



**Presbytery de Cristo  
Service of Ordination and Installation of Brian Louis  
Faith Presbyterian Church  
Sierra Vista, Arizona  
November 20, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.**



**PRELUDE** “A Joyous Acclamation” – Smith

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**The Rev. Steve Melde, Moderator**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**People: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it!***

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**The Rev. Steve Melde, Moderator**

**INTROIT** “I Am the Bread of Life” [Faith Presbyterian Church Choir]

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**The Rev. George Vander Meulen**

Leader: Let us praise God the father all the days of our lives!

**People: *We worship and give thanksgiving to God each day!***

Leader: Let us praise God the son our Lord Jesus Christ who was sent to save us!

**People: *We sing a song of thanksgiving for the Prince of Peace!***

Leader: Let us praise God the Holy Spirit for the Spirit’s inspiration and guidance in our lives!

**People: *Let us praise our ever-loving God now and forever! Hallelujah!***

**\*HYMN #35**

**“Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty”**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Ruling Elder Monica Russell**

Leader: Even when we were dead through our sin

**People: *Our merciful and loving God made us alive.***

Leader: Together with Christ and raised us up through him.

**People: *In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.***

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Ruling Elder Monica Russell**

***Ever gracious and loving God, we confess that we stray from your example in Jesus Christ and your will for us. We live selfishly and forget your command for us to love our neighbors as ourselves. We turn away from those in need and we do not care for your creation. We fail to trust in you and we spin off into sin driven by our fear and lack of faith. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ’s way in the world, and by your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.***

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Ruling Elder Monica Russell**

Leader: Rest assured friends that in Christ's love for us we are pardoned from our sins.

**People: *Let us rejoice and be glad!***

Leader: The forgiveness of our Lord is assured now and forever!

**People: *Let us live with confidence in the mercy of God!***

Leader: Friends believe the good news!

**People: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.***

**\*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.***

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**The Rev. Steven Akins**

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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:**

**The Rev. Steven Akins**

**Joshua 1:1-8**

Leader: Holy wisdom. Holy Word.

**People: *Thanks be to God.***

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:**

**The Rev. Dr. Brad Munroe**

**John 15: 9-17**

Leader: Holy wisdom. Holy Word.

**People: *Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON**

**The Rev. Dr. Brad Munroe**

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD:**

**The Rev. Dr. Brad Munroe**

**The Apostles' Creed (in 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.***

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Here I Am Lord" – arr. Leavitt [Faith Choir with Cory Allen on flute]

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

**Ruling Elder Louise Davis**

The offering received today goes to the Presbyter's Committee on Preparation for Ministry to provide scholarship funds for Inquirers and Candidates as they prepare for ordination.

Checks may be sent to:

Presbytery de Cristo  
P.O. Box 2507  
Mesa, AZ 85214-2507  
**Memo Line: PdC CPM**

**OFFERTORY** *"The Solid Rock"* – arr. Raney

## **\*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**

**Ruling Elder Louise Davis**

## **LITANY FOR ORDINATION**

**The Rev. Steve Melde, Moderator**

Leader: There are varieties of gifts,

**People: *But it is the same Spirit who gives them.***

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

**People: *But it is the same Lord who is served.***

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way

**People: *But it is God's purpose that is accomplished.***

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

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

Leader: We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples of Jesus Christ and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as ruling elders, and as ministers of Word and Sacrament. Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us. Through ordination, God provides for acts of care and compassion in the world, for the ordering and governance of the church, and for the preaching of the word and celebration of the sacraments.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS**

**The Rev. Steve Melde, Moderator**

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? Do you?

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? Do you?

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? Do you and will you?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions? Will you?

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? Will you?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? Will you?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? Do you?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? Will you?

Will you be a faithful minister of Word and Sacrament, proclaiming the good news, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you?

Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? Will you?

### **Ruling Elder Gene Raymond**

Do we, the members of the church, accept Brian as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? Do we?

Do we agree to pray for him, encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? Do we?

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 joys? Do we?

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? Will we?

### **LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR ORDINATION**

**The Rev. Steve Melde, Moderator**

### **DECLARATION OF ORDINATION**

**The Rev. Steve Melde, Moderator**

Representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church, the Presbytery of de Cristo, by means of this commission, now ordains Brian Raymond Louis to the ministry of Word and Sacrament and installs him as pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church.

### **CHARGE TO THE PASTOR**

**The Rev. Steve Melde, Moderator**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**The Rev. Brian R. Louis**

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**The Rev. Brian R. Louis**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: *And also with you.***

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: *We lift them to the Lord.***

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

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

**PRAYER OF INVITATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**The Rev. Brian R. Louis**

***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.***

**COMMUNION**

**The Rev. Brian R. Louis**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

Communion will be served by intinction.

Those who are unable to come forward will be served where they are sitting.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**The Rev. Brian R. Louis**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**The Rev. Brian R. Louis**

**\*HYMN #611 *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"***

**\*POSTLUDE – *"Celebration"* – Hughes**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

**Ruling Elder Monica Russell**

**Ruling Elder Gene Raymond**

**Ruling Elder Louise Davis**

**The Rev. Steve Melde, Moderator**

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**ORDINAND**

**The Rev. Brian R. Louis**