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ST. PAUL'S INSTALLATION NOVEMBER 15, 2020 3:00 PM

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, Minister

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

"Here I Am, Lord"

Shutte

Played by Andrew Miller

(During the prelude, let us be in silence preparing our hearts for worship.)

SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

Frederick Buechner wrote, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Holy, Loving God, you have gifted us, not only with talents and abilities, but also with a confirming sense of gladness, of being fully alive, when we use those talents and abilities. In the days ahead, give us glimpses of how our talents and abilities might be used to meet the world's deep hunger. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain

One: Sing the new day

People: *[Out loud, but with muted mics]*

All: **O God, we come.**

One: Sing a new song

People: *[Out loud, but with muted mics]*

All: **Awakened, we come.**

One: Sing to the light

People: [Out loud, but with muted mics]
All: So beckoned, we come

HYMN "Gather Us In" Haugen
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f44OvSt26TU>

TIME FOR CHILDREN What are you good at? Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain
<https://youtu.be/k1rw3okSjZM>

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:14-30 Lilian Chamberlain & Ross Chamberlain

SERMON "The Joy of the Master" Rev. Janice Ogoshi
Pastor, Top-Side Molokai Hawaii Council UCC, serving Ho`olehua Congregational Church,
Kalaiakamanu Hou Congregational Church, Kalua`aha Congregational Church and
Wai`alua Congregational Church

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

ANTHEM Blessed Be the Lord" St. Paul's Bell Choir

TO OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

ORDER OF INSTALLATION

GREETING

Pastor Steve Wood, President, Shenandoah Association United Church of Christ:

The Shenandoah Association of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Led by Davon Ridgley, St. Paul's United Church of Christ

People *[Out loud, but with muted mics]:*

Let us look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

PRESENTATION

Craig Smith, Chair of St. Paul's United Church of Christ Consistory *[addressing the association representative]:* St. Paul's United Church of Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called Anne Findlay-Chamberlain as its pastor and teacher and respectfully requests that the Shenandoah Association install her in this ministry among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Pastor Steve Wood *[addressing the congregation]:*

The Shenandoah Association has reviewed the request of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, we have prayerfully examined Anne, and we are pleased to install her as your pastor and teacher.

Pastor Steve Wood:

Anne Findlay-Chamberlain servant of God, we invite you to come forward in spirit as a sign of your acceptance of the call to this office.

EXHORTATION

Rev. Marilyn Heishman, Chair of Committee on Ministry of the Shenandoah Association United Church of Christ:

Hear these words from the apostle Paul: We beg you, our brothers and sisters, to pay proper respect to those who work among you, who guide and instruct you in the Christian life. Treat them with the greatest respect and love because of the work they do. Be at peace among yourselves.

Rev. Marilyn Heishman *[addressing the pastor]:*

We urge you, our sister, warn the idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with all.

Rev. Marilyn Heishman *[addressing all]*:

See that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but at all times make it your aim to do good to one another and to all people. Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants of you, in your life in Christ Jesus. Amen.

COVENANT

Rev. Derek Ritenour, Shenandoah Association United Church of Christ *[addressing the congregation]*:

Dear friends, St. Paul's United Church of Christ has declared that, having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called Anne Findlay-Chamberlain to minister in this place as pastor and teacher and that it now receives her as appointed by God for this ministry.

The Shenandoah Association of the United Church of Christ has declared that she has met all the necessary conditions for installation to this office.

Rev. Derek Ritenour *[addressing the pastor]*:

Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that St. Paul's 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 one in Christ with us in the Shenandoah Association?

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain

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.

Rev. Derek Ritenour *[addressing the congregation]*:

Members of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, will those who are able rise in spirit and affirm your covenant with your pastor and teacher?

Members of the church rise in spirit for the remainder of the covenant.

Led by Davon Ridgley

People *[Out loud, but with muted mics]*:

We, the members of St. Paul's United Church of Christ receive Anne Findlay-Chamberlain as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel and to give her due honor and support. We gather with her and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Pastor Steve Wood *[addressing the association members]*:

Members of the Shenandoah Association, will those who are able rise in spirit and affirm your covenant with St. Paul's United Church of Christ and its pastor and teacher?

Members of the association who are able rise in spirit for the remainder of the covenant.

Led by Caroline Eye, St. Paul's United Church of Christ

People [Out loud, but with muted mics]:

We, the members of the Shenandoah Association of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and the pastor and teacher of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Rev. Dr. Audrey Price, Associate Conference Minister Central Atlantic United Church of Christ:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have called your servants to make promises before you; now enable us to keep our vows that we may remain steadfast in faith and fruitful in every good work. Bless, we pray, your servant Anne Findlay-Chamberlain to whom the care of your people in this church is now committed. Pour out your Holy Spirit on her on the people of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, and on all the churches of the Shenandoah Association that our mutual ministry may be served with all faithfulness, diligence, and courage.

Grant us the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Make our ministry a means of awakening the careless, strengthening the faithful, comforting the afflicted, building up your church, and converting sinners to you.

Guard us against the snares of temptation that we may be kept pure in heart, fervent in spirit, and valiant against evil.

And at the last, by your grace, receive us in your eternal home, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ reigns in glory, one God, for ever and ever.

Led by Caroline Eye

People [Out loud, but with muted mics]:

Amen.

DECLARATION

Rev. Barbara Rhodes, Shenandoah Association Committee on Ministry Member

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Shenandoah Association of the Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as pastor and teacher of St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

Rev. Barbara Rhodes

People [Out loud but with muted mics]

Thanks be to God.

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

Rev. Barbara Rhodes

(Today's special offering will be used to purchase canned goods for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to be distributed by the Bread of Life Food Pantry, Woodstock, VA. Checks can be sent to St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 235 S. Main Street, Woodstock, VA 22664, with a note in the memo line "Canned Goods". Donations can also be made by using the links for *PayPal* or *Realm* on St. Paul's website <http://www.woodstockucc.com/>.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Barbara Rhodes

TO GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

CLOSING MUSIC

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Fosdick and Hughes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9rWrw3XB08>

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain

Resources: The Book of Worship – United Church of Christ

PARTICIPANTS

Prelude

Andrew Miller

Time for Children

Marie-Hélène Richard-Chamberlain
Anne-Sophie Richard-Chamberlain
Lucas Ritenour
Anna Ritenour
Kathryn Neff
Evelyn Neff
Catherine Dalke
Caroline Dalke
William Dalke
Lauren Eye
Caroline Eye
Nathan Eye
Marilyn Cooper
Lyla Cooper
Jackson Cooper
The parents/friends behind the cameras
Becky Lytton – Artistic Video Production

Scripture Reading

Daniel Ross Chamberlain
Lilian Grace Chamberlain

Sermon

Rev. Janice Ogoshi - Pastor, Top-Side Molokai Hawaii Council UCC,
serving: Ho`olehua Congregational Church, Kalaiakamanu Hou
Congregational Church, Kalua`aha Congregational Church and
Wai`alua Congregational Church

Anthem

Mary Catlett
Patty Dellinger
Anne Findlay-Chamberlain
Emily Koon
Becky Lytton
Craig Orndorff
Patty Snarr

Service of Installation

Craig Smith - Chair of St. Paul's United Church of Christ Consistory

Pastor Steve Wood - President, Shenandoah Association United Church of Christ

Davon Ridgley – St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Rev. Marilyn Heishman - Chair of Committee on Ministry of the Shenandoah Association United Church of Christ

Rev. Derek Ritenour, Shenandoah Association United Church of Christ, Pastor Calvary United Church of Christ, and Technical Zoom Director

Caroline Eye - St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Rev. Audrey Price, PhD. Associate Conference Minister, Central Atlantic Conference United Church of Christ

Rev. Barbara Rhodes. Committee on Ministry, Shenandoah Association United Church of Christ