

**A Service of Ordination For
Dr. Heidi Clark
North Hills Community Baptist Church
Sunday, February 9, 2025
3:00 p.m.**

GATHERING

SONG OF PREPARATION *Bow Down and Worship*

GREETING & AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE Rev. Dr. Jeremy Hall

SONG OF GATHERING *Praise to the Lord (Joyful, Joyful)*

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Felicia Zamora

SONG OF INVOCATION *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

CONFESSION OF SINS PRAYER Matt Clark

SONG OF ASSURANCE *Living Hope*

GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 6:1-8* Chinene Miller

RESPONSIVE SONG *Holy Forever*

SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 4:7;11-16* Kevin Chamberlain

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

REFLECTION Rev. Dr. Tim Spring

CHARGE TO THE CANDIDATE Rev. Dr. Tim Spring

PRESENTATION OF THE ORDINAND Rev. Dr. Tim Spring

LAYING OF HANDS *Refiner*

ORDINATION PRAYER Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith

WORDS OF GRATITUDE Rev. Dr. Heidi Clark

BENEDICTION *The Blessing*

SENDING

POSTLUDE Worship Collective

**With gratefulness, thank you to all
servant leaders in today's ordination service:**

Kerri Buschmeyer: Administrative Assistant, NHCBC
Kevin Chamberlain: friend of Ordinand,
Pastor of Music and Worship, Avenue Church
Rev. Dr. Jeremy Hall: Senior Pastor, NHCBC
Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith: Regional Executive Pastor,
ABCOPAD
Matt Clark: husband of Ordinand, NHCBC member
Chinene Miller: sister of Ordinand, NHCBC member
Rev. Dr. Tim Spring: Retired Senior Pastor, NHCBC
A. Wallace: Video Tech
Rev. Felicia Zamora: Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care, NHCBC
Greta Zewe: Sanctuary Production Manager, NHCBC

Ohio Christian University's Worship Collective for leading today's
music: John Grabans, Michael Conway, Mackenzie Mash,
Carita Sanders, and Landon Watson

NHCBC Board of Deacons for supporting Worship Collective and
providing today's refreshments.

*Thank you to my friends and family. I especially want to thank my
church families, NHCBC, Pittsburgh Baptist Association, and
ABCOPAD, for participating in the ordination process.*

**All are invited to remain after the service
for a time of fellowship and refreshment.**

A Note about Today's Ordination Service

As a worship educator, I would be remiss not to provide some background on today's ordination service. Moreover, I believe this information is an extension of worship hospitality, and I truly desire for you to feel comfortable as we worship our Triune God together.

Today's ordination service is, first and foremost, a worship service in which we give God glory and commune with the Everlasting God. The biblical truth that God reveals Himself and we respond is the foundation of the service structure. Today's service includes four sections: Gathering, God's Word, Response to God's Word, and Sending.

Gathering: First, you'll notice that the first song is not labeled "Prelude" but "Song of Preparation." Prelude indicates that it is something before and not part of worship. Preparing ourselves for worship is part of worship. I encourage you to prepare yourself in what way speaks to you, whether it be joining Worship Collective in singing, praying quietly, passing the peace to your neighbor, etc. Second, the "Gathering" song is where we outwardly express the psalmist's words to gather to God, our Covenant-Maker, as His consecrated people (Psalm 50:5). Third, our "Song of Invocation" invokes or asks the Holy Spirit to be present in our worship and is a response to God calling us to worship. Finally, the Confession of Sin and Song of Assurance may be new to you; however, it has been an integral part of the Church's worship tradition. In many ways, it is like celebrating a "little Easter." Through communal prayer and song, we remember that we are sinners, but Jesus saves, which is the foundation of our faith. Christ is our Living Hope!

God's Word: Today's Scripture reflects the unique nature of ordination. When we hear and receive God's Word, we are moved to respond. The most perfect response is to sing God's Holy Word. Our response song, "Holy Forever," is based on Revelation 4, which quotes our Old Testament reading, Isaiah 6. A reflection and testimony follow the New Testament reading.

Responding to God's Word: Our response to God's Word in an ordination service is the litany of the ordained and the laying of hands. During the laying of hands, there are many ways to worship! You are welcome to come forward and lay hands; you can remain in your pew and raise a hand toward the front to offer your blessing; you may sing with Worship Collective; you can stay seated and pray quietly. The list goes on and on!

The final portion of the service is the Sending. Typically, the Benediction is spoken; however, since I'm a music geek, we will sing it communally. Afterward, you are invited to the reception in the Cafe because when Baptists meet, we eat!

One final point about today's worship service: You will hear the phrase "please rise in body or Spirit" several times. If sitting or standing for an extended time is not accessible, please adjust your body position so you may worship without discomfort. Your brothers and sisters know that you are worshiping with them in Spirit. Furthermore, all languages and all expressions of worship, inward and outward, are welcome, whether a loud "Amen!" or a quiet bowed head or raised hand.