



## Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church

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Third Sunday of Epiphany

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SUNDAY

January 24, 2021

10:30 AM

### GATHERING

#### Greeting

#### Call to Worship (Bold = All)

Psalm 82:2-4

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Gal. 3:27

**There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.** Eph. 4:4

Let our worship begin.

#### Opening Prayer

## Opening Hymn

*Here I Am, Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:*

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them,  
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. Forgive us. As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us to choose Christ's way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit to guide and fortify us, to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

## Passing of Christ's Peace

## Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.

## THE WORD

## Prayer for Illumination

### Hebrew Scripture

*Psalm 62:5-8*

62:5 For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God.

62:6 God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

62:7 On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

62:8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God; God is a refuge for us.

### Gospel

*Mark 1:14-20*

1:14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

1:16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen.

1:17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

1:18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

1:19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

1:20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

**Sermon**

*From Loneliness to Solitude*

Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Barker

**Please Note: Due to COVID-19 safety precautions, the Service of Ordination and Installation below will immediately follow the sermon in a virtual format.**

## **The Service of Ordination and Installation**

This service was conducted with seventeen participants including Session members, Allisen Fischer, Clerk of Session, myself, Jonathan Barker, as moderator, and the candidates for ordination and/or installation.

Following comprehensive study, the new class of deacons and elders were examined successfully by the Session.

Cookie Littlefield was ordained and installed to active service to the office of deacon. Will Holt, Evelyn Earnhardt, and Kenlee Fischer, were ordained and installed to active service to the office of elder.

The Session also installed to active service those who have been previously ordained, including: deacon John Bayne, and elders Denise Weeks, Art Chard and Kevin Fischer.

## **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Lord God, Creator of all, hear our silent prayers:

We pray for the universal church. (Silent prayer)

**Lord, hear our prayers.**

We pray for the world. (Silent prayer)

**Lord, hear our prayers.**

We pray for our nation. (Silent prayer)

**Lord, hear our prayers.**

We pray for those in authority. (Silent prayer)

**Lord, hear our prayers.**

We pray for the community. (Silent prayer)

**Lord, hear our prayers.**

We pray for persons in distress and those with special needs. (Silent prayer)

**Lord, hear our prayers.**

Christ Jesus taught his disciples how to pray with this example saying:

**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**

## Offering

### Giving of our Tithes, Offerings

(See options for giving at the end of the bulletin)

## Offertory Response

### Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## SENDING

### Sending Hymn

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

Thy word commands our flesh to dust,  
"Return, ye sons of men";  
All nations rose from earth at first,  
And turn to earth again.

A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood,  
With all their lives and cares,  
Are carried downwards by thy flood,  
And lost in following years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

Like flowery fields the nations stand,  
Pleased with the morning light;  
The flowers beneath the mower's hand  
Lie withering e'er 'tis night.

Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

## Charge and Benediction

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## Joys and Concerns

### Prayer Requests

If you wish to make a prayer request, call or email your request to Amy by Tuesday. [amy@wbpresbyterian.org](mailto:amy@wbpresbyterian.org) – Type "Prayer Request" in the subject line. Please be specific and concise.

### Pastoral Concerns

- Pray for Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church and all churches. Pray for our members and friends, the Session, deacons, teachers and church leaders. Pray prayers of thanksgiving for our nation during our time of transition and pray for peace in the world.
- Pray for Elizabeth Davis, her father and her family
- Pray for those who were ordained and/or installed as deacons or elders: Cookie Littlefield was ordained and installed to active service to the office of deacon. Will Holt, Evelyn Earnhardt, and Kenlee Fischer, were ordained and installed to active service to the office of elder. Also installed to active service were those who have been previously ordained, including: deacon John Bayne, and elders Denise Weeks, Art Chard and Kevin Fischer.
- For Becky Burmester's brother-in-law, Tony, with cancer.
- For the Burmester's son-on-law, Jeff Landon, with heart issues. COVID is delaying his rehab.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for friendships which endure, giving us comfort.

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### Worship Leaders:

Jonathan Barker, Interim Pastor;

Robert Owens, liturgist;  
Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music;  
Anna Raab, videography and production

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