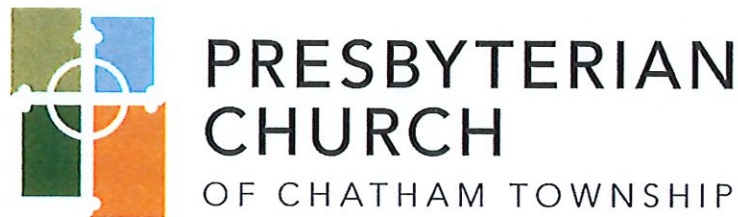


A Service of Installation for
The Reverend Thomas A. Brown
as Pastor

The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township
Sunday, October 20, 2024 | 4:00 pm

Reception Following



THE INSTALLATION OF
The Rev. Thomas A. Brown
As Pastor of The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township
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Prelude Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J.S. Bach/R.R. Peery
Alison Siener Brown, *organ* and Matthew Zabiegala, *piano*

Introit Come, Christians Join to Sing arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Sanctuary Ringers

Welcome Elder Sue Cail
Moderator of the Presbytery of the Highlands

***Call to Worship** Elder Lissa MacCallum

One: God who has borne our pain promises a hand to save us.

All: *God who made the stars of night calls us to bear light to the world.*

One: May we who are held in the heart of God boldly proclaim:

All: *Here I am, Lord! I will go, if you lead me.*

***Processional Hymn 69** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky HERE I AM

***Opening Prayer** (in unison) Rev. Hannah Faye Allred

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us to this time and place to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord. Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us, that together we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith, so that as we receive all spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, we may support one another in common ministry; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Confession (1 John 1:8-9) Rev. Dennis Jones

*Those who are able, please stand.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious and Loving God, you have called us to be your people in the world, but sometimes we are slow to hear your word and reticent to accept your call. You have equipped us with a variety of gifts for ministry, but we are often unwilling disciples. You have empowered us through the Spirit to share the love of Christ with others, but at times we lack compassion even for those we love most dearly. Forgive us, O God, and strengthen us, that we might willingly accept your call to love those around us, just as you first loved us. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

One: Friends, the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: *And also with you.*

One: Let us rise and share a sign of God's peace with one another.

***Hymn 582** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Stephen Choi

Lesson from the Psalms: Psalm 139:1-12

Anthem

Let all Creation Praise the Lord
Chancel Choir

Joseph Martin

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: Jeremiah 29:11-14

Sermon "Plans and Promises"

The Reverend Jen Van Zandt

***Hymn 298**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Call to Offering

Elder Pete Peterson

Today's offering goes to the Preparation for Ministry Fund which provides scholarships for inquirers and candidates of the presbytery. As an alternative to a cash donation, you can use this QR code to make an online offering. Please select "Ordination/Installation Offering" from the drop-down menu.



Offertory

Amazing Grace

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Alison Siener Brown and Nathan Brown, bells

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***The Lord's Prayer** (in unison)

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.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

A Litany of Gifts (based on Romans 12)

Rev. Hannah Faye Allred

One: As in one body we have many parts
and each part has its own function,
so all of us together with Christ are one body,
and we all belong to each other.

All: *We have different gifts
according to the grace God has given us.*

One: If your gift is to hear God's Word,

All: *speak it out in faith.*

One: If your gift is service,

All: *live to serve others.*

One: If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

All: *teach what is true.*

One: Let preachers preach with conviction,
and givers give freely;

All: *let officers work diligently for the people,
and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.*

One: Let us not lack for enthusiasm,
but be ardent in spirit,

All: *serving the Lord,
rejoicing in hope,
patient in suffering,
constant in prayer,
supporting one another,
and welcoming all.*

Moderator's Statement

Elder Sue Cail

Constitutional Questions

Questions to the Congregation

Elder Lissa MacCallum

Leader: Do we, the members of The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township, accept Rev. Thomas A. Brown as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: *We do.*

Leader: Do we agree to pray for him, encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

People: *We do.*

Leader: Do we promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble and share his joy?

People: *We do.*

Leader: Will we listen to the word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

People: *We will.*

Prayer of Installation

All members of the clergy, regardless of affiliation, as well as ordained Ruling Elders in the PC(USA) are invited to come forward to stand with the pastor-elect as the moderator leads the Prayer of Installation.

Declaration of Installation

Welcome

Ruling Elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament welcome the newly installed.

Charge to the Newly Installed Pastor The Rev. Jennifer Burns Lewis

Presentation of the Symbols of Ministry Elder Lissa MacCallum

Charge to the Congregation The Rev. Dr. Edward M. Halldorson

***Recessional Hymn 450** Be Thou My Vision SLANE

***Benediction** The Rev. Thomas A. Brown

Postlude Fanfare Kenneth Leighton

Alison Siener Brown, *organ*

**Members of the Administrative Commission
of the Presbytery of the Highlands**

Elder Sue Cail, Community Presbyterian Church of Ringwood
and Moderator of the Presbytery of the Highlands

Rev. Hannah Allred, Pastor, Kitchell Memorial Presbyterian Church

Rev. Stephen Choi, Pastor, Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dennis Jones, Pastor, Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church

Elder Lissa MacCallum, The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township

Elder David "Pete" Peterson, Clinton Presbyterian Church

Participating in Today's Service

The Rev. Dr. Edward M. Halldorson, Pastor Emeritus, The Presbyterian
Church of Chatham Township

The Rev. Jennifer Burns Lewis, Visioning & Connecting Leader,
Presbytery of Wabash Valley

Alison Siener Brown, Director of Music, All Saints' Episcopal Church,
Millington, NJ

Nathan Brown, The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township

The Rev. Jen Van Zandt, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Springfield

Matthew Zabiegala, Director of Music and Organist, The Presbyterian
Church of Chatham Township

Members of the Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Ringers, The Presbyterian
Church of Chatham Township

Words of appreciation... It has been deeply gratifying to witness the Spirit of God at work in the life of this congregation over the past year and, looking back, over the past decade and beyond. The steadfast love of God has been our guide through times of challenge, joy, and transition, giving us great hope for the coming years. The Lord is faithful – this we know and celebrate, even as we seek to be faithful ourselves as witnesses to God’s grace and good stewards of God’s gifts.



To the congregation of The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township, it is such a joy to be part of this community! I am deeply humbled by the faith you have placed in me through this call to serve as your Pastor and look forward to our coming years together with a great sense of optimism and hope. There is so much we can do together – I can hardly wait to see what God has in store.

To the members of the Installation Commission and my dear friends participating in this afternoon’s service, I am grateful for who you are and what you represent here today: a steadfast devotion to the challenging and messy work of shared ministry and mutual support. Thank you for all the ways you have offered that to me over the years.

To the PCCT Staff, Allie, Caitlyn, Ceri, Gloria, Lynn, Mark, Matt, Yvonne, I could not imagine a more talented, dedicated, supportive, or fun team of people with whom to work. It is a joy to share this ministry with you!

To my family, Alison, Zachary, and Nathan, my co-adventurers through life’s journeys, I am grateful to you in ways that I do not always know how to express. You make me laugh, appreciate life, and want to be my best. Your willingness to receive me at home in whatever condition I arrive – whether wired, weary, or somewhere in-between, is a strength and comfort every day.

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-
 3 Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This, my bod-y;
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion, and the
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a-
 this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry, dai-ly
 do, for-give." Yet we heard as pri- vate trea-sure all that
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, may we

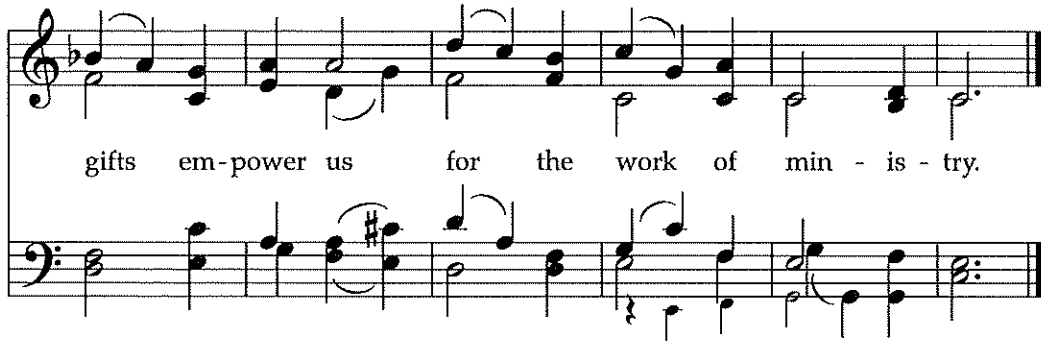
gos-pel go un-heard, help us wit-ness to your
 bun-dant meant for each, give us all new fer- vor,
 lift life heav-en-ward, ask-ing that the world a-
 you so free-ly give. May your care and mer-cy
 serve as you in-tend, and, a-mid the cares that

United by the refrain after each stanza, this text relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world. It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.

THE CHURCH




pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty: with the Spir - it's
lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



gifts em-power us for the work of min - is - try.

450 Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.