

## ORDER OF INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR MINISTER

### THE PRELUDE

### THE GREETING

L - The Lord be with you.

P – And also with you.

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L – Let us worship God.

Clap you hands, all you peoples;

P – shout to God with loud songs of joy.

L – For the Most High is awesome,

P – a great sovereign over all the earth.

L – It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

P – to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us in this time and place to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord. Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us, that together we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith, so that as we receive all spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, we may support one another in common ministry; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### HYMN OF PRAISE, PSALM, OR SPIRITUAL

#### CONFESSION AND PARDON

The Call to Confession – I John 1:8,9

### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit you baptized us to be your own and called the church into being. We confess that we hold back the love of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.

(silent prayers of confession may be offered)

Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit and make strong our common witness to the one Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which God loved us, even when we were dead through our sin, made us alive together with Christ and raised us up with him. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Amen.

### THE GLORIA PATRI OR KYRIE ELEISON OR SUITABLE HYMN

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN, SPIRITUAL OR SPECIAL MUSIC

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray.

Overwhelm us with your Holy Spirit, O God, that the words we hear will speak to our hearts as your Word, made known to us in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

FIRST READING

PSALM

SECOND READING

HYMN, ANTHEM, PSALM OR SPIRITUAL

GOSPEL READING

SERMON

HYMN, PSALM OR SPIRITUAL

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

The moderator addresses all present:

As in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Let us not lag in zeal, but be ardent in spirit, serving the Lord.

A LITANY OF GIFTS

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.

P – We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

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

P – speak it out in faith.

L – If your gift is service,

P – live to serve others.

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

P – teach what is true.

L – Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;  
P – let officers 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,  
P – serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

#### STATEMENT ON THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

The following or similar interpretation of ministry shall be given:  
We are called out by God to be the Church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of the new life that God intends for all. In our life together we are to display the new reality that sin is forgiven, reconciliation accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility torn down.

As the living body of Christ, the church is called to proclaim the good news of salvation, to present the claims of the gospel on people's lives, and to demonstrate Christ love in service to the world. We are called to undertake this mission even at the risk of life, trusting God in all things. In faith we embrace a new openness to what God is doing in our time, a renewed obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, and a new joy in our common worship and work. Based on Book of Order G-3.0200-.0401

Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:

(Unison)

The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the worlds.

(the moderator continues)

The ministry of the church is shared by pastor and people, so that all together may fulfill the mission to which we are called in Jesus Christ. The particular responsibility of the ministry of Word and Sacrament is to build up the church and serve the people of God, so that the Word may be rightly proclaimed and sacraments rightly celebrated. The call to this ministry has been extended by the congregation, accepted by the candidate, and approved by the presbyter. Therefore the Presbytery of Central Nebraska, by means of this commission, now installs N. as pastor of N. Church.

In his/her baptism, N. was clothed with Christ. He/she was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of N., and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as pastor of this congregation.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's call to our brother/sister, to serve among us as pastor.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS – Book of Order G-14.0405

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION (options available in the Book of Occasional Services)

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

n., AS A MINISTER OF THE Word and Sacrament in the church of Jesus Christ, you are now installed as pastor/associate pastor/co-pastor of this congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

WELCOME

(Members of the presbytery and others as appropriate welcome the newly installed pastor)

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED PASTOR

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

HYMN, PSALM, OR SPIRITUAL

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

(an offering will be received for the Johnson Scholarship Fund)

SENDING, BLESSING, BENEDICTION