

Service of Ordination for Pastor Caleb Yoder

April 11, 2021 | 4:00 pm

Prelude

Karen Unruh

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Gathering Song

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore

HWB 229 (VT 283)

Tú has venido a la orilla,
no has buscado ni a sabios ni a ricos,
tan sólo quieres que yo te siga.

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
kindly smiling, have spoken my name.
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.*

*Señor, me has mirado a los ojos
y sonriendo, has dicho mi nombre.
En la arena, he dejado mi barca;
junto a ti, buscaré otro mar.*

2 You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
but nets and fishes my daily labor.

1 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones.
You only asked me to follow humbly.

3 You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:4-7, 11-13

Hymn of Response

One is the body

STJ 72 (VT 386)

1 One is the body and one is the Head,
one is the Spirit by whom we are led;
one God and Father, one faith and
one call for all.

3 Gifts have been given well suited to each;
some to be prophets, to pastor or preach,
some, through the Gospel, to challenge,
convert and teach.

2 Christ who ascended to heaven above
is the same Jesus whose nature is love,
who once descended to bring to this earth
new birth.

4 Called to his service are women and men
so that his body might ever again
witness through worship, through deed and
through word to Christ our Lord.

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1:5-7, 11-14

Hymn of Response

I know not why God's wondrous grace

HWB 338 (VT 590)

1 I know not why God's wondrous grace
to me he hath made known,
nor why, with mercy, Christ in love
redeemed me for his own.

2 I know not how this saving faith
to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his word
wrought peace within my heart. [Refrain]

*But I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.*

3 I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus through the Word,
creating faith in him. [Refrain]

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-14

Meditation

Pastor David Boshart

Ordination and Prayer of Commissioning

Heidi Regier-Kreider, WDC conference minister
Karl Brubaker, congregational chair

Blessings for Caleb's Ministry

Anabaptist Christian convictions – Luis Tapia
Biblical story – Lois Harder
Spirituality and discipleship – Merv Stoltzfus
Faith journey – Galen and Gloria Yoder
Family well-being – Bryant Miller
Pastoral Leadership – Phil Schmidt
Call to God's Mission – Marilyn Unruh Flaming

Words of Response

Pastor Caleb

Sending Song

En medio de la vida/You are the God within life

VT 526 (HWB 537)

En medio de la vida estás presente, O Dios,
Más cerca que mi aliento, sustento de mi ser.
Tú impulsas en mis venas
mi sangre al palpar
Y el ritmo de la vida vas dando al corazón.

You are the God within life, present where e're we live,
Closer than all our sighing, sustaining pow'r you give.
Inside our very bodies, you pump the blood of life;
Rhythm in ev'ry heartbeat drums out the pulse of life.

Estás en el trabajo del campo o la ciudad,
Y es himno de la vida el diario trajinar.
El golpe del martillo, la tecla al escribir
entonan su alabanza al Dios de la creación.

There with us in the office; there when we're tilling soil;
City, or town, or country, God joins us in our toil.
Hear how the ringing hammer
joins with the keyboard's clack –
echoes of God's good labor, giving our answer back!

Refrain: *O Dios de cielo y tierra, te sirvo desde aquí:
te amo en mis hermanos, te adoro en la creación
O God of earth and heaven, we serve you where we are.
We love you in all people, we praise you in your world!*

Benediction

Pastor Lois

Postlude

Karen Unruh

Special Thanks:

Quartet members: Kyle and Justine Unruh, Bryant and Chrystiana Miller
Other singers: Pastors Caleb and Lois
Piano: Karen Unruh
Guitar: Kevin Gaeddert and Eric Schrag
Visual arts: Ruth Goertzen and Lois Harder
Reception committee: David and Aileen Esau, Arlie and Kay Schroeder
Service planning team: Marilyn Unruh Flaming, Renae Peters, Bryant Miller, and Lois Harder
Audio technicians: Delton Voth and DeAlan Unrau
Video recording: Lynel Unrau