



Service of Ordination
for
Denise Ann Lavarnway Aanenson
&
the Recognition of the Ordinations of
Rev. Stephen Guantai
& Rev. Jorgé Saquíc

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Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

- ▶ **Leader:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ▶ **People:** Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
- ▶ **Leader:** Blessed be God: Our Mother, Our Brother, and Our Comforter.
- ▶ **People:** And blessed be the Kingdom of God, now and forever.
- ▶ **Leader:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins and heals all our brokenness.
- ▶ **People:** God's mercy endures forever.
- ▶ **Leader:** To God all hearts are open, all desires known, and from God no secrets are hid.
- ▶ **People:** God, we ask you to cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name.
- ▶ **All:** In Jesus' name, Amen.

HYMN #CH16 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

- ▶ Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious measure sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
- ▶ Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- ▶ O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it from thy courts above.

Scripture & Message: “Thermostats for Jesus”

Rev. Meredith Dodd

▶ Romans 12:1-2 and John 17:20-23

▶ Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

▶ John 17:20-23

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

HYMN #CH454 “Come, Celebrate the Call of God”

- ▶ Come, celebrate the call of God that wakens and renews, and chooses from us, for our good, the bringers of good news. The Spirit's blessing all ordains to show what God has done, yet brings to focus and contains the many in the one.
- ▶ A chosen one today replies, and fit and ready stands. Her calling now we recognize with prayer and loving hands. A servant leader, truthful friend, we gladly will receive, to stir and comfort, shake and mend, be glad with us, and grieve.
- ▶ Great Spirit, give her word and breath in Christ to live and speak, and shield against the powers of death the outcast and the weak, her flag of faith, above defeats, in heaven's breeze unfurled, as all her deepest gladness meets the hunger of the world.

Litany Of Ordination

Denise Ann Lavarnway Aanenson

- ▶ **REV. BOYER:** People of God, what is your response?
- ▶ **THE CONGREGATION:** We, then, the people of this congregation and of Christ's Church, in testimony of this high purpose, do now solemnly set Denise Ann Lavarnway Aanenson apart for the work of the Christian Ministry, pledging her our love, our prayers, and our steadfast cooperation, that we may walk together in all the ways of the Lord made known, or to be made known, unto us. Amen.

Litany Of Recognition of the Ordinations of Rev. Stephen Guantai & Rev. Jorge Saquíc

- ▶ **REV. BOYER:** People of God, what is your response?
- ▶ **THE CONGREGATION:** We, then, the people of this congregation and of Christ's Church, in testimony of this high purpose, do now wholeheartedly recommend that American Baptist Churches of the USA do recognize Stephen Gituma Guantai and Jorge Arturo Saquíc as having been set apart for the work of the Christian Ministry, pledging them our love, our prayers, and our steadfast cooperation, that we may walk together in all the ways of the Lord made known, or to be made known, unto us. Amen.

HYMN #CH595 “Be Thou My Vision”

- ▶ Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- ▶ Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
- ▶ Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- ▶ Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction

Rev.
Denise
Aanenson