**The Presbytery of the Northwest Coast**

**Celebrates the Ordination**

**Of**

**Carol McLaughlin**

**First Presbyterian Church Quilcene**

**December 7, 2019**

**11:00 a.m.**



*A Gathering of Spirits ~* Jan Richardson

**Order of Service**

**GATHERING IN GOD’S GRACE**

**Prelude** Jolene Visser

**Welcome & Statement of Purpose** Corey Schlosser-Hall

*Executive Presbyter, Northwest Coast Presbytery*

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship: Praise from All Creatures~ Ted Loder**

**Hymn: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*** \*

[1] *Wonderful merciful Savior,* [Chorus] *You are the One that we praise.*

*precious Redeemer and friend. You are the One we adore.*

*Who would have thought that a Lamb You give the healing and grace*

*could rescue the souls of men? Our hearts always hunger for,*

*Oh – You rescue the souls of men Oh – our hearts always hunger for.*

[2] *Counselor, comforter, keeper,* [3] *Almighty, infinite Father*

*Spirit we long to embrace. Faithfully loving your own.*

*You offer hope when our hearts Here in our weakness you find us*

*Have hopelessly lost the way. Falling before Your throne.*

*Oh – we hopelessly lost the way. Oh – we’re falling before your throne*

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**Collect ~ Pádraig Ó Tuama** Dr. Rev. Darla Samuelson

**Song: *The Lord is Gracious and Compassionate***

*The Lord is gracious and compassionate And the Lord is good to all*

*The Lord is gracious and compassionate He has compassion in all that he has made*

*Slow to anger and rich in love As far as the east is from the west*

*The Lord is gracious and compassionate That’s how far He has removed*

*Slow to anger and rich in love our transgressions from us*

*Praise the Lord, oh my soul*

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*Praise the Lord, oh my soul*

*Praise the Lord.*

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**HEARING THE WORD**

**Scripture Reading:**

**Sermon Text:**

**Sermon:** Rev. Wendy Taylor

**Hymn: *Here I am, Lord***(*Presbyterian Hymnal;* 525, v. 1, 2, & 3)

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Offering**  Commissioned Pastor George Eastman

*Neah Bay Presbyterian Church ~ Neah Bay WA*

\*This offering will help to support First Presbyterian Church Quilcene’s ministry in the community and assist in scholarships for seminary students engaged in ministry preparations in the Northwest Coast Presbytery.

***None But Thee*** Rev. Rod Nash

*Associate Pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church ~ Tacoma, WA*

*Jesus, mighty king of Heaven; Thou, O Lord, our guide shall be*

*Thy commission we rely on; We will follow none but Thee.*

*As an emblem of Thy passion; And Thy victory o’er the grave*

*We who know Thy great salvation; Are baptized now beneath the wave*

[Refrain] *Fall on us, O Holy Lord; Our hearts, Oh King, are only Yours*

*By your grace we live, and we; Will follow none but Thee*

*Will follow none but Thee*

*Fearless of the world’s despising; We the ancient path pursue*

*Buried with our Lord and rising; To a life divinely new* [Refrain]

*Sin shall never be our master; Captives of the Thy blessed grace*

*Offering our lives hereafter; We resolve to seek Thy face* [Refrain]

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**Doxology\*** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*Praise Him all creatures here below*

*Praise Him above ye heavenly host*

*Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost*

*Amen.*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD:**

**SERVICE OF ORDINATION**

**Poem:** **“The Summer Day” ~ Mary Oliver** Dr. Laura Simmons

**Presentation of Ordinand** Rev. Paul Heins

**Covenantal Questions** Rev. David Eekhoff & Rev. Wendy Taylor

**Ordination Prayer with Laying on of Hands**

**Declaration and Welcome** Executive Presbyter Corey Schlosser-Hall

**Charge to the Ordinand** Rev. Matt Robbins-Ghormley

Rev. Dr. Heidi Husted Armstrong

**Presentation of the Symbols of Ministry** Steve McLaughlin

Carmen Arnott & Phil McLaughlin

**Sending Song**: **“The Lord of the Dance\*** (*Presbyterian Hymnal* 302 ~ all verses)

[1] *I danced in the morning* [2] *I danced for the scribe*

*When the world was begun and the Pharisee,*

*I danced in the moon but they would not dance.*

*and the stars and the sun They wouldn’t follow me*

*I came down from Heaven I danced for the fisherman*

*And I danced on the Earth for James and John*

*At Bethlehem I had my birth* [Chorus] *They came with me*

*and the dance went on* [Chorus]

Chorus *Dance, Dance wherever you may be*

*“I am the Lord of the Dance,” said He.*

*“And I’ll lead you all, wherever you may be.*

*I’ll lead you all in the dance.” said he.*

[3] *I danced on the Sabbath* [4] *I danced on a Friday*

*and I cured the lame, and the sky turned black.*

*The holy people said it was a shame. It’s hard to dance*

*They whipped and they stripped with the devil on your back.*

*And they hung me high They buried my body*

*They left me there and they thought I’d gone*

*On the cross to die* [Chorus] *But I am the dance and I still go on* [Chorus]

[5]*They cut me down, I leapt up high*

*I am the Light that will never, never die*

*I’ll live in you if you’ll live in me*

*“I am the Lord of the Dance,” said He.* [Chorus]

**Benediction** Rev. Carol McLaughlin

**Postlude** Jolene Visser

**\*** For those able, please stand

**You are invited to remain for a lunch reception in the Fellowship Hall at the conclusion of the service**

Meister Eckhart offered, “If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is

*thank you*, it will be enough.” Certainly, these are words and a prayer that we

live into and live out in our lives.

*To you all …* Thank you for coming today, for your support and prayers for us.

I am deeply grateful to those that have invested & given of themselves over the years

and for this day … May my *thank you* carry to you my deepest gratitude:

*To My family* … my husband, Steve who has stood resolute and steadfast throughout.

I love doing life with you! To my dear adult children, their spouses & children – Carmen

& Dave ~ Micah & Tali; Philip & Jami ~ Hollyann, Edmund & Amelia; Rebekah & Chris.

I am so grateful to be your wife, mom, mother-in-law & grandma! I love you!

*To First Presbyterian Church Quilcene* ~ for saying yes, for giving of yourself to this

community & to one another. It is a privilege to walk alongside & journey with you.

~ To the Session of FPC: Cleone Telling, Marilyn Brown, Terry Telling & Patti Hughes

~ For those that gave of themselves for today ~ who took care of “everything”:

Kathy Ackerman, Marilyn Brown and Reta Miller and those they enlisted.

~ To our Greeters: Don & Charlotte Reeves-Matheson and Brian & Carol Barker

~ To our Ushers: [still be to be determined]

I began as part of one Presbytery and now am part of another. It was a “good thing” to

be under the care of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) in the Olympia

Presbytery ~ Ellin Beer & Bev Hatter – here we are! To everyone at Trinity Pres in Tacoma, you provided a place *to be* and *become.*

My thanks to the Northwest Coast Presbytery … to Corey Schlosser-Hall, Executive

Presbyter; Dean Strong, Stated Clerk, Jenine Taylor; and the Commission on Ministry.

Ordination Commission ~ Ruling Elders: George Eastman, Pat Handly & Margie Gormly

Teaching Elders: Rev. David Eekhoff, Rev. Paul Heins & Rev. Wendy Taylor

To those that have been a part of this service … *thank you for being you.* Your friendship is a gift.

To the One who has called me by name … whose accepting grace continues to transform

my life, the One I will worship & serve for all the rest of my days, I offer my praise & commitment.

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**Readings to be included in the bulletin:**

***Praise from All Creatures* ~ Ted Loder** *you are invited to join together in saying the* ***bold***

Praise be to you, O Lord,

who spins shining stars across the wonderous heavens

and stretches out the seas,

who lifts the dawn into place

and sets boundaries for night,

who awes the earth with storms

and gentles it with green,

who gives everything a season

and breathes life and love into the dust of me.

**Praise be to you.**

Praise in all things,

for all things:

the soft slant of sunlight,

the sweat of battle,

a song in the wilderness,

the evening breeze,

the deep breath,

the tended wound,

mercy, quietness, a friend;

for the miracles of the daily,

the mysteries of the eternal.

**Praise be to you.**

Praise from all creatures,

laughers and list-makers,

wonders and worriers,

poets and plodders and prophets

the wrinkled, the newborn,

the whale, and the worm,

from all, and from me.

**Praise, praise be to you**

**For amazing grace**.

from *Guerrillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle* (Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Books, 1981), 38.

**Collect ~ Pádraig Ó Tuama**

God of watching,

whose gaze I doubt and rally against both,

but in which I take refuge, despite my limited vision.

Shelter me today,

against the flitting nature of my own focus,

and help me find a claim kind of standing.

And when I falter, which is likely,

give me the courage and the kindness to begin again

with hope and coping.

For you are the one whose watchfulness is steady.

Amen.

God of silence,

who watches our growth and our decay,

who watches tsunamis and summer holidays,

who cares for the widow, the orphan,

the banker, the terrorist, the student,

the politician, the poet, the freedom fighter.

We pray to be nurtured in our own silences.

We pray that we might find in those silences

truth, compassion, fatigue and hearing.

Because you, you, you see all, and are often silent.

And we need to hope that you are not inattentive to our needs.

Amen.

God of darkness

You must be the god of darkness

because if you are not, who else can we turn to?

Turn to us now.

Turn to us.

Turn your face to us.

Because it is dark here.

And we are in need. We are people in need.

We can barely remember our own truth, and if you too have

forgotten,

then we are without a hope of a map.

Turn to us now. Turn to us.

Turn your face to us.

Because you turned towards us in the body of incarnation.

You turned towards us.

Amen.

from *In the Shelter: Finding a Home in the World* (London: Hodder & Stoughton, 2016), 180-181

**The Summer Day ~ Mary Oliver**

Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean ---

the one who has flung herself out of the grass,

the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down ---

who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated yes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don’t know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down

into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,

how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,

which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn’t everything die at last, and too soon?

Tell me, what is it you plan to do

with your one wild and precious life?

From *Devotions: The Selected Poems of Mary Oliver* (New York: Penguin Press, 2017), 316.

**A copy of the Benediction will be provided in the foyer for those that would like one.**

**Benediction ~**

May you know the peace – the shalom

the risen Christ brings by his presence

with you, always.

In your troubles and doubts, touch and see,

it is Jesus himself who is with you, always.

May you know the intimacy of table fellowship with Christ

as you offer him the supply he has offered you.

May you bear your wounds as evidence of your frailties and

of God’s transforming grace.

May you know the Scriptures as the revelation of the story

in which we all live.

May you know that you are clothed with power from on High

by the gift the Creator has sent.

May you know that God in Jesus lifts his hands,

revealing his wounds, and blesses you to be a blessing to others

Worship and follow Christ

and go out with great joy.

~Rev. Scott Hulet, April 2007

adapted for this service.

Note: Over the years I have shared this Benediction with seminary students and with several congregations. In time I have found that this Benediction has worked its way in and has profoundly impacted by posture with others. I will mention this briefly before I offer it to those gathered.