

SERVICE TO COMMISSION TRUSTEES AND
THE ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

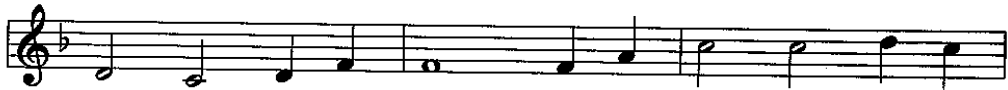
As a Fire Is Meant for Burning 2237



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm-ing
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the
3. As a green bud in the spring-time is a sign of life re -



flame, so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing
way. We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are
newed, so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's



glo - ry to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or
ves - sels made of clay. By our gen - tle, lov - ing
peo - ples, man - y hued. As a rain - bow lights the



cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care, we join
ac - tions we would show that Christ is light. In a
heav - ens when a storm is past and gone, may our



hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
hum - ble, lis - tening Spir - it we would live to God's de - light.
lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

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BEACH SPRING
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There are different gifts.

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God.

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different persons in different ways.

But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit.

To use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ.

And individually members of him.

Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make his church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as Ministers of Word & Sacrament, elders, deacons, or trustees. We recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said: "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and whoever wants to be first among you, must be the slave of all!"

Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.

COMMISSIONING OF TRUSTEES
PRESENTATION OF TRUSTEES
ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE TRUSTEES

Do you promise to be a careful steward of the facilities and grounds that have been entrusted to our congregation giving their care your devoted and faithful attention?

Will you approach your work as a trustee with energy, imagination and love?

Do you intend to serve Christ faithfully as you lead this congregation as a Trustee?

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of this congregation, receive these persons as your trustees, and do you promise to support them in their work for the church?
(We do)

CHARGE AND PRAYER

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PRESENTATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

QUESTIONS OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

Do you trust in 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 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 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?

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

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

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

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

For Elders: Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? *(I will)*

For Deacons: Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? *(I will)*

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, members of the church, accept these officers, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? *(We do)*

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? *(We do)*

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

CHARGE