

A Service of Ordination
for
Emily Katherine Hull
Sunday, August 9, 2009 • 7:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee

Prelude.....Mary Eleanor Pickle

Call to Worship.....Sydnor Money

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: We lift up our eyes and look around. We gather together. We come to you.

Leader: The spirit of the Lord is upon me because the Lord has anointed me.

People: The Lord has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted,

Leader: To proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners,

People: To comfort all who mourn, to comfort those who mourn in Zion,

Leader: And though strangers may stand and feed our flocks, we shall be called priests of the Lord.

People: We shall be named ministers of our God.

All: Arise, shine, for our light has come!

*Processional Hymn: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"..... NETTLETON

Invocation.....Rev. Chrissy Tatum

Words of Welcome..... Dr. Bill Shiell

Presentation by the Ordination Council.....Wanda Edmondson

Litany of Affirmation and Ordination.....Cliff Shirley

Rev. Jane Hull
Courtney Arena
Adam Grubbs
Will Henderson

Leader: We gather with you, Emily, as the great cloud of witnesses that has traveled with you on your journey of faith. On this night, we affirm God's work in your life and ordain you to the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Leader: We are the voices of nurture, formed from the wonderful churches that surround you. With ever-abiding care, we have given you the foundation of faith. Go forth and nurture others with the same generosity of spirit as we have nurtured you.

Leader: We are the voices of love, formed from the family that surrounds you. With unyielding sustenance, we have embodied the love of God that extends beyond condition. Go forth and love others with the same depth of devotion as we have loved you.

Leader: We are the voices of challenge, formed from the dear friends who surround you.

With reverent conviction, we have perpetually summoned you to think and act outside of your comfort zone. Go forth and challenge others with the same spirit of friendship as we have challenged you.

Leader: We are the voices of the oppressed, formed from those outside of the community of faith who surround you. With the passionate need for liberation, we have awakened you to the service of reconciliation. Go forth and seek justice for others with the same ferocity of need as we have called you.

Leader: We are the voices of partnership, formed from the fellow ministers who surround you. With a shared understanding of vocation, we have traversed with you through the desert of unbelief to the waters of life. Go forth and walk alongside others with the same breadth of compassion as we have walked with you.

All: In all things, look to Jesus Christ who pioneers and perfects our faith in love.

Ordinand: Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, I will go forth in the enveloping grace of God.

*Hymn of Calling: "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"..... HENDON

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-29.....Rev. Greg Dover
Associate Pastor, Earle Street Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina

Sermon: "Breathing the Spirit" Dr. Bill J. Leonard
Dean and Professor of Church History, Wake Forest University School of Divinity

Charge to the Candidate..... Dr. David Hull
Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama

The Laying on of Hands

"Offertory," by John Ness Beck..... Sanctuary Choir

"Litany," by John Musto

"Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree," arr. Bradley Nelson..... Sarah Stone

"Be Thou My Vision".....Steven Fuller, Matt Stalnaker, Andrew Hull

Prayer of Ordination..... Dr. Joe Phelps
Senior Pastor, Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky

*Hymn of Commissioning: "The Servant Song"..... BEACH SPRING

*Benediction..... Rev. Emily Hull

*Choral Benediction: "Christ Go Before You"..... Sanctuary Choir

Postlude.....Mary Eleanor Pickle

