

A Celebration of Worship
Including the Ordination of
CARROLL EDWARD FITZGERALD



Sunday, May 5, 2024

Three O'Clock P.M.

Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church

1630 Chestnut Street

Cardiff, Maryland

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Including the Ordination of Carroll Edward Fitzgerald

May 5, 2024, at 3:00pm

Prelude

“How Great Thou Art *with* How Great Is Our God”

arr. Anna Laura Page

Bringing the Light of Christ

Nathaniel Fitzgerald

Welcome

Elder John Johnson

Rev. Sarah Kneier

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Dr. Harold Bennett

Leader: We gather this afternoon because God appeared to Moses in the burning bush and said, “I am sending you.”

People: Because Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”

Leader: Because the Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah saying, “Before I formed you, I knew you. Before you were born, I consecrated you.”

People: Because Jesus said, “Follow me,” and the fishermen left their nets and followed him.

Leader: We gather because there is one among us whom God has called to join in ministry with all the prophets, priests, and teachers before him.

ALL: God is surely with him and with us this day!

Opening Prayer

Rev. Mwat Asedeh

O God, you have led us apart from the busy world into this, the quiet of your house. Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth, to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, the tasks which you have committed to us. Join us together that we will not just worship you with our lips at this hour, but that we will worship you in word and deed all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our precious Lord and Savior. Amen.

Hymn #391

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Prayer of Confession

Elder Mary Scarborough

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, To the glory of your holy name.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. James Shuler

Leader: Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

Sharing of Christ's Peace

Elder Bonnie Jones

Leader: 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.

People: And also with you.

Leader: In which ever way you feel comfortable, let us share the Peace of Christ with each other.

Response of Praise

Gloria Patri #812

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Debbie Hess

Living God, help us so to hear your Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow your way in all faithfulness, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Elder Sally Holmes
Amos 7: 7-15, Pages 1428-1429

Special Music

“This Little Light”

Exact Change

New Testament Reading

Elder Ryan Andreen
Luke 4: 16-21, page 1596

Sermon

Rev. Ray Meute, Jr.
“The Prophetic Essential”

***Hymn #598**

“Wherever He Leads I’ll Go”

Offering

Call to Offering

Rev. Merritt Schatz

Offertory

“Love Come a Tricklin’ Down”

Exact Change

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanks and Dedication

Rev. Merritt Schatz

**ORDINATION TO THE
MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**

**Statement on Ordination
and Reaffirmation of Baptism**

Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

Presentation of the Candidate Rev. Sarah Kneier

Constitutional Questions to the Candidate
Rev. Sarah Kneier

**Prayer of Ordination and
Laying on of Hands** Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

Declaration of Ordination Rev. Sarah Kneier

Presentation of Robe and Stole Rev. Ken Osborne
Elder Rebecca Fitzgerald
Deacon Katherine Weber
Nathaniel Fitzgerald

Charge to the Newly Ordained
Rev. Kristine Hileman

Charge to the Congregation
Rev. Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes

***Hymn #589**
“Here I Am Lord”

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Carroll Fitzgerald

Prayer after Communion

Elder Marian Koegel

***Closing Hymn #429**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

***Benediction**

Rev. Carroll Fitzgerald

Postlude

W. A. Mozart

“Alleluia”

All are invited to the Fellowship Hall following the worship service for a light reception hosted by members of Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Today’s Offering will be received for the Presbytery of Donegal Pastor Emergency Fund, which is used to supply financial assistance for ministers in need. Thank you for your generosity.

SERVING AND LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

RULING ELDERS

Elder Ryan Andreen
Havre de Grace Presbyterian Church,
Havre de Grace, MD

Elder Rebecca Fitzgerald
Grove Presbyterian Church,
Aberdeen, MD

Elder Debbie Hess*
Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church,
Cardiff, MD

Elder Sally Holmes
Grove Presbyterian Church,
Aberdeen, MD

Elder John C. Johnson*
Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church
Cardiff, MD

Elder Marian Koegel*
Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church,
Cardiff, MD

Elder Mary Scarborough*
Slateville Presbyterian Church,

Delta, PA
Elder Bonnie Jones
Churchville Presbyterian Church
Churchville, MD

TEACHING ELDERS

The Reverend Sarah Kneier*
Moderator of the Presbytery of Donegal

The Reverend Mwat Asedeh*
Stewartstown Presbyterian Church,
Stewartstown, PA

The Reverend Doctor Harold Bennett
Grove Presbyterian Church,
Aberdeen, MD

The Reverend Kristine Hileman*
Pine Grove Presbyterian Church, Airville, PA
Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Felton

The Reverend Doctor Erin Cox-Holmes*
Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Donegal

The Reverend Ray Meute, Jr.
Highland Presbyterian Church,
Street, MD

The Reverend Kenneth Osborne*
Honorably Retired

The Reverend Merritt Schatz*
Nottingham Presbyterian Church,
Nottingham, PA

The Reverend James Shuler*
Leacock Presbyterian Church, Paradise, PA

The Reverend Doctor Michael Wilson*
Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Donegal

* Indicates Member of the Ordination Commission

Organist

Elder Barbara Johnson
Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music

<i>Hymn to Joy</i>	Ludwig van Beethoven
<i>As the Deer</i>	Martin Nystrom
<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	James Mansfield
<i>In Christ Alone</i>	Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty
<i>On Eagle's Wings</i>	Michael Joncas
<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>	Robert Thygerson

Music during communion

<i>Lamb of God</i>	Twila Paris
<i>God So Loved the World</i>	John Stainer

Exact Change

John (Charlie) Himmer
Alex McComas
LeeAnn Masters
Don Himmer

Acolyte

Mr. Nathaniel Fitzgerald

Communion Servers

Elder Marian Koegel

Elder William Scarborough

Elder Jeffrey Potter

Elder John Johnson

Elder Ron Sturdivant

Elder Debbie Hess

Elder Luianne Potter

Elder Kristen Stokes

Elder Debbie Stewart