Creation, Ordination Oct. 23, 2022

Pre-Service: Come to the Table

Welcome

Call to Worship (Christine Longhurst (Canada), 2020. reworship.blogspot.com)

Come, let's praise God together, for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let's tell the story of God's power and majesty, God's mighty acts throughout history.

Let's remember the compassion God has shown toward us; the mercy and unfailing love we have experienced, generation after generation.

## Let's pass these stories along to our children and grandchildren, so that they, too, may come to know and love our God.

Let's worship God together!

Opening Song: Psalm 121 I Lift My Eyes Up

God's Greeting

Greet Each Other

Song of Praise: All Creatures of Our God and King

Lord I Need You

Call to Confession:

To open our hearts to God is to risk vulnerability, judgment, and condemnation. But throughout the scriptures, we learn that God is merciful and just, slow to anger, and eager to forgive. Let us then come to God in a prayer of confession.

## Prayer of Confession:

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. Perhaps You see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance: 1 John 1:9 – "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

## Ordination Liturgy

Lord's Supper

During the passing of the Bread: Behold the Lamb During the passing of the Wine: Jesus Messiah Song of Response: We Will Feast

Children's Blessing Prayer of Illumination Scripture and Sermonettes Song of Response: Great is Thy Faithfulness (Jennie Abma, Oct. 26, 1941) Congregational Prayer Offering: During Offering sing: Let It Be So With Your Church O Lord

God's Parting Blessing Parting Song: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow