

Good and Faithful Servant

Muskingum Valley Presbytery

Opening

Moderator Rev. Dr. Li Dolly Dong

- Call to Order
- Declaration of Quorum
- Approval of Docket

Call to Worship

Psalm 119

Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Your word is our heritage forever, the joy of our hearts.

As we gather here today, let us worship the Lord, the giver of light and life.

Opening Prayer

Worship Sourcebook

God, our Rock, our refuge, our resting place, we come to you. Out of another busy week of work, out of our struggles to be meaningful in our world, out of our desire to meet you and know you as the center of our being, we come to you, O unmovable Rock of our security.
Amen.

Morning Has Broken

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Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.

Praise for the singing!

Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing

fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!

Mine is the morning

born of the one light

Eden saw play!

Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The Spirit of God dwells in you. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

Passing the Peace of Christ

In response to God's forgiving us, let us forgive and be at peace with one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prayers of the People &
The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;

¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

At once ¹⁶ the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents.

¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.

¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'

²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'

²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter,

25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

²⁶ But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter?'

²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.

²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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Rev. Luke Choi

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,

And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;

There are sweet expressions on each face,

And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your Love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your Love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

If you say He save you from your sin,

Now you're weak, you're bound and cannot enter in,

You can make it right if you will yield,

You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your Love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

Examination of Roger Sibert

1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27

There are varieties of 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.

1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27

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

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

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

We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples of Jesus Christ and servants of our servant Lord.

Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as commissioned ruling elders.

Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us.

Through ordination, God provides for acts of caring and compassion in the world, for the ordering and governance of the church, and for the preaching of the Word and celebration of the sacraments.

The Muskingum Valley Presbytery, by means of this commission, welcomes Roger Sibert as a commissioned ruling elder and installs him as commissioned ruling elder of Central Presbyterian Church of Massillon, OH.

As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of baptism.

Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise...By your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever.

Amen.

Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Roger, in baptism, you were claimed by the love of God, clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ, and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share Christ's mission in the world. Now you are called by God through the voice of the church for new service and ministry in Jesus' name. So, in accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) show your commitment to this calling by responding to these questions:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, and
acknowledge him Lord of all, and Head of the Church,
and through him believe in One God, Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit?

I do.

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?

I do.

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?

I do and I will.

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?

I will.

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

I will.

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

I do.

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

I will.

Will you be a faithful ruling elder in this commission,
serving the people by proclaiming the good news,
teaching faith and caring for people, and in your ministry
will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

Do we, the members of Muskingum Valley Presbytery, accept Roger Sibert. as commissioned ruling elder, chosen by God through the voice of Central Presbyterian Church of Massillon and the Presbytery to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

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

We do.

Prayer of Installation

Roger, you are now commissioned ruling elder ordained to ministries of service and governance in the Church of Jesus Christ and for your congregation.

Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

Amen.

Communion Invitation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Be Thou My Vision

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Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Blessing and Charge