

## Service for the Installation of a Pastor

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Wonsavage

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

(standing)

You are God: we praise you; you are the Lord: we you;  
***You are the eternal Father: all creation worships you.***

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
***The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.***

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
***Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you: Father of majesty unbounded: your true and only Son, worthy of all worship: and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.***

You, O Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.  
***When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb.***

You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
***You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come and be our judge.***

Come then, Lord, and help your people bought with the price of your own blood.  
***And bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.***

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
***Govern and uphold them now and always.***

Day by day we bless you;  
***We praise your Name forever.***

Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
***Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.***

Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
***For we put our trust in you.***

In you, Lord, is our hope;  
***And we shall never hope in vain.***

HYMN 537

T. Mit Frueden Zart

Sing praise to God, who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of pow'r, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
My soul with comfort rich he fills,  
and ev'ry grief he gently stills:  
To God all praise and glory!

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

(sitting)

GOSPEL TEXT Mark 8:27-38

THE OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM "You Are The Christ" David Angerman

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR Mr. Tommy Cole, PEC

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.  
***For he is our peace, who has made us all one.***

So then we are no longer strangers and aliens.

***But we are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,***

Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

***In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord.***

HYMN 716 T. Batty (16,A)

On your ransomed congregation,  
Lord, lift up your countenance;  
be our help, joy and salvation;  
life and health to us dispense.

In each heart, O fix your dwelling;  
there erect a monument  
of your love, all love excelling;  
there fulfill your blest intent.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,

***To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.***

Dearly beloved, we are assembled to Scott Rainey and his family as members of this congregation and to install Scott as pastor of the Unity Moravian Congregation, upon call to this holy office by the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Moravian Church, with the approval of the Board of this congregation.

(The pastor being installed shall stand.)

Scott, do you now promise in the presence of the Head of the Church and of this people that, by

the grace of God, you will endeavor in accordance with your ordination vows to carry out faithfully all your duties as pastor of this congregation, being careful at all times to conduct yourself as an ordained servant of Christ?

**I do.**

(The members of the Board shall stand.)

Do you, the officers of this congregation, now receive Scott as a pastor and shepherd of this flock?

**We do.**

Do you promise to respect, to pray for, and work with Scott in defending and upholding the doctrine and discipline of the church? And do you promise to provide him with appropriate emotional, spiritual, and financial support as he serves among you?

**We do.**

(The members of the congregation shall stand.)

Will you, the people of this congregation, now accept Scott Rainey as your pastor? Will you encourage, respect, and pray for him as together you proclaim the Kingdom of God in this community?

**We will.**

As you covenant with each other and with God in this hour, I charge you the people of the Unity Moravian congregation, to remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me, and I in them, they are the ones who bear much fruit." Likewise, I charge you, Scott, to remember the words of our Lord Jesus to Peter: "Do you love me? Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep."

In the Name of Jesus Christ, the Chief Elder of the Church, and by the authority of the Provincial Elders' Conference, I declare Scott Rainey to be duly installed as pastor of the Unity Moravian Congregation.

Let us pray.

*(All shall kneel or sit while the officiant calls upon the Triune God to bless the pastor, the congregation, and the Church Universal. After the prayer, all shall stand and the officiant shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the newly installed pastor [and the pastor's family] while the congregation sings:)*

HYMN 432

T. Cationale Germanicum

We bid you welcome in the Name of Jesus, our exalted Head.

Come as a servant; so he came – we shall receive you in his stead.

Come as a shepherd; guard and keep this fold from all that fosters sin,  
and nourish lambs, and feed the sheep, the wounded heal, the lost bring in.

Come as a teacher, sent from God, with his whole counsel to declare.  
Our souls encourage with the Word, while we uphold your hands with prayer.

Come as a messenger of peace, filled with the Spirit, fired with love;  
God bless your work, your strength increase, and guide us all to heav'n above.

(sitting)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 3:1-12

THE SERMON

PRAYER

(standing)

HYMN

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Lord, we your people gathered here  
Ask you to help us now to hear  
Your all-embracing gracious will  
And all its wisdom to fulfill

Conflicting voices now abound,  
And angry cries are all around.  
Write on our hearts Christ's words of love;  
Pour out your Spirit from above.

We in ourselves can never know  
The right new ways that we should go;  
Yet, you alone will show the way  
For all that we should do and say.

Thus led, your Church need never fear  
Nor doubt your strength is ever near.  
As Christ's own body we will live  
As to our Lord ourselves we give.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE