

Banner Elk Presbyterian Church



Service for the Ordination of Rachael McConnell as a Minister of Word
and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA)

and

Installation to Serve as Pastor of Banner Elk Presbyterian Church
Presbytery of Western North Carolina Banner Elk Presbyterian Church

October 10, 2021 3 PM

Ordination & Installation of Rachael McConnell

OCTOBER 3, 2021

CONVENE PRESBYTERY MEETING

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

arr. M. Hayes tune: Slane

OPENING SONG

Spirit Break Out

William McDowell

GATHERING OF GOD'S FAMILY

OPENING SENTENCES

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

L: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**All: There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

GATHERING PRAYER

Prayer

Lawrence Gandiya

When I Need to Breathe and Live into Something New

by Arianne Braithwaite Lehn

*HYMN 806

I'll Praise My Maker

OLD 113TH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy One, we come before you seeking forgiveness. We come here laying down the burdens that we picked up and also laid upon others by speaking falsehoods, unleashing anger, holding grudges, placing our desires before the needs of others, and placing our need for control over your holy wisdom and power. We come to you sore from their weight and we come to you confessing the weight of our sin placed on others. We seek your merciful and gracious forgiveness and rest. Hear our prayers.

(Time for Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

As I Went Down to the River to Pray

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 29

PROPHETIC READING FROM OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 43: 1-7

SERMON

Called By Name

Rev. Dr. Byron Wade

*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

KELVINGROVE

ORDINATION AND INSTILLATION OF THE CALLED

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

L: As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

All: We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

L: If your gift is to hear God's Word,

All: speak it out in faith.

L: If your gift is service,

All: live to serve others.

L: If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

All: teach what is true.

L: Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

All: let leaders work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.

L: Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

**All: serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope,
patient in suffering, constant in prayer,
supporting one another, and welcoming all.**

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

*PROFESSION OF FAITH AND REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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

All: I do.

L: Do you turn to Jesus Christ
and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love?

All: I do.

L: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?

All: I will, with God's help.

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

All: 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 to judge the living and the dead.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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

L: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE ONE TO BE ORDAINED

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED

Psalm 96

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

1 Peter 4:8-11

*HYMN 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN N.C.

OFFERTORY

Broken Bread

Rend Collective



THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

SENDING OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

*HYMN 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

WELCOME TABLE

BLESSING AND CHARGE

CLOSING OF THE MEETING

PRELUDE

How Firm A Foundation

arr. B. Sanders
tune: Foundation

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 * *The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God* *
 * *by Julian and Chrissy Clark* *
 * *In thanksgiving for Pastor Rachael McConnell* *
 * *and the congregation* *
 * *of Banner Elk Presbyterian Church* *
 * *for the warm welcome to the church* *
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**Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Administrative Commission to Ordain and Install Rachael
McConnell**



Moderator: Rev. Kathy Campbell, Crossnore Presbyterian Church
Presbytery Moderator: Dr. Dick Larson, Banner Elk Presbyterian
Church

Propound Questions to the Congregation: Susan Carter, Banner Elk Presbyterian
Church

General Presbyter and Preacher: Rev. Dr. Byron Wade, The Presbytery of Western
North Carolina

Charge to the Minister: Isabel Peterson, Arbor Dale Presbyterian Church

Charge to the Congregation: Rev. Maggie Lauterer, Honorably Retired

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon: Rev. Dr. Tee Gatewood III, Arbor Dale
Presbyterian Church

Leading in Worship: Nina Allbert, David Soyars, Geana Weller, Banner Elk Presbyterian
Choir, Rev. Jenny Saperstein, Rev. Jon Wasson, Tiffany McConnell, Mary Wortham,
Christy Milam, Kathryn Sedberry, Pamela Benson Owens, Elizabeth Moore, Whitney Bell,
and Sonja Miller



BANNER ELK **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



Elders for Banner Elk Presbyterian Church

Class 2021

Bob Blalock
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I'll Praise My Maker

(Psalm 146)

1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice
2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God,
3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports
4 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice

is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.
who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train;
the faint - ing mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace.
is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought
whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed
God helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and
My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought

and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
and feeds the poor, and none shall find God's prom - ise vain.
the par - ent - less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

This paraphrase of Psalm 146 was a great favorite of John Wesley: it appeared in his first hymn collection in 1737 (published in Charleston, South Carolina) and was on his lips when he died. The 16th-century tune to which it is set here is the one Watts had in mind for it.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

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

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.