



The Installation of the Rev. Melanie Hardison

Sunday, March 15, 2026

4:00 p.m., Chapel



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE Clair de Lune (from Pièces de fantaisie)
James Kealey, organist

Louis Vierne

WELCOME

John Willingham

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ruth Santana-Grace

One Our help is in the name of the Lord

All **who made heaven and earth.**

One Lead a life worthy of the vocation to which you have been called,
with all humility, gentleness, and patience,

All **bearing with one another in love, making every effort to
maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

One Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gifts.

All **Some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some
pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of
ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ.**

One Through our worship here today, through this act of installation, and
through our lives,

All **may we all exercise these gifts to the glory of God!**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rachel Pedersen

All **Loving and merciful God, you have called us to be your people
and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that
we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in
word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen
and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith**

in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. Forgive us, O God. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Christ Jesus our Lord.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Rachel Pedersen

SUNG RESPONSE Gloria

James Kealey

Glo-ry be to God: cre - a - tor Christ and
Ho ly Ghost. As it was in the be - gi - nning is now and ev - er shall be.
World with - out end. A - men! A - men!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Andy Greenhow

Proclamation of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lorraine McKenzie

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 4:4-7, 11-16

(pg. 193 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Brian Ellison

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rick Davis

All We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

- Excerpts from A Brief Statement of Faith

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OFFERING AND ITS PURPOSE

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

OFFERTORY ANTHEM The Handiwork of God

Mark. A. Miller

Stitched together, piece by piece, sewn with purpose and with care.
Scraps once thought to have no worth now become a sacred treasure.
*A quilt of love made by holy hands, every pattern known by heart,
stitched together by the sewer of our souls,*

a quilt of love, a work of art, we're the handiwork of God.

Gathered here in this holy hour, hearts are full of pain and glory.

Quilt the threads of this kinship up into your unfolding story

A quilt of love made by holy hands...

When we've come apart, when we've been torn,

when the fabric of our lives is frayed and worn,

mend us up, loving friend, let your creative touch heal again.

All the colors, each design, all the living of these days,

every blessing, a gift from God, and all creation sings its praise!

A quilt of love made by holy hands...

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Service of Installation

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Sarah Cooper Searight

One There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All **There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

One God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All **To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

One Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

WORDS OF INTRODUCTION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in the Lord 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 ministry 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 pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful minister of Word and Sacrament, proclaiming the good news, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Susan Bravo

One Do we, the members of the church, accept Melanie as our associate pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

All We do.

One Do we agree to pray for her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

All We do.

One Do we promise to pay her fairly and provide for her welfare as she works among us; to stand by her in trouble and share her joys?

All **We do.**

One Will we listen to the word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her authority as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

All **We will.**

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Phil Tom

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

Sarah Cooper Searight

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED

Sarah Colwill

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Leah Hrachovec

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 314 Christ Be our Light

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

BENEDICTION

Melanie Hardison

Please be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE Toccata (Symphonie No. 5)
James Kealey, organist

Charles-Marie Widor

Following the Commission, please join us for a Reception
in Congregational Hall, located in the Ministries Center.

Thank you

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The Rev. Sarah Colwill and The Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace, treasured colleagues in ministry in the Presbytery of Philadelphia

The Rev. Andy Greenhow, The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, The Rev. Rachel Pedersen, and The Rev. John Willingham, treasured colleagues in ministry at BMPC

James Kealey, Director of Music and Fine Arts and treasured colleague

Members of the Sanctuary Choir: Kara Goodrich (soprano), Carlyle Quinn (alto), Brett Hunter (tenor), Jeff Wilber (bass)

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