



THE ORDINATION SERVICE OF

Lauren Rachel March



Sunday, March 19, 2023
at 3:00pm

In the Sanctuary of
First Presbyterian Church
395 Hamilton Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

SERVICE OF ORDINATION FOR LAUREN MARCH

Presentation

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Murphy
Moderator of Mackinac Presbytery

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

P: And also with you.

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

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

L: In her baptism, Lauren was clothed with Christ, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministry as a teaching elder.

P: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our sister Lauren.

Opening Prayer

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

P: let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

*Hymn: *Lift High the Cross*

No. 450

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Janice Reed

Mighty and merciful 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. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us.

(Time for silent confession)

O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us, and claimed us in our baptisms, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that each one

in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Declaration of Forgiveness

L: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body.
The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination Ruling Elder, Karen Wertanen, Florence, WI

Let us pray. Overwhelm us with your Spirit, O God, that the words we hear will speak to our hearts as your Word, made known to us in Jesus Christ, the Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1–8

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

Elder, Virginia Feleppa
Kingsford, MI

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem: *Order My Steps*

Proclamation of the Word

Rev. David Paul Lenz

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:16-21

Sermon

*Hymn: *Take My Life*

No. 597

ORDINATION

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Murphy, Moderator

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

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

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

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

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

Profession of Faith: *The Apostles Creed*

**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.**

Constitutional Questions (W-4.4003)

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Murphy

Prayer of Ordination

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

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

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

L: Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you all thanks and praise.

Throughout the ages you have been faithful to your covenant people
whom you have called out of bondage and redeemed to be your own.

In every time and place you have chosen servants from among your
people to point the way to salvation. We are grateful for ancestors in the
faith who followed without fear, placing their trust in you alone.

We give you thanks for judges and monarchs who ruled in righteousness and peace. We praise you for prophets and apostles who spoke your bold words of mercy and of truth. We thank you for pastors and teachers 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.

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon your servant Lauren, whom you called by baptism as your own. Grant her the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give her 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 her 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 Lauren, 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.

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 the 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.

P: Amen.

Declaration of Ordination and Welcome	Rev. Janice Reed
Charge to the Newly Ordained	Rev. David Lenz
Presentation of Symbols of Ministry	Rev. Michael March
Choral Anthem: <i>Go Into the World</i>	

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Invitation to the Lord's Table	Rev. Lauren March
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L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

L: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our Creator. You formed us in your image, loved us with an everlasting love, and graced us with gifts for serving... 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:

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...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:

P: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

L: 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 unite 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.

O God, by water and the Spirit, you have claimed us as your own, and anointed us for your service. Build up the body of Christ in your love, and equip the church for the work of ministry. Make us one body in Christ, where each one's gifts are honored and used for the good of all, where all submit to one another in humility and the bond of the Holy Spirit. Send us out into the world to do justice, to show mercy, and to walk humbly with you in trust and faith. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until that promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory.

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

P: Amen.

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread, Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

L: 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.

P: 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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Blessing

*Charge

*Recessional Hymn: *Here I Am Lord*

No. 589

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Murphy, Teaching Elder, Harbor Springs
Presbytery and Commission Moderator

Ruling Elder, Karen Wertanen, Florence, WI
Commission Clerk

Ruling Elder, Dr. Virginia Feleppa, Kingsford, MI

Rev. David Paul Lenz, Hope PC, Richfield, MN

Rev. Janice Reed, Teaching Elder, Escanaba, MI

Rev. Michael March, Teaching Elder, Kingsford, MI

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.