

# Order of Worship

## Spring Stated Meeting 2022

Call to Worship

Clark Simmons

One: Jesus says: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Many: And blessed is the church that serves with the love of God to eradicate systemic poverty.**

One: Jesus says: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

**Many: And blessed is the church that trusts in the grace of Christ to build congregational vitality.**

One: Jesus says: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God

**Many: And blessed is the church that seeks by the power of the Spirit to dismantle structural racism.**

One: Blessed are you, O holy, triune God,

**All: and blessed is your holy realm forever.**

*Please rise in body or in spirit for our hymn of praise.*

\* Hymn of Praise – Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (1,2,4)  
(Lyrics on p. 4)

Glory to God #396

Call to Confession

Mary Brown

Let us come before God and one another with confidence that God listens and is willing to forgive. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

**God of justice, you have claimed us as yours and called us by name. We humbly confess that we fall short of living into our identity as your people. We have not used your power to serve our neighbors. We have denied the reality of oppression and injustice. We have turned our backs on your beloved children who hunger and thirst in a world of plenty. We have allowed our fears about tomorrow to diminish our vitality today.**

**In your mercy, Lord, forgive us. Make us courageous servants of your justice, peace, and wholeness. We make our prayer in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.**

(Silence)

Promise of Grace

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving. Trust in God's grace and be at peace.

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Prayer for Illumination

Mary Brown

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures. Amen.

First Scripture reading – Psalm 23 – *read in unison*

Mary Brown

**The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

Second Scripture reading – John 10:22-30

Jeff Beebe

Morning Message – “In-N-Out”

Jeff Beebe

Offering – Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center

Tommy Lane

***Commissioning for Service at the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PC(USA)***

*Introductions*

Ruling Elder Commissioners

Steven Crowley (First Palatka) and Connie Smith (South Jacksonville)

Teaching Elder Commissioners

John Diller (Orange Park), Jennifer Hallberg (First Jasper)

Serving as Committee Assistant for the International Engagement Committee

Sandra Hedrick (Stated Clerk)

*Sentences of Scripture*

Patti Phillips

As many of you as were baptized in Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free,  
there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.**

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,  
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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

**one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
One God and Father of all,  
who is above all and through all and in all.**

## ***Call to Discipleship***

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ,  
a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

**The great ends of the Church are the proclamation of the gospel  
for the salvation of humankind;  
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;  
the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth;  
the promotion of social righteousness;  
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

## ***Commissioning***

Jerie Lukefahr

Today we commission these disciples to the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Steven, Connie, John, Jennifer and Sandra, the grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace we are saved and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ.

God has called you to this service, and by answering this call, you serve our presbytery, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and the Church of Christ universal.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**I will, with God's help.**

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

**I do.**

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

**I will, with God's help.**

Do we as members of the Presbytery of St. Augustine affirm God's call on the lives of these individuals to serve in Christ in this way?

**We do.**

*Commissioning prayer*

Susan Rose

*Charge to Those Serving*

Joe Rigsby

Steven, Connie, John, Jennifer and Sandra, you are commissioned to service as commissioners and as Committee Assistant for the International Engagement Committee to the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Jennifer Hallberg & Rebecca Putman

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit for our Hymn of Sending*

\* Hymn of Sending – Together We Serve

Glory to God #766 (Lyrics on p. 4)

Charge and Benediction

Jeff Beebe

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### **Brethren, We Have Met to Worship *Glory to God Hymn 396 (v. 1,2,4)***

Brethren, we have met to worship  
and adore the Lord our God.

Will you pray with all your power  
while we try to preach the word?

All is vain unless the Spirit  
of the holy One comes down.

Brethren, pray, and holy manna  
will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you come and help us?  
Moses' sister aided him.

Will you help the trembling mourners  
who are struggling hard with sin?

Tell them all about the Savior.

Tell them that he will be found.

Sisters, pray, and holy manna  
will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely;  
let us love each other, too.

Let us love and pray for sinners  
till our God makes all things new.

Christ will call us home to heaven;  
at his table we'll sit down.

Christ will gird himself and serve us  
with sweet manna all around.

Text: George Atkins, 1825;

Music: Columbian Harmony, 1825 harm: Alfred V. Fedak, 2011

Tune: HOLY MANNA

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## HYMN OF SENDING

### **Together We Serve *Glory to God Hymn 767***

Together we serve united by love,  
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,  
extending God's love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,  
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come,  
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,  
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,  
remembering love is the strength of our song.

Text and Music: Daniel Charles Damon, 1996

Tune: SAN ANSELMO

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### **Worship Participants**

*Liturgists* – Clark Simmons, Board of Pensions, Mary Brown, RE, Woodlawn, Joe Rigsby, TE, Honorably Retired and Area Relationship Coordinator, Patti Phillips, RE, Branford, Susan Rose, TE, Memorial

*Scripture / Sermon* – Jeff Beebe, TE, Trinity

*Call for Offering* – Tommy Lane, CRE, McIntosh

*Celebrants for Communion* – Jennifer Hallberg, TE, First Jasper and Becca Putman, TE, Westminster

*Offering / Servers* – John Darby, RE, Woodlawn, Randi Hamner, RE, Lake Shore, Jo Anne Dyson, TE, Fort King, Charles Freeman, TE, Grace

*Pianist* – Donna O'Brien, accompanist, St. Giles and former accompanist, Middleburg