

Sunday April 8, 2018

A Service of Ordination for Jonathan E. Davis "Greatness and Glory in the Kingdom"

#### THE RHYTHM OF OUR WORSHIP

On the road to Emmaus, when Jesus' disciples found themselves troubled and confused, Jesus met them along the way. When they confessed their troubles and doubts to him, his words and presence began to change them. He unfolded God's word to them, pointing to his own person and work. He dined with them, giving thanks and breaking bread. The disciples recognized their Lord's presence with them and hurried to tell others the good news.

In the Emmaus story we recognize the pattern of historic Christian worship as it began to take shape. Our worship liturgy at City Church moves through a specific rhythm: God Summons us as his people, God Sanctifies us to himself, God Speaks to us in his word, God Strengthens us at his table, and God Sends us into the world.

The emphasis throughout our worship is upon God's action and our appropriate response. In worship we rehearse the gospel message of Jesus' death and resurrection and are caught up into the mission of the Triune God. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then impelling us outward into our world.

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **PREPARATION**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made!

All Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

#### **OPENING SONG**



### THE OPENING OF WORSHIP

I keep the Lord always before me;

All because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol,

or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

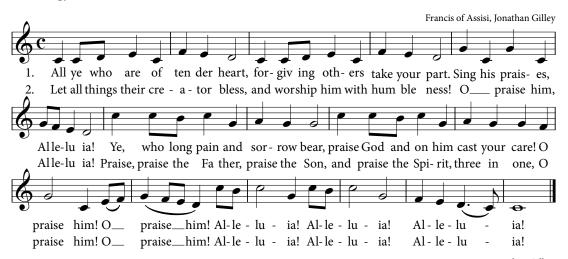
In your presence there is fullness of joy;

in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

from Psalm 16

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

## **Doxology**



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#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

All Jesus Christ,
risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.
We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
We have lived for this world alone,

and doubted our hope in heaven.

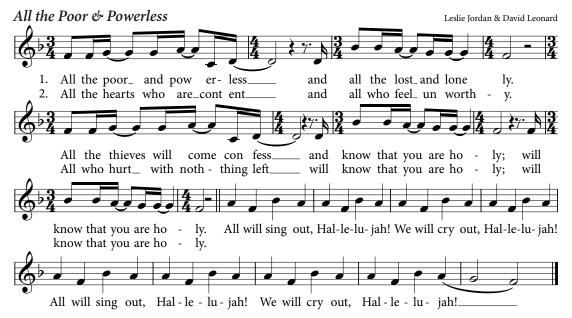
In your mercy, forgive us. Hear us and help us.

### WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

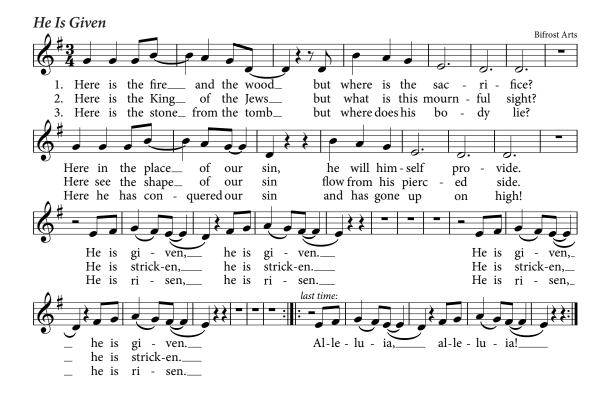
May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

### SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING



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#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

All And also with you. Alleluia!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Children in kindergarten and younger are invited to go to their classes at this time. Children in 1st and 2nd grades are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Offering.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament reading: Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift... <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Matthew 20:20-28

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>20</sup>Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. <sup>21</sup>And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." <sup>22</sup>But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." <sup>24</sup>When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup>But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>26</sup>It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; <sup>28</sup>Just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

# SERMON

"Greatness and Glory in the Kingdom" – The Rev. Ben Coppedge

#### OFFERING AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

The offertory is an opportunity to participate in the ministry of City Church. Online giving is available at citychurchphilly.com/give. If you're visiting, we are so glad you are worshipping with us, but please do not feel obligated to give.

## Shepherd of My Sheep - Currie

for Jonathan Edward Davis, on the day of his ordination

The water is poured, the table set, the hands are laid, the heavens rent...

The dove descends. Hear the voice of the Father say:

"You are my son.
You are my servant.
You are a shepherd of my sheep.
And I will be with you
wherever I call you,
though the road be long and steep.

I am your Father.
I am their Father, too.
Good gifts I give to my children;
I'm giving them you.
Good gifts I give to my children;
I'm giving them you."

Now, there's water to pour and tables to set, and the hands outstretched are heaven-sent. As your prayers ascend, hear the voice of the Father say:

"You are my son.
You are my servant.
You are a shepherd of my sheep.
Abide in me,
and I will stay with you,
for you belong to me.

I am your God.
I am their God, too.
And this thing I've started on earth,
I'm seeing it through.
Yeah, this thing I've started on earth,
I'm seeing it through.

Do you love me? Feed my lambs. Do you love me? Keep my flock. Do you love me? Feed my sheep, and follow me."

#### THE ORDINATION OF JONATHAN E. DAVIS

### **Explanation and Vows of Ordination**

1. Do you confess together with us and the church throughout all ages your faith in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Yes, truly, with all my heart.

The congregation is invited to stand as able to join the candidate in confessing the Apostles' Creed.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The congregation is seated.

2. Do you believe in your heart that you are called by Christ's church, and therefore by God, to this ministry of Word and sacrament?

Yes, truly, with all my heart.

3. Do you believe the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and the perfect doctrine of salvation, rejecting all contrary beliefs?

Yes, truly, with all my heart.

4. Will you proclaim the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; upholding the witness of Holy Scripture against all schisms and heresies?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

- 5. Will you be diligent in your study of Holy Scripture and in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living? I will, and I ask God to help me.
- 6. Will you accept the church's order and governance, submitting to ecclesiastical discipline should you become delinquent in either life or doctrine?

  I will, and I ask God to help me.
- 7. Will you be loyal to the witness and work of the Reformed Church in America, using all your abilities to further its Christian mission here and throughout the world?

  I will, and I ask God to help me.
- 8. Will you strive to fulfill faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully, all the duties of a minister of Christ: to preach the Word of God in sincerity, to administer the sacraments in purity, to maintain proper discipline in the household of God, and to shepherd the flock faithfully? I will, and I ask God to help me.

## **Ordination Prayer**

The Rev. Doug Griffith

**Declaration of Ordination** 

## Pastoral Charge

The Rev. Tuck Bartholomew

#### **PRAYERS**

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Almighty and ever-loving God, you taught us to pray for ourselves and for others, and to give thanks for all of life. May every grace of ministry rest on Jonathan, keep him strong and faithful, may he herald the joy of your kingdom, serving rather than being served. For this, O Lord, we pray.

### All Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, inspire your whole church with your Spirit of power, unity, and peace.
Grant that all who trust you may live together in love.
Lead all nations in the way of justice.
Direct those who govern, that they be fair, maintain order, support those in need, and defend the oppressed, that the world may know true peace.
For this, O Lord, we pray.

### All Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, give grace to all who proclaim the gospel through Word and sacrament and deeds of mercy, that by teaching and example, others may come to live for you. Comfort and deliver all who are in trouble. Heal them in body, mind, spirit, or circumstance, working in them, by your grace, wonders beyond their dreams and hopes. For this, O Lord, we pray.

## All Lord, hear our prayer.

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:

All 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

#### COMMUNION

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer ("Prayers for Reflection" are included on page 15). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

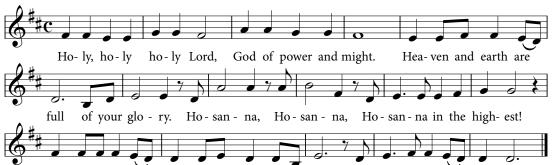
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

And now we give you thanks, O God, because in your great mercy, you have given us new birth into a living hope and a glorious inheritance, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In his victory over the grave a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed, and humanity is once again made whole: And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

### Sanctus



Bles- sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the\_ high- est.

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The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

#### All Amen.

The minister speaks the Words of Institution.

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We use wine in Communion. Non-alcoholic white grape juice and gluten-free rice cakes are also available if preferred. Please discard your Communion cup as you leave worship.

### PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

#### *Prayer for those searching*

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

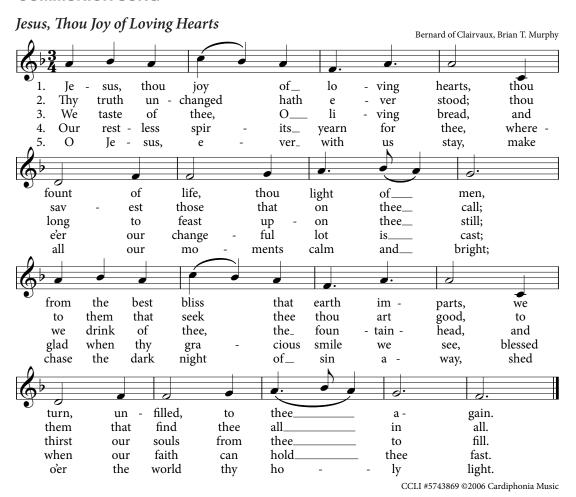
### Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you, I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

### Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

### **COMMUNION SONG**



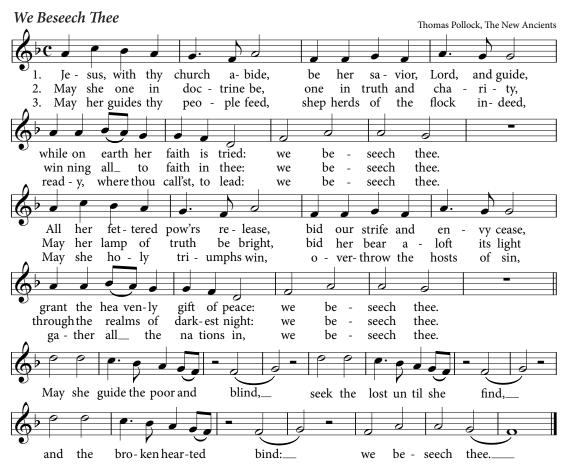
## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All God of grace, you call us to this table, as members of one another within your body, to share in your ministry of love.

Strengthen us now by these gifts, to always live lives worthy of our calling, that we would be built up together until we attain our full stature in Christ.

Amen.

### **BLESSING AND SENDING**



#### BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

#### All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

#### **DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

### West Philly

Julia Snyder: liturgist Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice Angelo Spagnolo: guitar Josh Stamper: bass Mike Szekely: drums

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Women's Saturday Prayer: April 14, 10am-12pm Come and join women of the church to pray about whatever is on your heart. Come as you are, with all that is on your heart. Share yourself with your friends and open yourself to the Lord. Expect His presence, His goodness, His love, His work and His mercy. Participate in His great work by joining in prayer. Location: 825 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Penn Valley, PA. RSVP to minku72@gmail.com.

Membership Seminar, April 21, 9am This is the first step towards Membership. This seminar is also great if you are new to our community and want to get to know us a little better as a church. Come learn more about our story, vision, commitments, and community and ask any questions you may have. Let us know if you plan to make it and RSVP on the website.

Redemption Housing - Congregational Training, April 19–May 10 Church is excited to host a four week training for our members in partnership with Redemption Housing, a local organization we support that welcomes individuals out of incarceration and into community. The training is meant to 1) prepare us as a congregation to welcome Redemption Housing residents into the life of our church and 2) prepare those of us who might serve more directly with Redemption Housing's programming. It will be facilitated by Lori Banfield, a board member of Redemption Housing. The first two trainings (April 19, 26) will be held at Alex Arnold's home (5231 Larchwood), and the second two (May 3, 10) will be held at Will Kendall's home (5129 Cedar). All sessions will start at 7pm. Please let Will Kendall (williamwkendall@gmail.com) or Alex Arnold (sweet.suffering@gmail.com) know if you are interested in attending or have any questions.

Youth Fundraiser Lunch, April 22nd, 12pm at West Catholic City Church Youth will be traveling to Youngstown, Ohio this summer to work with an organization called Goodness Grow. They will be working alongside adults with disabilities in the care and cultivation of a produce garden that provides food for local farmers markets and food banks. Stick around after the morning service, enjoy lunch with friends, and support the youth summer mission trip!

Woodland Merger Presentation, April 29 If you've been around City Church the past year, you've heard several announcements about the ongoing merger discussions with Woodland Presbyterian. On Sunday April 29th, we will host a presentation further detailing what this merger could mean for our community. There are two opportunities to attend on April 29th: 1. Join us before the morning service at 9:15am in the West Catholic Library (Please RSVP by email to jonathan@citychurchphilly. com), 2. A brief presentation will be made directly after the evening service in Fairmount that same day.

55+ Brunch, April 29th, 12pm at West Catholic The 55+ gather together several times a year for a shared meal, the sharing of what has been happening in our lives, and a time of pray for each other. RSVP to Carol at cbartholomew@bellsouth.net.

City Church Reads + Discussion, Beginning April 15, 9:15am at West Catholic Want to read and discuss a good book? Pick up a copy of Andy Crouch, *Strong & Weak* and join the conversation! We have 20 copies available for a discounted price of \$10 each at the Welcome Table. Get one while supplies last! We will discuss chapters 1 & 2 next Sunday during the Adult Education hour. For more information email Chris Currie (chris@citychurchphilly.com).

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#### Service

Serve your city with your church through our ongoing partnership with UCHC, Redemption Housing, Tutoring at Lea Elementary, and YoungLives. For more information and opportunities, visit citychurchphilly.com/serve-city.

### Community Groups

Community Groups meet weekly for spiritual formation and friendship in homes throughout Philadelphia. These smaller groups exist to cultivate our life together as a community of faith where we know one another personally and are known by others. For group descriptions and when/where they happen, visit citychurchphilly.com/community-groups.

### Online Giving

City Church can securely process gifts and tithes through e-check, credit card, and transfer of securities. Follow the "Online Giving" link at citychurchphilly.com/give.

#### City Church Philly News by Email

Sign up for weekly emails at www.citychurchphilly.com/e-news.

#### **EASTER SACRIFICIAL OFFERING 2018**

Through your generosity and by God's grace, the offering is over \$16K! Your generosity will go to support two organizations we've developed a relationship with over the past couple years: Redemption Housing and YoungLives. You can read more about each organization below. To give to the ESO, click on the link at the top of our homepage, citychurchphilly.com.

Redemption Housing is a West-Philly-based nonprofit that provides free and low-cost housing to men recently released from prison by partnering with local churches. City Church is one of six Connecting Congregations that have partnered with Redemption Housing in this important ministry. Currently, three returning citizens live in their Locust House in our neighborhood, and they are planning to purchase a house this year that will hold up to 8 returning citizens. City Church's ESO gift to Redemption Housing will go to their home purchase fund, and we expect it to significantly help them toward this important next step for their ministry.

YoungLives Philadelphia is a nonprofit that empowers and equips teen moms to become productive citizens in their community by engaging mature Christian women to provide teen mothers in crisis with timely encouragement, guidance, and ongoing support. There are currently YoungLives clubs in the N. Broad, Olney, and Kensington neighborhoods of Philadelphia. Monica Horvath, a City Church member, is the Director for Philadelphia YoungLives and has been leading a monthly prayer gathering in advance of starting a West Philadelphia YoungLives club. The gift from City Church's ESO will go towards sustaining the three current ministries as well as the Club starting in West Oak Lane in May 2018 and the soon-to-start West Philadelphia Club.

# **Contact Information and Prayer Requests**

If you are new to City Church, please use this page to let us know you were here. You may also use this page to inform us of any changes in your contact information, or to submit prayer requests for the staff to pray over.

I am a:	Interested in helping with:
☐ New to City Church	☐ Children's ministry
<ul><li>☐ Interested in Neighborhood Service</li><li>☐ Interested in our E-Newsletter</li></ul>	☐ Youth ministry
	☐ Hospitality and logistics
☐ Interested in a Community (	Group
Name(s):	
Children & their ages:	
Address:	
Phone Number(s):	
Email(s):	
Prayer requests:	

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