

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Our Community of Faith... Gathering

The Prelude..... Bryan King  
The Chiming of the Hour  
The Lighting of the Christ Candle ..... Andrew Smith  
The Opening of God's Word..... Dora Lee  
The Welcome..... Dr. Jim Evans

## Our Community of Faith... Praising

\* Hymn.....*Come, Celebrate the Call of God*..... ALIDA'S TUNE  
(see back cover)  
\* The Invocation ..... Rev. Scott Lee  
Choral Worship .....*As Clay in Your Hand*..... Shultz  
Sanctuary Choir  
Instrumental Interlude

## Our Community of Faith... Proclaiming

The Scripture Lesson..... *Psalms 139:1-18* ..... Former and Current  
College Students of AFBC  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God**  
The Charge to the Candidate ..... Rev. Kim Jenkins  
The Charge to the Church ..... Dr. Dock Hollingsworth  
Vocal Worship..... *Come, Thou Fount*..... Courtney  
Rev. Marjorie Avent  
Rev. Rachel Gunter Shapard  
\* The Scripture Lesson ..... *Matthew 20:28a* ..... Dora Lee  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God**  
The Sermon ..... Dr. Truett Gannon  
**Ordination moves you from a seat at the counter  
to a place of service behind the counter**

## Our Community of Faith...

## Responding

The Scripture Lesson ..... *Isaiah 6:1-8*..... Mrs. Kathy Perkins  
Mrs. Laura Spanhanks  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God**

\* Hymn ..... *The Summons*..... KELVINGROVE  
(see back cover)

\* The Litany..... Rev. Scott Lee  
Scott: Great Spirit, give Ruth word and breath in Christ to live and  
speak.

**People: Her calling now we recognize with prayer and loving  
hands. A servant leader, truthful friend, we gladly will receive, to  
stir and comfort, shake and mend, be glad with us, and grieve.**

Scott: Ruth, God has called "Whom shall I send and who will go for  
us?" and you have answered

*Ruth: "Here am I, send me."*

Scott: We have sung of God's calling, "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?" and you  
have answered

*Ruth: I promise I will love God with all of my heart, soul and strength  
and love my neighbor as myself. I will welcome all to the table and  
break bread together. I will live where my deepest gladness meets the  
world's greatest needs. I will do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly  
with my God. I will move and live and grow in God and God in me.*

Scott: You have heard the promises of our sister. Will you, as  
members of God's church, affirm this call and accept Ruth Perkins Lee  
as an ordained minister of the Gospel?

**People: Ruth, we accept you as one called to public leadership in  
the church and affirm the decision that you be ordained. We  
pledge our love and offer our prayers that together we may glorify  
God and make Christ known in the world.**

The Blessing..... Rev. Alica Kirkpatrick-Bremer

The Laying On of Hands

The Presentation of Certificate

\* Hymn..... *Servant Song* ..... BEACH SPRING  
(see back cover)

\* The Spoken Benediction ..... Youth of AFBC

\* The Sending Out of God's Word and Light

\* The Sung Benediction ..... African-American  
*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

**I'm gonna live so God can use me**

**anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

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\* Standing as able

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Marjorie Avent  
*Graduate of McAfee School of Theology  
Staff Chaplain, Roper St Francis Healthcare, Charleston, SC*  
Dr. Jim Evans  
*Pastor, Auburn First Baptist Church*  
Dr. Truett Gannon  
*Retired Pastor and Professor, Stone Mountain, GA*  
Dr. Dock Hollingsworth  
*Assistant Dean and Assistant Professor of Supervised Ministry,  
McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta*  
Mr. Bryan King  
*Organist, Auburn First Baptist Church*  
Rev. Alica Kirkpatrick-Bremer  
*Associate Pastor, Auburn First Baptist Church*  
Ms. Dora Lee  
*Daughter, Kindergarten, Auburn Early Education Center*  
Rev. Scott Lee  
*Husband, Chaplain, East Alabama Medical Center*  
Rev. Kim Jenkins  
*Former Campus Minister, Columbus State University  
Executive Director, Open Door Community House  
Columbus, GA*  
Mrs. Kathy Perkins  
*Mother, Associate Director, TSYS, Columbus, GA*  
Rev. Dale Peterson  
*Minister of Music, Auburn First Baptist Church*  
Rev. Rachel Gunter Shapard  
*Graduate of McAfee School of Theology  
Eldercare Advocate, Baptist Health, Jacksonville, FL*  
Mr. Andrew Smith  
*Member of Youth Group, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Auburn Junior High School*  
Mrs. Laura Spanhanks  
*Sister, Administrative Assistant, Walters, OK*

# Come, Celebrate the Call of God 584

*Unison*

1 Come, cel - e - brate the call of God that wak - ens and re - news,  
 2 A cho - sen one to - day re - plies, and fit and read - y stands.  
 3 Great Spir - it, give her word and breath in Christ to live and speak,

and choos - es from us, for our good, the bring - ers of good news.  
 \*Her call - ing now we rec - og - nize with prayer and lov - ing hands.  
 and shield a - gainst the powers of death the out - cast and the weak,

The Spir - it's bless - ing all or - dains to show what God has done,  
 A ser - vant lead - er, truth - ful friend, we glad - ly will re - ceive,  
 her flag of faith, a - bove de - feats, in heav - en's breeze un - furled,

yet brings to fo - cus and con - tains the man - y in the one.  
 to stir and com - fort, shake and mend, be glad with us, and grieve.  
 as all her deep - est glad - ness meets the hun - ger of the world.

\*For her, sing his when appropriate.  
 WORDS: Brian Wren (1936-)  
 MUSIC: Early American melody; arr. Hal H. Hopson (1933-)

ALIDA'S TUNE  
 C.M.D.

*All are invited to a reception following  
 the service in the Fellowship Hall  
 located directly below the Sanctuary.*

*The beautiful flowers in our Sanctuary today  
 are given in honor of Ruth Perkins Lee  
 on the occasion of her Ordination.*

# The Summons 2130

1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? — Will you go where you don't know and  
 your name? — Will you care for cruel and kind and  
 your name? — Will you set the pris - oners free and  
 your name? — Will you quell the fear in - side and  
 my name. — Let me turn and fol - low you and

nev - er be the same? — Will you let my love be  
 nev - er be the same? — Will you risk the hos - tile  
 nev - er be the same? — Will you kiss the lep - er  
 nev - er be the same? — Will you use the faith you've  
 nev - er be the same. — In your com - pa - ny I'll

shown, — will you let my name be known, — will you  
 stare — should your life at - tract or scare? — Will you  
 clean, — and do such as this un - seen, — and ad -  
 found — to re - shape the world a - round, — through my  
 go — where your love and foot - steps show. — Thus I'll

let my life be grown in you and you in me? —  
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? —  
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? —  
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? —  
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. —

WORDS: John Bell  
 MUSIC: Traditional Scottish  
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## Servant Song

We are trav-'lers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;  
 We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.  
 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;  
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
 Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.  
 Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
 Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
 I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey thro'  
 When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
 Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

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**A  
 Service  
 of  
 Ordination  
 for  
 Ruth Perkins Lee**

**March 28, 2010  
 3:00 pm**