

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ISELIN

*Mind, hearts, hands and voices in Christ*

Minister: Rev. Chris Houtz

Liturgist: Rose Anne Anthony

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*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

Sunday, January 31, 2021

10:30 A.M.

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE PROMISE

PRELUDE

Alaine Bolton, Director of Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rose Anne Anthony

CHORAL INTROIT #297 (v. 4)

### In Christ Called to Baptize 297

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Rose Anne Anthony

Give thanks to God with your whole heart.

**Great are the works of the Lord.**

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)**

Rose Anne Anthony

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your kingdom to the lowly and pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that by our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**\* HYMN #652**

**A Grateful Heart**

**652**

(Psalm 111)

1 A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of  
2 Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the  
3 With sav - ing love you set us free, and still you

praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I  
poor with gen - tle hands. Your word is true, your  
dwell in mys - ter - y with wis - dom none can

lift my voice: in you, O God, I will re - joice.  
works are just; in you, O God, the faith - ful trust.  
com - pre - hend. Your praise, O God, will nev - er end.

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rose Anne Anthony

The One who pardons, heals, and strengthens all who repent calls us to name our failings and our hopes. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Rose Anne Anthony

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way.

Merciful God, hear now our own personal confessions that we lift up to you in silence.

## PERSONAL CONFESSION

Rev. Chris Houtz

In the strong name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Chris Houtz

The God who made you and knows your every thought hears you now and forgives you all your sin. We have been redeemed through Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior, who is Alpha and Omega, all in all.

Thanks be to God!

## \* THE RESPONSE #582

582                      Glory to God,  
Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

## **\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Please pass the peace with friends and loved-ones, either by calling, texting, or honking if you are outside!)*

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**Rev. Chris Houtz**

### **ANTHEM**

**I Surrender All** (arr. Howlett)

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Rose Anne Anthony**

Holy Spirit, your people call out for understanding. Bring to our yearning hearts and minds the truth of your Word; in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **Psalms 111**

**Rose Anne Anthony**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup> Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

<sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

<sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

<sup>8</sup> They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever.

#### **Mark 1:21-28**

**Rev. Chris Houtz**

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup> They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean

spirit, <sup>24</sup> and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup> At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**THE MESSAGE**

**Facing Demons**

**Rev. Chris Houtz**

**\*HYMN #753**

# 753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis



1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where  
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and  
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and  
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.  
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.



3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so



much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

## JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the notes G4, A4, B4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4, with lyrics "un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be". Chords G, Em, F#m, and Bm are indicated above the notes. The second staff contains the notes E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, G4, F#4, E4, with lyrics "loved as to love with all my soul." Chords E, E7, A, E, A, and A7 are indicated above the notes. A bracket above the final two notes of the second staff is labeled "to Stanza 4".

## SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christy, and individually members of it.

### STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

**Rev. Chris Houtz**

We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples of Jesus Christ and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as ruling elders, and as ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us. Through ordination, God provides for acts of care and compassion in the world, for the ordering and governance of the church, and for the preaching of the word and celebrating of the sacraments.

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

**Elder Betsy Christensen, Clerk of Session**

Representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church, the session of The First Presbyterian Church of Iselin now ordains Rose Anne Anthony to ministry as a deacon, and installs her to active service in this congregation.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

**Rev. Chris Houtz**

As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of Baptism. Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy Catholic Church.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise. We praise you for leading your people Israel through the waters of the sea, out of bondage and into freedom in the land of your promise. We praise you for sending Jesus your Son, who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit. Through the baptism of his death and resurrection you set us free from the bondage of sin and death, and give us cleansing and rebirth.

We praise you for pouring out your Holy Spirit, who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with a variety of gifts, that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

We rejoice that you have claimed us in our baptism and anointed us for service in Christ's name, and that by your grace we are born anew.

By your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. Amen.

Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS**

**Rev. Chris Houtz**

Rose Anne, in baptism, You were claimed by the love of God, clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ, and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share Christ's mission in the world.

Now you are called by God through the voice of the church for new service and ministry in Jesus' name.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), show your commitment to this calling by responding to these questions:

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**FOR THE CHURCH**

**Elder Betsy Christensen, Clerk of Session**

Do we, the members of the church, accept Rose Anne as a deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**LAYING ON OF THE HANDS**

**Rev. Chris Houtz**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise. Throughout the ages and in every place you have chosen servants from among your people to point the way to salvation by your grace. We are grateful for ancestors in the faith who followed without fear, placing their trust in you alone—for judges and monarchs who ruled in righteousness and peace; for prophets and apostles who spoke your bold words of mercy and of truth; for leaders and teachers in every age who have nurtured your people in faith and faithfulness.

Above all, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free. Anointed by your Holy Spirit, he proclaimed your reign on earth, revealing your saving love in all he said and did.

Gracious God, poured out your Spirit upon your servant Rose Anne, whom you called by baptism as your own. Grant her the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give her a spirit of truthfulness that she may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people.

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church, that we may be for you a holy people baptized to serve you in the world. Sustain your church in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another. Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be effective servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

**Rev. Chris Houtz**

Rose Anne, you are a deacon, ordained to ministries of services and governance in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation.

## CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

Rev. Chris Houtz

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (*Matthew 9:35-38*)

## CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Elder Betsy Christensen, Clerk of Session

8 Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Be hospitable to one another without complaining. 10 Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 11 Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. (*1 Peter 4:8-11*)

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

### THE OFFERING

With grateful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God from whom they came.

### \*THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE #633 Praise Ye the Lord (refrain only)

Praise Ye the Lord 633  
(Psalm 150)

Refrain

D G D Em D/A A7 D Fine

Praise ye the Lord, Hal-le-lu-jah! Ev-ery-bod-y praise the Lord.

### \*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)

For Earth, which you have molded, for creatures and animals, plants, water, air, and fire, for Jesus who died and rose again, for the breath of life, we give you thanks, O

God. Let these gifts be used for good wherever there is need, in the name of all that you have first given us, especially Christ Jesus, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

\*HYMN #634

ADORATION

# 634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

**BENEDICTION****CHORAL BENEDICTION #742**

# 742 We Will Walk with God

*Sizohamba naye*



We will walk with God, my broth-ers; we will walk with God.  
*Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, too too too, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.*



We will walk with God, my sis-ters; we will walk with God.  
*Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, too too too, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.*



We will go re - joic - ing till the king - dom has come.  
*Ngom-hla wen - ja - bu - la, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.*



We will go re - joic - ing till the king - dom has come.  
*Ngom-hla wen - ja - bu - la, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.*

THE POSTLUDE