



INSTALLATION TO THE MINISTRY
OF THE WORD & SACRAMENT FOR
THE REV. DR. JONAH SO &
THE REV. SARAH A. SPEED

A Worship Service of The Presbytery of New York City
Sunday, February 20, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The beginning of the Prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God. Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices, and please refrain from flash photography during the service. Please stand as you are able at the places marked with an asterisk.

Prelude Toccatina in F major, BWV 540 • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

*Call to Worship

Elder Terri Youn

One: Moses said,

All: “Here I am!” (*Exodus 3:4*)

One: Samuel said,

All: “Speak, for your servant is listening.” (*1 Samuel 3:10*)

One: Ruth said,

All: “Where you go, I will go.” (*Ruth, 1:16*)

One: Joshua said,

All: “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (*Joshua 24:15*)

One: God said,

All: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.” (*Jeremiah 1:5*)

One: Jesus said,

All: “I will be with you always.” (*Matthew 28:20*)

One: The Saints say,

All: Listen, God is calling

One: Let the church say,

All: We will love. We will worship. We will follow God.

One: Let us worship God.

*Processional Hymn

475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Call To Confession

The Rev. Chesna Hinkley

*Prayer of Confession

Prayer from South Africa, included in “A World at Prayer”

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose.

I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.

I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.

I closed them, for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life, that you might work through me.

I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.
 Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you,
 and forgive me for forgetting the call you have placed on my life
 —to be a disciple of your love.
 Renew me, so that I may work to bring about your Kingdom here on Earth.
 Amen.

--- Silent Reflection and Confession ---

*Sung Response (Cantor sings once; then the congregation sings once.)

To you, O God, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.---

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Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise

All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth_ from heav - en,
 And God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be to all peo - ple giv - en.
 We praise, we wor - ship You, we raise to Your great glo - ry
 thanks and praise, Cre - a - tor, Son, and Spi - rit.

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Prayer for Illumination
The Rev. Jyungin Jenny Lee

Scripture Reading

Ruth 4:11-17

Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, “We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; and, through the children that the Lord will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.”

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Sermon **History-Shaping Kindness**

*Affirmation of Faith

Elder Brunhilda Sanders-Lane

One: I believe in God—

**All: *omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent;*
Whose love is like the sky- it touches everything.**

One: I believe in the Holy Spirit

**All: *who sustains us and shows us that God is ever-present in our being and life.*
Who has hovered over us from the very beginning,
breathing new life into weary bones.**

One: I believe in Jesus—

**All: *who taught us to pray by calling God, “Heavenly Father;”*
who broke every social boundary
to create a world where we could belong to one another.**

One: I believe in the church—

**All: *the body of Christ, with Jesus as the head;*
an imperfect group of people that hold a compass to the Spirit
and try to follow where she leads.**

One: And in the end, I believe—

**All: *God has never stopped being for and with us.*
God will always meet us here. Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

The Presentation

Elder Ken Henderson

Constitutional Questions

Questions to the Pastors-Elect

Elder Terri Youn

Vows of the Congregation

Elder Ken Henderson

Elder: Do we, the members of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, accept Rev. Dr. Jonah So as the Executive Pastor and Rev. Sarah Speed as the Associate Pastor for Young Adults and Membership, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Elder: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the Head of the Church?

Congregation: We do.

Elder: Do we promise to pay them fairly and to provide for their welfare as they work among us; to stand by them in trouble and to share their joys? Will we listen to the words they preach, welcome their pastoral care and honor their authority as they seek to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

Congregation: We do.

The Vows of the Commission

Elder Terri Youn

One: Do we, the members of this commission, acting for and in the position of New York City Presbytery, promise in reliance upon the Grace of God, to be a friend in ministry with Jonah and Sarah, working with them subject to the ordering of God's word and spirit, and will we prayerfully support them in love, challenge and encouragement to the end that their ministry be fruitful, and the Church be strengthened to the Glory of God?

The Commission: We do and we will.

Prayer of Installation

The Rev. Thomas Are Jr.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

Declaration & Welcome
Elder Terri Youn

The Charge to The Rev. Dr. Jonah So
The Rev. Timothy Son

The Charge to The Rev. Sarah Speed
The Young Adults of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

The Charge to the Congregation
The Rev. Anne Conroy

*Hymn **543** **O, Christ Surround Me** (*Verses 1, 2, 4, 5*)

Invitation To Give
The Rev. Samson Tso

Offertory

*The Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow.
Praise God, All Creatures Here Below;
Praise God Above, Ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son And Holy Ghost.

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn **450** **Be Thou My Vision**

*Benediction & Charge
The Rev. Dr. Jonah So & The Rev. Sarah Speed

Postlude Sinfonia from Cantata, BWV 29 · *J.S. Bach (1685–1750), arr. Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)*

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

On this day, we are overwhelmingly grateful for the beauty of the church, and the way she has loved, nurtured, inspired and challenged us.

Thank you for supporting our interconnected church.

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From Jonah—

Thank you to Scott for seeing that “thing” in me, to the APNC for agreeing that it was there, and to the family of faith at Fifth Avenue for your willingness to grow together. Thank you to my parents and chingooos who cover me with prayer and encouragement. To my wife and children, my heart overflows with love and appreciation for the unwavering support and trust in your okay-est husband and dad on our journey of life and faith. Thank you God for you and them!

From Sarah—

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And finally, thank you to my parents. You insisted that there was something about Jesus of Nazareth that changed your life, and in turn, it changed mine. I will forever be indebted to you both. Thank you. I love you.

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