

**LITURGY FOR INSTALLATION OF
THE CHURCH BOARD OF UNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH**

(All New and Continuing Board Members shall stand)

Our Lord Jesus Christ continues His ministry in and through the Church, the whole people of God called and committed to His service. To equip them for His ministry, through the Holy Spirit, Christ gives varieties of gifts, and He calls forth servants chosen by the membership of the local church to use their gifts in offices duly recognized within the Church.

After prayerful consideration and under the leading of the Holy Spirit, you have been elected by the membership of Unity Moravian to serve as members of the Church Board and the Regional Conferences of Churches.

Are you willing to accept this office now as a trust committed to by God?

(All Newly Elected Board Members shall respond)

I am

To those continuing board officers, I now call on you to dedicate yourselves anew to Christ and to the tasks of ministry which He has assigned to you and the congregation has previously affirmed.

Do you promise to love and to serve God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, by performing faithfully the duties of your respective offices?

We do.

(The Members of the Congregation Stand)

Members of Unity Moravian, inasmuch as these officers, responsible for the well-being of this congregation, have publicly pledged themselves, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to exert their best efforts to fulfill their offices, will you now promise to bear in mind that you as members collectively elected them, and will you therefore pledge to support them by prayer, by word, and by work at all times?

We will.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, I now declare you to be duly installed and reaffirmed as members of the Church Board of Unity Moravian Church.

**Service for Holy Communion
in Celebration of the New Year and Christ's Coming**

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Hear these words from our Lord and Savior: "I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give to them eternal life."

"I am the Bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

We also hear these words: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them;" and his invitation, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest."

Let us pray:

Most merciful and ever-loving Savior, at your invitation we come to you to receive renewed assurance of the forgiveness of sin and of our fellowship with you. We thank you for being to us life and salvation. We are aware of our unworthiness and confess our sins before you. We come because you have made for us a complete redemption. Cleanse our hearts and lives from all that is evil and all that separates us from you.

Sanctify this bread, that, as we partake of it, your life may enter into us, life eternal that triumphs over sickness and death. Bless this cup. As we drink of it, sanctify us by your grace, in body, mind, and spirit. Abide in us, that the life which we may live here shall be lived by faith in you, who has loved us and given of yourself to us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this

day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(All partake together)

Silent Prayer

By your divine presence,

By the holy sacraments,

By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(All partake together)

Silent Prayer

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant to us your peace. Amen.

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death,

Until he comes.

Hymn 309 *With Praises and Thanksgiving*

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give up his countenance upon you and give you peace;
The Lord bless you and keep you;

In the name of Jesus. Amen.