



Greystone

Baptist Church

Service of Ordination | Dr. Christian Clinton McIvor
October 10, 2021

Prelude

“O God, Beyond All Praising (Thaxted)”
Steve Rose, *saxophone* and Tim Hendrix, *piano*

By Gustav Holst,
arr. Mark Albrecht

Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson,
Senior Pastor, GBC

Greetings from the Alliance of Baptists

Paula Clayton Dempsey,
Director of Partnership Relations, Alliance of Baptists

Greetings from Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC

Seth Hix, *Associate Coordinator
for Transitions and Church Engagement, CBFNC*

✠ Call to Worship

Bill Baxley,
Chair, Spirit of Justice Ad Hoc Team, GBC

We are gathered here today to worship, celebrate, and respond to the call of God.

We have come to acknowledge God’s gifts in each other and in the invitation of one among us to serve.

We have come to reaffirm our own callings, to remember God’s call to each of us:

To be people whose lips speak words of grace and hope, whose feet move swiftly to assist the helpless,

whose hands grow strong in the cause of love and justice,

whose hearts quicken in the service of reconciliation and care,

and whose spirits encourage the oppressed and neglected.

God be with us.

Prayer and Affirmation of Faith

Chrissy McIvor, Patti and Clif Backes,
Christian’s Spouse, Mother, and Stepfather

Opening Song

“For Everyone Born”
GBC Adult Choir with Steve Rose, *saxophone*;
James Tatum, *trombone*; and Tim Hendrix, *piano*

FOR EVERYONE BORN;
Text by Shirley Erena Murray,
Music by Brian Mann

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:7-10, 16-18

Aaron Ng,
Member of Christian's Search Team, GBC

Sermon

"Sweet Hell"

Michael Usey,
Pastor, College Park Baptist Church

Silent Reflection

Spoken and Musical Reflection

"This Is the End"
Christian Mclvor

Words and Music by
Christian Mclvor ©2018

As the Spirit gives us our foundation to unbind the ties of domination,
It blows the winds of change toward liberation
In the Christ who came in time and space to suffer with and offer grace to the
Ones who are sinned against, without a trace

Of the love that carries out creation and brings on reconciliation,
Clothing us in true compassion to carry out God's action.

Chorus:

If we tear down every wall in search of justice for all,
We could build the church on love instead of power.
I may not have all the answers, but I'll take every chance there is
To be the Christ who frees in every hour,
'Cause this is the end,
This is the en...

...Day by day, more people say, "My Jesus is the only way," and then they
Close their minds and tuck their hearts away.
How can we find unity if every time we disagree, we just
Point our fingers and stare accusingly?

Remember, he is she are they are we, connected in community;
All part of the imago Dei that leads us on our way.

(Chorus 2x)

Covenant of Ordination

Mark Jensen,
*Teaching Professor of Pastoral Care and Pastoral Theology,
Wake Forest University School of Divinity*

We are gathered today in the presence of God to ordain Christian Mclvor to the pastoral ministry.
Congregation, you have presented Christian for ordination and you have affirmed his call to be a
public minister in the church and beyond it. Will you uphold Christian in your prayers and support
him with your love?

We will.

Christian, the church is the family of God. Those gathered here today are your siblings, grandmothers
and grandfathers, nieces and nephews, gendered and gender-nonconforming family.

**This family comes with all the laughter and frustration of any family gathering, and with laughter and
frustration we affirm your call to ordination, to work as a pastor, minister, and teacher, together with
all who share in the radical, reconciling work of Jesus Christ.**

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It will be your task to proclaim by word and deed the radical work of Jesus Christ, to take risks in love, as Jesus did,

to challenge power and corruption, as Jesus did, to proclaim the holy among the marginalized, as Jesus did, to fashion your life in accordance with grace and peace, as Jesus did.

You are to love and serve the people among whom you work, to live with them in mutual accountability, to care for the young and the old, the strong and the weak, the rich and the poor.

You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness, to declare God's anger on those who hurt the orphan, the immigrant, and the disenfranchised, to pronounce God's blessing on all because God cannot help but bless, to preside at baptism, at communion, at marriage, and at other events.

Christian, in all that you do, you are commissioned to love all God's creation with your whole heart. Do you accept this holy call on your life and are you willing to honor God by saying "yes"?

I have, and with God's help, I am.

Laying on of Hands

Joanne Thompson,
Chair of Deacons, GBC

Music

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE;

Words: Irish Poem Trans. Mary E. Byrne,
Music: Irish Ballad Harm. David Evans

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY;

Words by Henry van Dyke,
Music by Ludwig van Beethoven

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

SIYAHAMBA;
South African Song

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
Marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.
Marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing in the light of God...
We are praying in the light of God...
We are singing in the light of God...

Prayer

Ka'thy Gore Chappell,
Executive Director, Baptist Women in Ministry of NC
Michael Usey, Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Gifts of Ordination

Thanks and Benediction

Christian McIvor

Postlude

"We Are One in the Spirit"
Tim Hendrix, piano

Folk Hymn, arr. M. Hayes

*O you singer solitary, singing by yourself, projecting me,
O solitary me listening, never more shall I cease perpetuating you,
Never more shall I escape, never more the reverberations,
Never more the cries of unsatisfied love be absent from me,
Never again leave me to be the peaceful child I was before what there in the night,
By the sea under the yellow and sagging moon,
The messenger there arous'd, the fire, the sweet hell within,
The unknown want, the destiny of me.*

-Excerpt from "Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking" by Walt Whitman

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*With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones, where every member
is a minister and is equipped to express God's love by word and deed to all people.*

Based on 1 Peter 2:5, 6

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