

A Service of Ordination

for Amber Celeste Inscore Essick

June 15, 2008

Six O'clock

Prelude

Kathy Johnson

If my own experience can be trusted, then God does not call us once but many times. There are calls to faith and calls to ordination, but in between there are calls to particular communities and calls to particular tasks within them... but we are not meant to hear them all by ourselves. It was part of God's genius to incorporate us as one body, so that our ears have other ears, other eyes, minds, hearts, and voices to help us interpret what we have heard.

-Barbara Brown Taylor

Welcome and Call to Worship

Shannon Bullard

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name,

There I am among them."

Surely God is in this place.

This is none other than the house of God.

Chiming of the Hour

Hymn 72

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Prayer of Gratitude

John Essick

The Reading of Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Luke 4:16-21

1 Peter 5:1-5

Tim and Marjorie Inscore

Hugh Clark

Nancy Clark

The Word of the Lord for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 502

Be Thou My Vision

Witness of Faith

Amber Inscore Essick

Hymn 595

The Summons

Charge from the Church

Burt Burleson

Charge from the DaySpring Community

Regina Easley-Young

Litany of Affirmation

Amber, is it your belief that God has called and gifted you for ministry?
Then do you commit yourself this day to the trust and responsibility of
being a Minister of the Gospel?

Will you be diligent in pursuit of God?

Will you be true to the example of Christ?

Will you be faithful to the gospel of grace?

Will you serve the Church of Jesus Christ?

And you, people of God, having heard Amber's commitment and
witnessed her walk of faith, what is your desire?

To ordain him as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To empower him to serve all God's people.

And to encourage him with our blessing.

An Invitation to Bless

Leslie Inscore

The Laying on of Hands

*You are welcome during this time of focused prayer for Amber to come forward and
participate in this ancient rite of blessing and encouragement.*

Prayer of Dedication

Doyle Young

**May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever;
Granting peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes and see His face, Know His grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.**

The Blessing

The Reverend Amber C. Inscore Essick

A Time of Blessing for

Amber Celeste Inscore Essick

June 15, 2008

Six O'clock in the Evening

The place God calls you to is
the place where your deep gladness and the
world's
deep hunger meet.

— Frederick Buechner

Kathy Johnson has been playing beautiful music for us at DaySpring for several years.

Shannon Bullard is a close friend of Amber's from DaySpring. John and Amber have spent countless hours with the Bullard family during our time in Waco.

Tim and Marjorie Inscore are Amber's loving parents. They have prayerfully supported Amber's call and encouraged her from birth. Through them, Amber first learned to love the church.

Leslie Inscore is Amber's sister, who never fails to encourage her for any and all accomplishments. She will be a very cool aunt come January.

Hugh and Nancy Clark are Amber's Godparents. They have had a hand in the formation of Amber and her sisters for as long as Amber can remember. Hugh was also Amber's youth minister, and Nancy gave Amber her first job.

Burt Burleson is Amber's former pastor and a friend. Burt loans books to Amber and encourages her along the path. Amber kids Burt about his age. Burt has been a wonderful model to Amber as preacher and pastor.

Regina Easley-Young and Doyle Young have been Amber's friends for the past two years. Regina has been Amber's mentor for ministry and a close friend. Amber really likes Doyle's prayers and Regina's great pastoral care and hospitality.

John Essick is Amber's husband, favorite person, and the father of her child. Much of what she has learned about God's love over the past few years have come from knowing John. John took Amber's last name when they married, and for that he caught a lot of flack from the DMV.

*Please join us for a reception in Amber's honor
in the narthex.*

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