone in one household using the same device. The ZOOM meeting ID is 882 8683 6896. The password, if needed, is 102030.

The words of the hymns are poetic texts set to music that seek to proclaim the Word of God. During the singing everyone's voice will be muted so that the musical accompaniment will not be overridden. Enjoy singing along with Cantor and Pianist Darren Girardeau, and sing as loud as you wish in the privacy of your own space. And, if you don't want to sing, just say the words aloud or follow along silently as they seek to interpret the Word to us and as we speak in response to God.

This service includes the celebration of the Eucharist. Those who desire to commune may prepare bread and wine/grape juice to be presented during the offertory. In the Reformation tradition of the priesthood of all believers, all are invited to extend hands over their elements during the prayer of blessing.

The Ursinus Association of Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, UCC is the installing body, and the Rev. Jonathan I. Hauze and the Rev. Austin Chinault representing the Ursinus Association will preside in the installation liturgy. The Rev. William P. Worley, Conference Minister of Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, will be the preacher. Representing Parkside United Church of Christ will be Elders Jeanne Readman, Consistory President and Jennifer Dickson, immediate past President. The Readers are Kayla Marosfalvi and Robbie Dickson Ebersole. Parkside Organist Darren Girardeau is the pianist and cantor.

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When Russ was confirmed in Pennsburg United Church of Christ, each confirmand was asked to choose a Scripture text, memorize it, and speak it aloud during the liturgy. Russ chose Matthew 28:19-20. He will speak it as today’s Gospel reading.

Order of Worship

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship:

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

–2 Corinthians 13:13

All: And also with you.

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

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

–Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 4:4

All, singing:

NETTLETON



Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church ne - glect its mission, and the gos - pel go un - heard,
help us wit - ness to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
With your Spir - it's gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Penitence

Call to Confession:

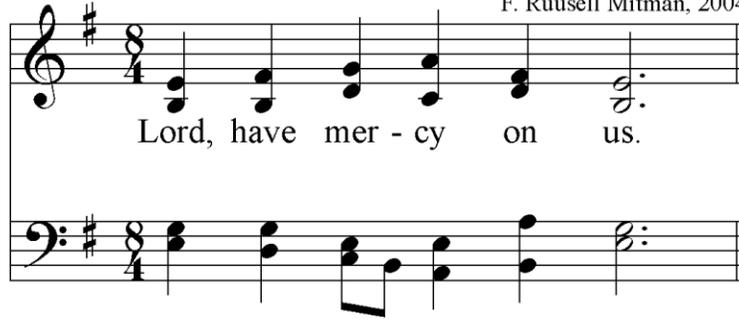
Leader: When we come into the holy presence of God,
our own humanity is laid bare.
When we stand in the living presence of truth,
our own falsehood is revealed.
People of God, let us acknowledge our sin
and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

Confession of Sin and Kyrie:

Leader: Holy God, before whom we gather in awe,
**All: We confess that we have missed the mark you intend for us.
We have yielded to the powers of temptation
and have allowed the world's idols to take us captive.
We have disobeyed you and have neglected our neighbors.
We have ignored our holy calling
and have misused the means of grace.
Our sin cries out for your forgiving touch!**

Kyrie

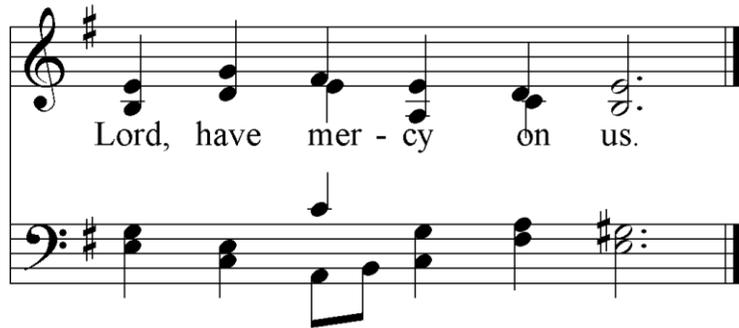
F. Ruusell Mitman, 2004



Lord, have mer - cy on us.



Christ, have mer - cy on us.



Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Leader: God's mercy is so abundant, and his love for us is so great, that while we were spiritually dead in our disobedience, he has brought us to life with Christ.

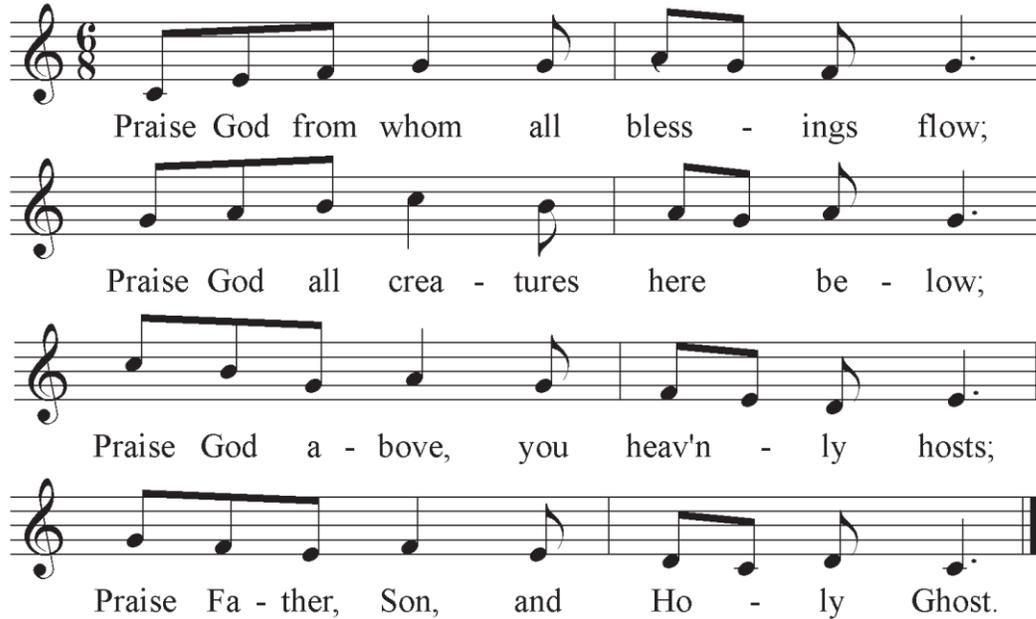
All: God did this to demonstrate for all time to come the extraordinary greatness of his grace in the love he showed us in Christ Jesus

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, I declare in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: Amen.

-Ephesians 2:4-7 TEV

Response:



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;
Praise God all crea - tures here be - low;
Praise God a - bove, you heav'n - ly hosts;
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Music: F. Russell Mitman, 2008

The Peace:

Leader: 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

-Ephesians 4:1-3

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All may greet one another with “The Peace of Christ be with you.”

Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response:

NETTLETON

**Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name, baptize and teach.”
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us for the work of ministry.**

Second Reading: Romans 12: 9-18

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Gospel: Matthew 28: 19-20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Affirmation of Baptism

Leader: As God calls some to particular forms of ministry,
God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ
given in the covenant of Baptism.
Let us, therefore, affirm our baptismal vows,
renouncing all that opposes God’s rule
and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

Minister: Do you believe in God?

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

Minister: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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.**

Minister: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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.**

Minister: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of the powers of evil,
and do you renew your profession that Jesus Christ is Lord?

All: I do with the help of God.

Minister: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and community,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will with the help of God.

Minister: Will you continue to strive for justice and peace among all people
and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: I will with the help of God.

Minister: Let us pray.

We give thanks, Holy God, that before the world was formed,
your spirit moved over the face of the waters
and from the chaos of the deep you created order and life.

We remember how by your guiding hand
you led the sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah
through the deep waters from bondage to freedom
and marked them a holy people
with the sign of your everlasting covenant.

We rejoice that in the fullness of time you gave us Jesus,
the child of Mary and Joseph,
your beloved Son, our Lord and Christ.
We remember John baptizing him in the water of the Jordan,
the Spirit descending upon him like a dove,
and the offering of himself to free us from sin and death
and to lead us to everlasting life.
We thank you that by the washing with water
and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit
we are baptized into the covenant of your grace,
made one with Christ and his church,
and commissioned to show forth his love in word and deed.

The presider pours water into a basin.

Minister: By baptism we have been buried with Christ into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead,
so we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

–Revelation 7:12, adapt

All: Amen.

Rite of Installation

Local Church Representative:

Parkside United Church of Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit
has called Franklin Russell Mitman as our pastor and teacher
And respectfully requests that the Ursinus Association install him
In this ministry among us, according to the faith and order of the
United Church of Christ.

Association Representative:

The Ursinus Association of Pennsylvania Southeast Conference
of the United Church of Christ has reviewed the request of Parkside United
Church of Christ. We have prayerfully examined Russell and we are pleased to
install him as your pastor and teacher.

Russell, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God
and that Parkside United Church of Christ has been led to call you
as pastor and teacher, are you willing to enter this covenant
with its members who are in Christ with us in the Ursinus Association?

Pastor: I am willing, and I promise to serve this church faithfully,
preaching and teaching the word of God,
administering the sacraments
and fulfilling the pastoral office,
according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Association Representative:

Do you, the members of Parkside United Church of Christ
receive Russell as your pastor and teacher,
promising to labor with him in the ministry of the gospel
and to give him due honor and support?

All: We do with the help of God.

Members of the Ursinus Association of Pennsylvania Southeast Conference
of the United Church of Christ, will you affirm your covenant with
Parkside United Church of Christ and its pastor and teacher?

All: We will with the help of God.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise.
Throughout the ages and in every place you have chosen servants
from among your people to point the way to salvation by your grace.
We are grateful for ancestors in the faith who followed without fear,
placing their trust in you alone—
for prophets and apostles who spoke your bold words of mercy and truth;
for leaders and teachers in every age
who have nurtured your people in faith and faithfulness.
Above all, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came not to be served
but to serve and to give his life to set others free.
Anointed by your Holy Spirit, he proclaimed your reign on earth,
revealing your saving love in all he said and did.

Give to Russell a spirit of truthfulness that he may proclaim your Word in Christ
from pulpit, table, and font, and in the words and actions of daily living.
By the gifts of your Holy Spirit empower him 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 all your servants
gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor and courage,
and an abiding sense of your presence.

All: Amen.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church,
that we may be for you a holy people baptized to serve you in the world.
Sustain your church in ministry.

Ground us in the gospel,
secure our hope in Christ,
strengthen our service to the outcast,
and increase our love for one another.
Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together,
that we may be effective servants of the gospel,
offering a compelling witness in the world
to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Association Representative:

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Ursinus Association of the
Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ,

I declare you duly installed as pastor and teacher of Parkside United Church of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Eucharist

Invitation:

Presider: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
They will come from east and west, and from north and south,
and sit at table in it the kingdom of God.

Offertory: *Individuals and families may present gifts of bread and wine/grape juice.*

Singing:

NETTLETON

**Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.**

Great Thanksgiving:

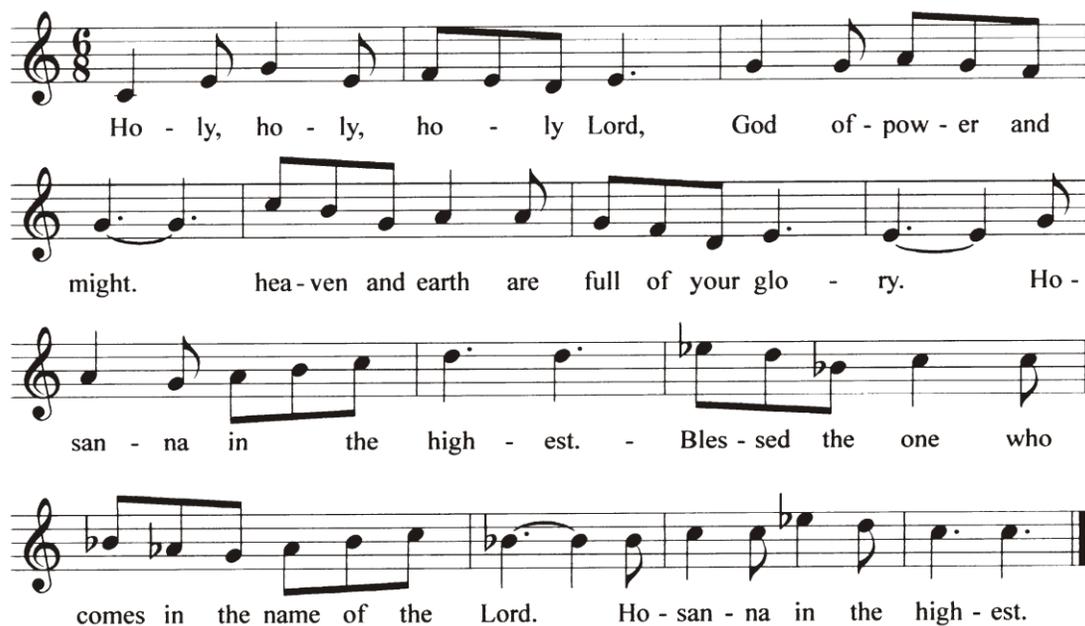
Presider: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise.
You formed us in your image, loved us with an everlasting love,
and graced us with gifts for serving.
When we were faithless and would not follow,
you forgave us and returned us to your way.
In the fulness of time, you sent Jesus, your only begotten and beloved,
to be for us the way, the truth, and the life.
By your Holy Spirit he anointed all who would follow him
to live a new life in your love.
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of - pow - er and
 might. hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. - Bles - sed the one who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words: *From Prayers We Have in Common*, 1975; Music: F. Russell Mitman, 2001

Presider: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
 Baptized as one among us, he receive the gift of your Spirit,
 and claimed his calling as a servant of your reign.
 Jesus proclaimed good new to the poor,
 and by the power of your word set people free from all that bound them.
 He broke open the bread of life for all who were hungry,
 and upon the hurt and the lost poured out the living waters of your grace.
 In humble obedience, Jesus went to his death on the cross,
 and was raised up by your power to reign in glory.
 In the resurrection the gifts of his Spirit were poured out upon your people,
 that the church might embrace his ministry and live as his body in the world.

Words of Institution

Presider: Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and wine
 from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption
 won for us in Christ.
 Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
 as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
 that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

F. Russell Mitman, 2005



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

All may extend hands over the elements during the blessing:

Presider: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless'
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit united us with the living Christ
and with all who are baptized in his name,
that we may be one in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Singing:

NETTLETON

**Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.**

Minister: Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Minister: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Communion:

Those who desire may break the bread and give it to others or to themselves with the words:

“The body of Christ given for you.”

And the cup:

“The blood of Christ poured out for you.”

Prayer after Communion:

Presider: Gracious God, you have gathered us 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.
My 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.

All: Amen.

Sending

Singing:

NETTLETON

**Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us for the work of ministry.**

Charge and Blessing:

Leader: Go under the sign of your baptism
and with the blessing of the Triune God—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forevermore.



All:

Leader: Remember the poor.
Go in peace to serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!