The Worship of God

The Ordination of Alyssa Ann Aldape
October 24, 2015

Prelude
Oh How I Need You

Welcome
James Lamkin

Invocation
Mike Gregg

*Hymn of Worship
Tree of Wisdom, Fruitful, green, flourishing beside the stream; spread your knowledge day and night; make your law my true delight. Fashion me, O Lord, to be strong and splendid as a tree.

Tree of Justice, ever bless; shade me with your righteousness. Teach me how to live your ways, and my lips shall sing your praise. Fashion me, O Lord, to be ever branching as a tree.

Tree of Plenty, feed my soul; nurture me, and make me whole. Give me strength, cast fear aside; let me in your love abide. Fashion me, O Lord, to be firmly planted as a tree.

Tree of Promise, keep your vow: with me then, and with me now. Springtime blossoms, winter tears, mark the seasons of my years. Fashion me, O Lord, to be always changing as a tree.

Like a forest all around, so the gifts of grace abound: flowing waters, fertile sod, sunlit dawn, the Word of God. Fashion me, O Lord, to be living, giving as a tree.

First Lesson
Elivia Hurtado, Macarena and Eddie Aldape
Psalm 139:1-18

Reflection from mentor Amy Derrick
Grace Powell Freeman

Presentation of the Ordinand
Tim Getsay and Karen Massey

Prayer
Craig Janney

Hymn of Reflection
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Second Lesson
Ashley Robinson, soloist
Galatians 6:7-10

Reflection from family
Mariana and Manuel Lara

*Hymn 532
Be Thou My Vision

*Gospel Lesson
John 21:1-19

Charge to the Ordinand
Pam Durso and Tere Canzoneri

Litany of Ordination
Leader: Alyssa, presenting yourself for ordination to the Christian ministry, will you seek the help of Almighty God?
Ordinand: I will.
Leader: Will you accept as your own the ideals and principles of Christ; and through the reading of Scripture, study, prayer, fellowship, and other spiritual disciplines, seek the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit in your life and ministry?
Ordinand: I will.
Leader: Will you lead persons to fulfill their mission of God-ordained service in the ongoing redemption of Creation and the Realm of God?
Ordinand: I will.
Leader: Will you, as Alyssa's community of faith, support her as she lives into her calling as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
All: We will. As members of Christ's church, we encourage and affirm Alyssa as an ordained minister of Jesus Christ. We recognize that her calling, training, talents, and commitment qualify her for service in the Body of Christ. We ask her to help us enlarge our vision of God's great Realm, and to be ministers, wherever we are, in the world.

The Laying on of Hands
(All present are invited to participate in the laying on of hands.)

*Hymn 578
Come, All Christians, Be Committed

*Benediction and Thanks
Alyssa Aldape

Postlude
This is Not the End

*Those who are able, please stand.
(Reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall)
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A tree offers shade from the harsh sun, a tree provides fruit to sustain us, a sturdy trunk to lean against when we are weary, and the leaves of a tree remind us of the changing seasons. Also important are the roots of a tree. Tree roots must grow deep into the soil in order to sustain life. The life of a minister and her ministry is the result of how family, mentors, and fellow saints have rooted their time and energy into her life and calling. On this ordinary day during Ordinary Time, let us give thanks for the deeply rooted saints that walk with us on our journey and may we offer our fruits and support to others on this extraordinary faith journey we walk side by side.