

INSTALLATION SERVICE OF PASTOR AARON GREYDANUS

October 1, 2023 3:00 P.M. – Rev. Brian Dunn

Prelude: *“Be Thou My Vision”*

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Opening Prayer

*Song of Praise: #239:1-3 *“Amid the Thronging Worshipers”*

God’s Greeting

Song of Praise and Preparation: #461:1-4 *“Beautiful Savior”*

Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Message: **“The Call of a Pastor**

*Song of Application: #531:1-3 *“How Shall They Hear the Word of God”*

Statement of Purpose

Service of Installation

The Announcement

The Introduction

The Instruction

The Questions:

Brother Greydanus in order that all God’s people assembled here may witness that you, in the strength of the Lord, accept the responsibilities of this office, you are requested to stand and answer the following questions:

Do you believe that in the call of this congregation God himself calls you to this holy ministry?

Do you believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and life?

Do you subscribe to the doctrinal standards of this church, rejecting all teaching which contradicts them?

Do you promise to be a faithful minister, to conduct yourself in a manner worthy of your calling, and to submit to the government and discipline of the church?

Pastor Aaron, what is your answer?

Answer: I do, God helping me.

Will you pray with me. God, our heavenly Father, who has called you to this great and glorious office, enlighten, strengthen, and govern you by his Word and Spirit that you may serve faithfully and fruitfully in your ministry, to the glory of his name and the coming of the kingdom of his Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

(Congregation please stand and take your vows)

Do you in the name of the Lord welcome this brother as your minister and pastor?

Do you promise to take to heart the Word of God as he proclaims it? Do you promise to pray for him,

to share with him in the work of the ministry to encourage him in the exercise of his tasks, and to respond to his work with obedience, love, and respect?

Congregation what is your answer?

We do, God helping us.

Dear brother and fellow servant of Christ:

We all rejoice with you on this day as you begin your work in this congregation. May you experience much joy in fulfilling your calling. As you exercise the authority of the office entrusted to you, may you always remain a humble servant. Look faithfully after the whole flock, the old and the young, the faithful and the unfaithful, the healthy and the sick, the strong and the weak. Rejoice with those who rejoice and suffer with those who suffer. Use all your talents to the utmost of your ability, and do not neglect any of your gifts. And one day our chief Shepherd will give you the crown of glory, saying “Well done, good and faithful servant.” And to you dear fellow Christians, congratulations also. This is truly the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Keep your vows. Receive your minister as a gift of God. Listen to him with all the respect due his office. Encourage him when he needs strength, and pray for him daily. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward (Matt. 10:41). May you as pastor and congregation live as the bride longing for the coming of our heavenly Bridegroom, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus” (Rev. 22:20). Let us now give thanks and ask the Lord to help us do what we have promised.

Laying of hands: Council and anyone who would like to lay hands on Rev. Greydanus come up at this time. Pastor will close with a prayer over him and the congregation.

Offering: Mission Fund

Offertory: *“You Servants of the Lord Our God”*

Benediction

*Closing Hymn: #502:1-4 *“The Church’s One Foundation”*

Prelude: *“God Is Here”*

In this time of celebration, we would offer special praise...Lord, our church belongs to you.”

*indicates congregation stand

organist: MaryLou Wielenga

(Please join us in the church basement for cake & coffee)

Sunday afternoon, October 1, 2023

Text: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Message: "The Call of a Pastor"

Sermon Notes: