

Palisades Presbyterian Church

March 4, 2007

Service of Ordination and Installation

The Laying on of Hands

Moderator: Almighty God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your people. We thank you for this Catherine whom you have called to serve you. Give her special gifts to do her special work and fill her with the Holy Spirit, so that she may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be a faithful disciple as long as she shall live.

People: Gracious God, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Jesus, trusting us with the message of hope and reconciliation, give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Moderator: You are now a Deacon in this church. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Jesus Christ, giving thanks to the God of All.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Ordination and Installation of Catherine Hooper as Deacon

Moderator: There are different gifts,
People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Moderator: There are different ways of serving God,
People: But it is the same God who is served.

Moderator: God works through people in different ways.
People: But it is the same God who achieves the divine purpose through them all.

Moderator: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,
People: To use for the common good.

Moderator: Together, we are the Body of Christ,
People: And individually, members of Christ.

Moderator: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of hope and reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make Christ's church useful in the world, and we call women and men to faith, so that God may be glorified.

Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, Elders, or Deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that Jesus said: "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and whoever wants to be first among you, must be last."

People: Jesus came not to be served, but to serve, and calls us to give our life to set others free.

Elder: Mr. Moderator, speaking for the people of the Palisades Presbyterian Church, I present Catherine Hooper to be ordained and installed as Deacons.

Moderator: God has called you by the voice of the Church to serve in a special way. You know who we are and what we believe, and you understand the work for which you have been chosen.

Do you trust in Jesus and acknowledge him as the head of the church, and, through him, believe in One God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer?

Candidate: I do.

Moderator: Do you accept the Scriptures of the First and Second Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, a unique and authoritative witness to Jesus in the church universal and God's Word to you?

Candidate: I do.

Moderator: Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed Faith as expressed in the Confessions of our church and will you be instructed and led by them as you lead the people of God?

Candidate: I will.

Moderator: Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus, under the authority of Scripture and continually guided by our Confessions?

Candidate: I will.

Moderator: Do you endorse our church's government within the bounds of your conscience, and will you honor its discipline accordingly? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Candidate: I do and I will.

Moderator: Will you, in your own life, seek to follow the teachings of Jesus, love your neighbor, and work for reconciliation of the world?

Candidate: I will.

Moderator: Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church with the message of the Good News of Jesus?

Candidate: I do.

Moderator: Do you acknowledge that by being installed in Palisades Presbyterian Church you are called to serve in a More Light congregation that, in obedience to the teachings of Jesus, has filed a formal covenant of dissent on Amendment B: G-6.0106b and that you will serve in a congregation that welcomes all its members into full partnership?

Candidate: I do.

Moderator: Will you be a faithful Deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the peoples' help to those in need? In your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus?

Candidate: I will.

Elder: (To the Congregation) Do we accept Catherine Hooper as Deacon – chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way and the teachings of Jesus?

People: We do.

Elder: (To the Congregation) Do we agree to encourage Catherine, to respect her decisions and to follow her with the other Deacons and Elders they guide us, serving Jesus, who alone is the head of the church?

People: We do.