



Friends Church

An Open & Affirming Congregation



“Hineni”
Linda Woods, 2017

January 22, 2023
Service of Word and Sacrament
Celebrating the Ordination and Installation
of Brooke Dooley

WELCOME TO FRIENDS CHURCH!

We are honored that you have chosen to spend your Sunday afternoon with us. Friends Congregational Church is an **Open & Affirming** congregation of the United Church of Christ. We welcome all people into the full life and ministry of our church—people of all ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, and abilities. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

FIRST TIME AT FRIENDS? If you are a guest with us today, please let us know. Welcome cards are located in the chair backs to fill out and leave in the offering plate during today's offertory. If you are joining us online for today's service, you will find an Online Visitor Card at <https://www.friends-ucc.org/your-first-visit>. We are so glad you are here, so please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

CHILDCARE: We invite children to participate fully in our community and worship life. Children of all ages are welcome in worship or you may choose childcare, offered for ages 1-5 in the nursery down the hall through the piano side double doors. We currently have Covid Protocols in place, which you can find posted outside the nursery door.

WiFi: To access church WiFi, please use this login information,
WiFi – The Promised LAN Password: stillspeaking

RESTROOMS are located through the double doors on the piano side of the sanctuary. Gender assigned restrooms are straight down at the end of the hall, and a gender neutral restroom is to the immediate right.

QUOTES FOR MEDITATION:

“Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what’s going to happen next. Delicious ambiguity.”

-Gilda Radner

“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?”

-Mary Oliver

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Dan De Leon

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ruthie De Leon

One: From the dust of the earth, the Holy One breathed us into life.

All: Through the breath of God we are all connected.

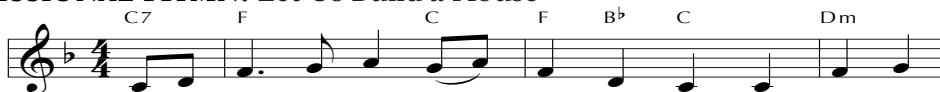
One: Shaped in her image, God formed us with a purpose:

All: To create, to serve, to tend, to protect, to love

One: That life may flourish in all its forms,

All: May the Spirit of the Living God be manifest in us!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Let Us Build a House



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



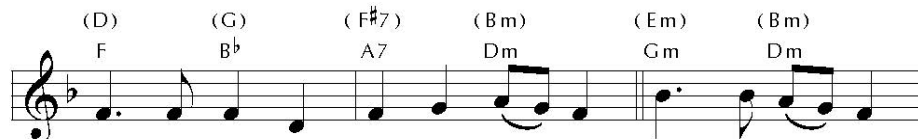
safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions;
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus;
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Rev. Shelby Nowland

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Shelby Nowland

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

Many: **And also with you!**

HEBREW BIBLE READING: Isaiah 58:6-9 (NRSV)

Rev. Jacob Brenton

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

CHORAL ANTHEM: Here I Am, Lord - Daniel L. Schutte, Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and 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 love of 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 till 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.

Here I am, Lord.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:12-16 (NRSV)

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

THE MESSAGE: Crossing the Threshold

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

SPECIAL MUSIC: In This Very Room - Ron and Carol Harris (Dr. Kim Dooley)

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me, and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.
And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us. And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all of us, and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom. For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.
And in this very room there's quite enough love for all the world. And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world. And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

AFFIRMATIONS OF THE CANDIDATE

Pride Community Center

Katy Stewart

Brite Divinity School

Rev. Dr. Dan De Leon

South Central Conference

Rev. Phil Hodson

Friends Church Youth Group

Mac De Leon, Alejandro Hinojosa

SERVICE OF ORDINATION

Greeting (responsive)

Rev. Nikki Stahl

One: Grace to you and peace from God, who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness and the sovereign of the rulers on earth. The Heart of Texas Association of the South Central Conference of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church.

All: **To God, who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Presentation of the Candidate

Dr. Kathy Langlotz, Dr. Anne Wehrly

Exhortation of the Candidate

Rev. Phil Hodson

Examination

Rev. Dr. Dan De Leon

***Acclamation**

Association Minister: People of God, you have heard the promises Brooke has made. What is your will?

**Association Members: By the grace of God, she is worthy! Let us ordain her.
Come, Holy Spirit.**

Association Minister: Will you support Brooke in the ministry of Christ?

Association Members: We will.

***Laying on of Hands**

Declaration

Rev. Nikki Stahl

Presentation of Gifts

OFFERTORY

Today's offering will go towards the 2023 Youth Group Mission Trip, and the Youth Ministry of Friends Congregational Church

Secure online giving via Church Office Giving at bit.ly/givetofriends

Text to give: Text **Friends** to 979-500-2523

Venmo to 979-307-8860 or @friendsucc

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts,
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts,
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Trent Williams

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Greeting

Rev. Nikki Stahl

One: The Heart of Texas Association of the South Central Conference of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

All: Let us look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Presentation

Dr. Cathy Hansen

Exhortation

Rev. Phil Hodson

***Covenant**

Rev. Nikki Stahl

One: Members of Friends Congregational Church, will you rise in body or in spirit and affirm your covenant with your associate pastor and teacher?

Members of the church stand for the remainder of the covenant.

Friends Church Members:

We, the members of Friends Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, receive Brooke Dooley as a pastor and teacher of our congregation, promising to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel and to give her due honor and support. We gather with her and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

One: Members of the Heart of Texas Association, will you rise in body or in spirit and affirm your covenant with Friends Congregational Church United Church of Christ and its associate pastor?

Members of the association stand for the remainder of the covenant.

Association Members:

We, the members of the Heart of Texas Association of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and a pastor and teacher of Friends Congregational Church, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

***Prayer of Installation**

Rev. Phil Hodson

***Declaration**

Rev. Nikki Stahl

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Heart of Texas Association of the South Central Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as Associate Pastor to Youth and Young Adults of Friends Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Brooke Dooley

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Brooke Dooley

**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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 355: God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian**

Tune: Hyfrydol

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Brooke Dooley

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

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Instrumental Music:

Prelude: Make Them Hear You (from *Ragtime*) - Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens

Offertory: Vienna - Billy Joel

Communion: The Ladies Who Lunch (from *Company*) - Stephen Sondheim

Postlude: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee - Ludwig van Beethoven, arranged by Joel
Raney

Friends Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Vision:

Rooted in the way of Christ, we strive to be a community of God's radical inclusion and extravagant welcome.

Mission:

United by the example of Jesus, we live faithfully, love limitlessly, and serve boldly.

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