

A Service of the Presbytery of Cincinnati
The Ordination of Margaret Elizabeth Heidenreich
Sunday, September 28, 2025 • 4 PM



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Service of Ordination

Prelude

Allegretto

Charles V. Stanford

Allegro from Sonata 5 in C Major

J. S. Bach

Thomas Heidenreich, Organist

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Deb Uchtman, Moderator

Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 117

Elder Lashuna Meatchem

One: Lift songs of praise to the Lord!

All: For great is God's love toward us.

One: The faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

All: Praise the Lord!

Ringling of the Revere Tower Bell

Let the ringing of the bell call our attention away from ourselves and
onto the living Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Come, All Christians Be Committed

*Opening Prayer

Rev. David Annett

One: Loving Lord, we come graciously into your presence with songs of praise. May we worship you truly and fully in the way that we are meant to do. May we see others as you see them and be merciful to them as you are to us. May our lives be worthy of the calling we have received. Empower us to use the gifts that we have been given to build up your kingdom and your people. May others see you through our work and our lives.

*Prayer of Confession:

Rev. Christine White

All: Lord, forgive the ways that I quickly forget all that you have done for me. I am easily distracted by the things that discourage me and do not offer you the praise that you deserve. I am often blinded by my own desires, so much so that I do not recognize what I have been called to do. Help me to give you all the honor and glory worthy of your name. It is your great love that sent Christ to become human for me. It is your great love that formed me and your great love that empowers me. Help me to learn to love more like you first loved me. Forgive me for the ways that I have not done this and empower me to be an example of that great love in the world.

***Moments of Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. White

One: No matter what you do, God will continue to love you. God will faithfully forgive you with new mercies every day. Stand firm in the assurance of this promise: God loves you with an unfailing love!

***Gloria Patri #575**

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

Anthem

Here I Am Lord

Dan Schutte and Craig Courtney

Presbytery Choir; Andrew Hacket, piano

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain. I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them, whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them, whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

Rev. Dr. Angela Dienhart Hancock

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

One: This is God's Word for God's People.

All: Thanks be to God.

Statement of Ordination

Rev. Dr. Uchtman

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in a unique ways, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples of Jesus Christ and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as ruling elders, and as ministers or Word and Sacrament.

Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us. Through ordination, God provides for acts of care and compassion in the world, for the ordering and governance of the church, and for the preaching of the word and celebration of the sacraments.

Representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church, the Presbytery of Cincinnati, by means of this commission, now ordains Margaret Elizabeth Heidenreich to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Rev. Dr. Uchtman

Constitutional Questions

Rev. Dr. Uchtman

- Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- Will you be a faithful minister of the Word and Sacrament, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Prayer of Ordination

Rev. Dr. Uchtman

Declaration of Ordination

Rev. Dr. Uchtman

Charge to the Newly Ordained

Elder Otto M. Budig Jr.

Presentation of the Symbols of Ministry

Rev. Dr. Hancock

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O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Call for the Offering

Elder Jill Moorman

We have been called to step out into the world and make a difference. Let us use these gifts of time, talents, and financial resources to share God's love and truth with others. Let the money we give today be used with wisdom and courage to build God's kingdom.

Today's offering is designated for the Presbytery's One Hopeful Fund. The One Hopeful Fund provides funding for local mission programs of various congregations in the Presbytery. You may donate using cash or with a check payable to the Presbytery of Cincinnati, or online using the QR code found on the back of the bulletin. Thank you for being generous.

Offertory

Allegretto from Sonata 4 in B-Flat Major

Felix Mendelssohn

Thomas Heidenreich, Organist

*Doxology #572

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Elder Moorman

Gracious God, thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your boundless love for us. May these gifts be used to further your kingdom. May they be a testament to our gratitude and trust in you. Guide us to be faithful stewards using all that you have given us for your glory. Amen.

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Rev. Margaret Heidenreich

We welcome anyone who proclaims Christ as Savior to partake in The Lord's Supper. The Communion table is not restricted to Presbyterians.

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Gracious and eternal God with joy we give you thanks and praise . . . As our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray:

All: 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 for give 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.

The Communion

We will be serving communion by intinction. Please wait for an usher to invite you to come forward and receive communion. Gluten free bread will be available upon request. Please alert an usher if you prefer to be served in the pew.

The Prayer of Blessing

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Lift High the Cross

***Benediction**

Rev. Heidenreich

***Choral Benediction**

Go Forth Into The World In Peace

John Rutter

Presbytery Choir

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage, be of good courage;
Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage, be of good courage;
Hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
Strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted;
Honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
be upon you, and remain with you forever, Amen.

Postlude

Ceremonial March

Herbert Sumsion

Thomas Heidenreich, Organist

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Thank you to everyone who participated in this afternoon's worship service: Rev. Dr. Deb Uchtman, moderator of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, and all the other worship leaders; the Presbytery musicians who volunteered to sing; Yolanda Ortiz-Parker, choir director; my brother, Thomas Heidenreich, organist; Andrew Hackett; accompanist; and those who served as greeters and those who prepared and served communion. Thank you to Rev. Dr. Angela Hancock for traveling from Pittsburgh to preach at this afternoon's service.

Thank you, everyone, for coming today to support me and to celebrate with me. Thank you to everyone who has supported me throughout this whole process. It has been a long process to get to this point, and I am grateful to everyone who has supported me along the way. I would not have made it here without your love and support along the way.

— Margaret

Worship Service Participants

Moderator of the Presbytery of Cincinnati

Rev. Dr. Deb Uchtman, Pastor, Bethel Murdoch and Loveland Presbyterian Churches

Members of the Administrative Commission

Rev. David Annett, Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

Ruling Elder Otto M. Budig Jr., Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church

Ruling Elder Lashuna Meatchum, Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

Ruling Elder Jill Moorman, Knox Presbyterian Church

Rev. Christine White, Honorably Retired

Additional Participants

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis, Pastor, Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

Yolanda Ortiz-Parker, Choir Director, Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

Andrew Hackett, Pianist, Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

Thomas Heidenreich, Organist, First and Second Presbyterian Churches, Saginaw, MI

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The Presbytery of Cincinnati

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Rev. Sharon Carter, Stated Clerk

Rev. Dr. Deb Uchtman, Moderator

Ruling Elder Kathy Martin, Vice Moderator

Ruling Elder Reggie Roberts, Chair of Council

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Come, All Christians, Be Committed

Present your bodies a living sacrifice . . . be ye transformed. Rom. 12:1, 2

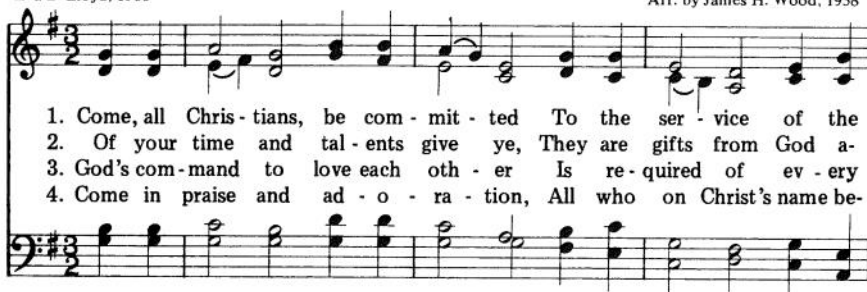
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Traditional American melody

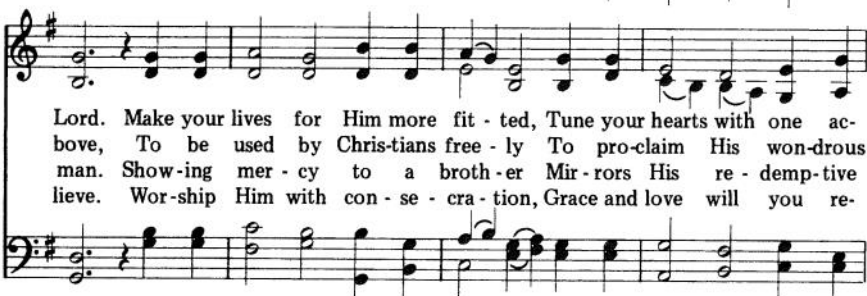
The Sacred Harp, 1844

Arr. by James H. Wood, 1958

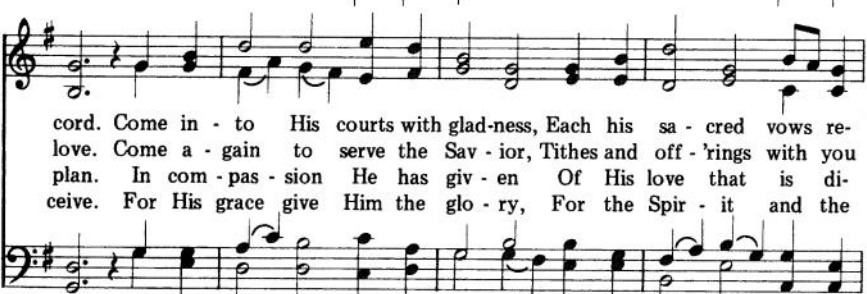
Eva B. Lloyd, 1966



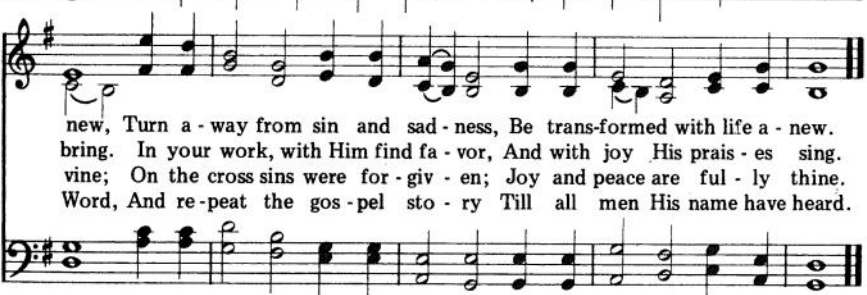
1. Come, all Chris - tians, be com - mit - ted To the ser - vice of the
 2. Of your time and tal - ents give ye, They are gifts from God a -
 3. God's com - mand to love each oth - er Is re - quired of ev - ery
 4. Come in praise and ad - o - ra - tion, All who on Christ's name be -



Lord. Make your lives for Him more fit - ted, Tune your hearts with one ac -
 above, To be used by Chris - tians free - ly To pro - claim His won - drous
 man. Show - ing mer - cy to a broth - er Mir - rors His re - demp - tive
 lieve. Wor - ship Him with con - se - cra - tion, Grace and love will you re -



cord. Come in - to His courts with glad - ness, Each his sa - cred vows re -
 love. Come a - gain to serve the Sav - ior, Tithes and off - 'rings with you
 plan. In com - pas - sion He has giv - en Of His love that is di -
 ceive. For His grace give Him the glo - ry, For the Spir - it and the



new, Turn a - way from sin and sad - ness, Be trans - formed with life a - new.
 bring. In your work, with Him find fa - vor, And with joy His prais - es sing.
 vine; On the cross sins were for - giv - en; Joy and peace are ful - ly thine.
 Word, And re - peat the gos - pel sto - ry Till all men His name have heard.

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STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

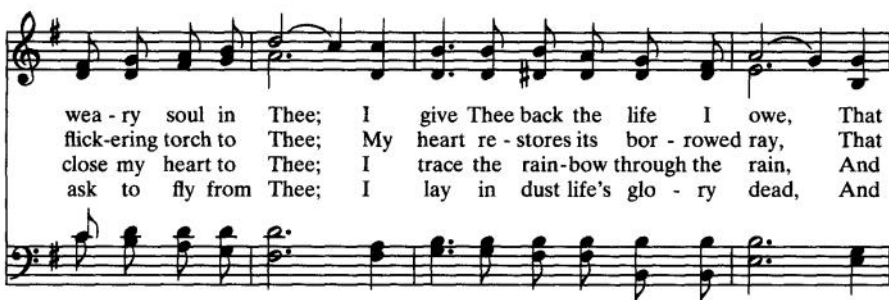
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George Matheson, 1882

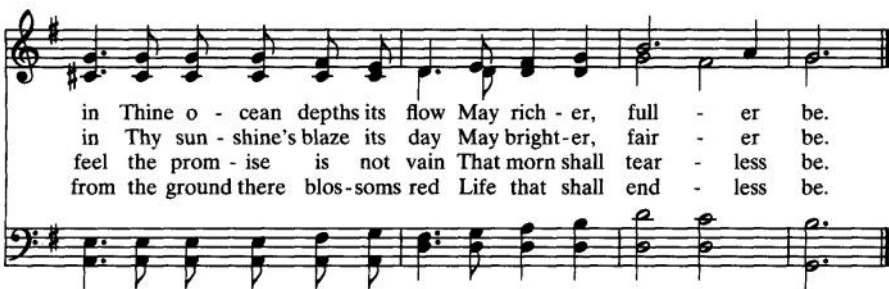
Albert Lister Peace, 1884



1. O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
 2. O light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
 3. O joy that seek-est me through pain, I can - not
 4. O cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



wea - ry soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, That
 flick-ering torch to Thee; My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
 close my heart to Thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, And
 ask to fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And



in Thine o - cean depths its flow May rich - er, full - er be.
 in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day May bright-er, fair - er be.
 feel the prom - ise is not vain That morn shall tear - less be.
 from the ground there blos-soms red Life that shall end - less be.

Lift High the Cross

George William Kitchin (1827-1912)
Rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916; alt.
Refrain and Descant

CRUCIFER 10.10 with refrain

Sidney Hugo Nicholson, 1916
Desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

Till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name. *Fine*

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

The Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
Your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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The Presbytery of Cincinnati is a ministry that supports and connects a network of 61 congregations, 100 ministers serving in various capacities, and over 10,000 constituents. We are one of 11 presbyteries that make up the Synod of the Covenant, and the third largest (by population) of presbyteries in the Synod. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a confessional and connectional church distinguished by the representation of ruling elders—laypersons elected by a congregation—with its government. Our denomination has more than 1 million members throughout all 50 states and Puerto Rico, and our Constitution governs us, which includes the *Book of Order* and the *Book of Confessions*.

About Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

Covenant-First Presbyterian church is a member congregation of the Presbytery of Cincinnati. Covenant-First Presbyterian Church was officially founded October 16, 1790, and has been a part of downtown Cincinnati ever since. Our almost 2,000 pound tower bell is from the Paul Revere Foundry in Boston, and first rang from the steeple of one of our earliest buildings. This building was completed in 1875, and the Austin Pipe Organ dates to 1915, with its approximately 3,500 pipes. We have traditional worship with Bible-based preaching each week. Our music program is enhanced by our Music Scholar program and we are excited to have them lead in worship most Sundays.

About Margaret Heidenreich

Margaret Heidenreich grew up at Covenant-First Church, attending the church along with her family since before she was two years old. (She was baptized as an infant at Mariemont Community Church, before her family joined Covenant-First.) She was confirmed in the Covenant-First congregation and has been a member ever since. After graduating from Cincinnati's School for Creative and Performing Arts, where she majored in Creative Writing, she enrolled at Grove City College in western Pennsylvania and graduated in May 2018. While in college, she began to sense a call to pastoral ministry, which she continued to contemplate after graduation. Margaret enrolled in Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, graduating in May 2024; following graduation, she completed two units of Clinical Pastoral Education through St. Elizabeth Hospital in Edgewood, KY. Margaret has accepted a call to Our Savior Presbyterian Church, Le Claire, Iowa, and will begin her ministry there on November 1.

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