

A SERVICE OF THE WORD AND ORDER FOR ORDINATION
TO CHRISTIAN MINISTRY
OF
DEBORAH ROGERS DUVAL



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020 AT 3:00 PM
WELLESLEY VILLAGE CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WELLESLEY, MA

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE..... "Joy"

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Debbie's Grandchildren:

Lighting of the Advent Wreath..... Derek, Piper, Tripp, Scotia and Felix

***OPENING HYMN**..... "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" (Here I Am, Lord)..... Lauren Basler

Verse 1:

I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky,
I Have Heard My People Cry.
All Who Dwell In Dark And Sin,
My Hand Will Save.
I Who Made The Stars Of Night,
I Will Make Their Darkness Bright.
Who Will Bear My Light To Them?
Whom Shall I Send?

Verse 2:

I, The Lord Of Snow And Rain,
I Have Borne My People's Pain.
I Have Wept For Love Of Them, They Turn
Away.
I Will Break Their Hearts Of Stone,
Give Them Hearts For Love Alone.
I Will Speak My Word To Them
Whom Shall I Send?

Refrain:

Here I Am Lord, Is It I, Lord?
I Have Heard You Calling In The Night.
I Will Go Lord, If You Lead Me.
I Will Hold Your People In My Heart.

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION.....The Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

BOX OF BLESSINGS INVITATION.....The Rev. Amie Giguere

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Jasmine Laffin and Jessica Towne

ONE: This is the day that the Lord has made!

ALL: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

ONE: This is the day that we celebrate all that God has done and will continue to do!

ALL: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

ONE: This is the day we recognize that God is making all things new!

ALL: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....The Rev. Donna Dolham

ONE: Let us enter into the spirit of prayer together.

ALL: God of Love, Spirit of Life, open our hearts that we may live in a community of connection, compassion, and care. We acknowledge our common humanity this day, this season, and in this celebration, recognizing the impact of our collective sin of racism, violence and oppression. Call us back to you when failing to understand the possibilities amid chaos, we miss the wonder of being surrounded by all that is holy.

Holy One, let this be a day when love as we have only glimpsed, unfolds the corners of our hearts to hold all the world has to offer... beauty, challenges, celebrations, grief, insights, strengths, short comings and joy. May the light of faith ground us in the wonder of this moment together. Amen

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE.....Shannan Hudgins

ONE: God of our very being, you hear the prayers of our hearts and whispers of our lips; your abiding love and grace arrive yet again this day, this moment. Our deepest desire is met with your unfailing promise: with wonder, God, we accept the assurance and forgiveness that your steadfast love bestows upon us.

In this season of waiting in the darkness for the Light of God's promise, be assured God is here. God has always been here, and God will arrive again gently, in a manger, wondrous and mysterious. Jesus, whose arrival comes in darkness, God's living light dispelling shadow, promising hope.

ALL: Blessed be each of us. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**..... The Rev. Katie Cole

For those in the Sanctuary, in the interest of safety and social distancing, we ask you to not make physical contact with anyone outside your family pod. Simply greet those around you with a wave or peace sign!

PREPARING THE HEART FOR THE WORD....."What Does the Lord Require of You?"

The Fourth Presbyterian Church Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OT Micah 6:6-8.....Sarah Burr

NT Luke 1:26-38.....Cameron Duval

SERMON....."Connecting the Zoom Boxes"The Reverend Burns Stanfield

SERMON RESPONSE.....Leslie Appleby

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER.....Amo Ngoepe

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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING.....Jane Barry

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MBA's UCC Members in Discernment Scholarship Fund:
https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=UCMEGTLFCGGNC

OFFERTORY MUSIC....."I Believe".....Wellesley Village Church Youth Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....Rue Diamond

ORDER FOR ORDINATION TO MINISTRY

GREETING..... The Rev. Holly MillerShank

PRESENTATION.....Neil Simister
Steve Paxhia

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM.....The Rev. Diane Seaborn
Marjorie Rogers

EXHORTATION.....The Rev. Stacy Swain

SCRIPTURE READING.....The Rev. Natalie Austrian

EXAMINATION.....The Rev. Holly MillerShank

ACCLAMATION

ONE: People of God, you have heard the promises that Debbie has made. What is your will?

**ALL: By the grace of God, she is called and ready! Let us ordain her. Come, Holy Spirit,
Come!**

ONE: Will you support Debbie in the ministry of Christ?

ALL: We will!

LAYING ON OF HANDS and PRAYER OF ORDINATION...The Rev. Pamela Emslie

*In the spirit of the traditional laying on of hands, Debbie's family is asked to gather,
at a safe distance, around her and lift their hands toward her.*

Others in the Sanctuary, and on Zoom, are invited to lift their hands from their seats.

DECLARARTION.....The Rev. Holly MillerShank

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Bible and Certificate of Ordination.....The Rev. Sarah Butter
Wellesley Village Church.....Ann Skipper
Stole.....Duncan Duval

THE CHARGE.....The Rev. June Cooper

***CLOSING HYMN.....**"The Summons".....Lauren Basler

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

***BENEDICTION.....**The Rev. Deborah Rogers Duval

POSTLUDE....."Joy"

*A special thank you to
Leslie Appleby, Lauren Basler, Jon Hazilla, Rev. Burns Stanfield,
the Wellesley Village Church Youth Choir and the Fourth Presbyterian Church Choir*

for their gifts of voice, dance and music today!

My heart is full... ..

.....and I have so many people to thank! My journey to ordained Christian ministry has been blessed with people who have loved me, prayed for me, cheered me on, laughed with me, cried with me and believed in me and in my call even in the times that I was struggling to clearly hear it. Thank you to my dear Mum and Dad who loved me first and, along with my brothers, gave me the gift of knowing what it means to be a part of a loving and caring family. I am forever grateful to my partner in life and love, Duncan, and our amazing children; Jasmine, Jessica and Cameron and our son-in-laws; Timothy and Gregory. The constant encouragement you offered and the sacrifices you made were daily reminders of your love and support. Thank you to my beautiful, smart and sassy grandchildren; Derek, Piper, Tripp, Scotia and Felix. Spending time with you was not only a wonderful, lifegiving diversion from my studies but also a reminder of how God is continuing to do new and wonderful things in the world!

I am truly thankful for my extended family and all of my dear friends who have offered love, companionship, and a beautiful curiosity about my path. I am humbled and deeply grateful for the wisdom and guidance of the many mentors, teachers, pastors, colleagues, spiritual guides, and healers I have come to know.

I am forever beholden to all of the communities that helped to discern and shape my leadership and faith formation: Alisa Management, Edwards Church, Star Island Corporation, Wellesley Village Church, Andover Newton Theological School, the Metropolitan Boston Association's Committee on Ministry, Weld Congregational Church, Worcester United Congregational Church, Worcester Fellowship, Hebrew SeniorLife, City Mission Boston (especially my fabulous, faithful Urban Pastoral Ministry Program Cohort!!) and my beloved Fourth Presbyterian Church of South Boston.

To everyone who is able to be here via Zoom today, you know that this is not the way I had originally planned on you attending my Ordination but I am delighted that you are here! I look forward to the time when I can greet you in person with a BIG hug. Until then, know that this day is as much about all of you as it is about me, for we are all called by God to serve one another in love.

Blessings and peace,
Debbie

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS CELEBRATION OF ORDINATION SERVICE

Derek Duval, Debbie's grandson and the first one to call her "Noni"
Piper Laffin, Debbie's granddaughter
Tripp Laffin, Debbie's grandson
Scotia Towne, Debbie's granddaughter
Felix Towne, Debbie's grandson
Lauren Basler, Member of Fourth Presbyterian Church
Reverend Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Senior Pastor of Wellesley Village Church
Reverend Amie Giguere, Acting Associate Pastor of First Church West Hartford (CT)
Jasmine Laffin, Debbie's daughter
Jessica Towne, Debbie's daughter
Reverend Donna Dolham, Minister of Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church (ME)
Shannan Hudgins, Bereavement Coordinator, Baystate Hospice
Reverend Katie Cole, Associate Pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church of South Boston
Sarah Burr, Debbie's lifelong friend
Cameron Duval, Debbie's son
Reverend Burns Stanfield, Senior Pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church of South Boston
Leslie Appleby, Worship Deacon Advisor at Wellesley Village Church
Jon Hazilla, Professor of Percussion at Berklee College of Music
Amo Ngoepe, Pastoral Resident of Old South Church in Boston and City Mission Boston
Jane Barry, Duncan's cousin and Debbie's dear Star Island buddy
Rue Diamond, Debbie's friend and the one who invited her to her first UCC Church
Reverend Holly MillerShank, Interim Associate Conference Minister: Metropolitan Boston Association (MBA), Northeast Association
Neil Simister, Member of Wellesley Village Church
Steve Paxia, Immediate Past Chair of the MBA Committee on Ministry
Reverend Diane Seaborn, Interim Associate Pastor of Wellesley Village Church
Marjorie Rogers, Debbie's mum and biggest cheerleader
Reverend Stacy Swain, Moderator of the MBA of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ
Reverend Natalie Austrian, Debbie's MBA Committee on Ministry Advisor
Reverend Pamela Emslie, Associate Pastor of Wellesley Village Church and Debbie's Ministerial Advisor
Ann Skipper, Worship Deacon Advisor at Wellesley Village Church
Duncan Duval, Debbie's beloved spouse
Reverend June Cooper, Executive Director of City Mission Boston

BEHIND THE SCENES ANGELS

Stephanie Martin Glennon, Ordination Stole Designer and Maker "Extraordinaire"
Mary Lessard, Mask Designer and Maker "Extraordinaire"
Wellesley Village Churchwomen and Barbara Erikson, Gracious Givers of Chancel Flowers
Andy Ward, Fourth Presbyterian's Zoom "Extraordinaire"
Leif Hille, Moderator and Tech Support for Wellesley Village Church
Christine Toppin Riordan, Meg Sweeting and All the Staff of Wellesley Village Church
Sophie Burr, Childcare
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