

*The Trumpet Child*

*The trumpet child will blow his horn  
Will blast the sky till it's reborn  
With Gabriel's power and Satchmo's grace  
He will surprise the human race*

*The trumpet he will use to blow  
Is being fashioned out of fire  
The mouthpiece is a glowing coal  
The bell a burst of wild desire*

*The trumpet child will riff on love  
Thelonious notes from up above  
He'll improvise a kingdom come  
Accompanied by a different drum*

*The trumpet child will banquet here  
Until the lost are truly found  
A thousand days, a thousand years  
Nobody knows for sure how long*

*The rich forget about their gold  
The meek and mild are strangely bold  
A lion lies beside a lamb  
And licks a murderer's outstretched hand*

*The trumpet child will lift a glass  
His bride now leaning in at last  
His final aim to fill with joy  
The earth that man all but destroyed*

—Over the Rhine

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*Listen to your life. See  
it for the fathomless  
mystery that it is. In  
the boredom and pain  
of it no less than in the  
excitement and  
gladness: touch, taste,  
smell your way to the  
holy and hidden heart  
of it because in the last  
analysis all moments  
are key moments and  
life itself is grace.*

—Frederick Buechner

# The Worship of God

## The Ordination of Meredith Holladay

### May 7, 2011

Call to Worship and Recommendation of the Ordination Council  
**Melanie Nogalski**

Prelude

Meditation of Preparation

If my own experience is to 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*

\*Litany **Dorisanne Cooper**

We are gathered here today to worship, celebrate, and respond to the call of God.

**We have come to acknowledge God's gifts in each other and in the invitation of one among us to serve.**

We have come to reaffirm our own callings, to remember God's call to each of us.

**God be with us so that our lips speak words of grace and hope, our feet move swiftly to assist the helpless, our hands grow strong in the cause of love and justice, our hearts quicken in the service of reconciliation and care, and our spirits encourage the oppressed and neglected. God be with us.**

\*Processional Hymn, No. 464 "God of Grace and God of Glory"  
CWM RHONDDA

\*Invocation **Jaime McGlothlin**

Blessing from Home **Jim Holladay**

Hebrew Scripture Reading Genesis 32.22-31  
**Emily Holladay**

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

\*Those who are able, please stand

Hearing assistance receivers available upon request.

Blessing from Home **Anita Roper, read by Michelle Stokes**

\*Hymn of Meditation, No. 526 "The Gift of Love"  
GIFT OF LOVE

Meditation

Nothing could have prepared me for how terribly earthy the life of the church community is, how incarnational. Nothing, I should say, except Jesus, and the trust that for some reason God chose to come to this world of pain in bodily form. Sometimes, my calling as a Christian is to count the broken bodies in the world and call them God's.  
— *Lillian Daniel*

New Testament Reading 1 John 4.7-21  
**Sharlande Sledge**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Charge to the Candidate **Charles Conkin**

Music for Reflection **Matthew Reynolds and John Salvesson**

Charge to the Church **Dorisanne Cooper**

Laying on of Hands

*All are invited to come forward and share a word or a gesture of blessing and encouragement.*

\*Ordination Vows and Blessing

Leader: Meredith, you have listened for the voice of God in sacred places, particularly within your own heart and soul and mind.

**Congregation: The delight we take in your presence is a reflection of God's joy over you.**

Like the Hebrew Samuel, you awakened to an unexpected call. You recognized the voice as God's and responded.

**We believe the story of your call is an expression of God's continuous revelation in your life.**

Meredith, do you accept this affirmation of Lake Shore Baptist Church? Will you say "yes" to God's gifts in you? Will you follow Christ in proclaiming the good news in word and sacrament, teaching faith, caring for people, announcing God's renewing hope to all, and dedicating yourself to be God's minister under the leadership of the Holy Spirit?

*Meredith: I will by God's grace.*

Do you, members of this community of grace, affirm Meredith's ministry? Will you challenge her to grow in grace with you? Will you remind her of her limits and God's unlimitedness? Will you live out your own calling to discipleship alongside hers?

**We will by God's grace.**

Meredith, may you continue to know God's generous love and care for you even as you offer yourself as an instrument of God's love and care to others.

**May you be surprised by God's light when you need the illumination of divine guidance.**

May the passion you feel for your calling give wholeness and life to your vocation.

**Above all, know that no matter where your call may lead you, our prayers will surround you, Christ's peace will go with you, and God's love will sustain you. This is our assurance and hope. Thanks be to God.**

Ordination Prayer **Sharlande Sledge**

Celebration of Communion

*All who confess faith in the Risen Christ are welcome to come to the table to receive the bread and cup in communion with other believers in the body of Christ.*

\*Hymn of Commitment "We, O God, Unite our Voices"  
HYFRYDOL

We, O God, unite our voices, raised in thankful praise to Thee. Thou, unchanging, safe hath brought us through the everchanging sea. Days of calm and days of conflict, nights of darkness prove Thy grace. Hands beneath us, arms around us, and, above, Thy shining face.

Praise for saints whose love has stirred us, friends who taught our hearts to sing, From their laughter, love, and anguish, hope will never cease to ring. Mercy met us in their faces, glory, in their faithfulness. As they lit the way before us, so may we the future bless.

Seeing then the task before us bind our hearts and hands as one. May our labor be in union, our resolve and Thine be one. With one spirit let us labor toward the bright horizon far. In the midst of tempest peril be Thy cross our guiding star.

Not our choice the wind's direction, unforeseen the calm or gale. Thy great ocean swells before us, and our ship seems small and frail. Fierce and gleaming is Thy myst'ry drawing us to shores unknown: Plunge us on with hope and courage 'til Thy harbor is our home.

\*Pastoral Benediction **Meredith Holladay**

\*Congregational Benediction HYFRYDOL  
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\*Postlude