



March 17, 2019

**SERVICE  
OF INSTALLATION**  
The Rev. Amy E. S. Lincoln as Pastor of  
The Presbyterian Church  
Flemington, New Jersey

Sunday, March 17, 2019 — 3:00 p.m.

Prelude Benedictus  
Celtic Grace  
Memorial Ringers Alec Rowley  
Lynne Hollander

Welcome The Rev. Molly Dykstra  
Moderator, The Presbytery of New Brunswick

Call to Worship *(from Hymn 14 - For the Beauty of the Earth)*

One: For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,

**All: For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,**

One: Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

**All: For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,**

One: Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,

**All: Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

One: For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,

**All: Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,**

**Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

\*Processional Hymn 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of promise, forgive your people when your dreams of shalom for all are co-opted by yearnings for earthly kingdoms. Give us the courage to name the sins which continue to distort our lives, the attitudes that some are better than others, the complicity in systems that are unjust, the complacency with institutions that diminish the common good. Reform us and give us strength, Lord. May our life together bless all creation with your shalom – a life in which every person will experience dignity, well-being, wholeness, peace, and justice. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Christ is our peace: those who are divided, Christ has made one. In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven!

**All: Christ has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and has built us up into one body in Christ. We are forgiven!**

One: Let us live as forgiven and reconciled people! Thanks be to God!

\*Song of Joy 611 (stanza 1) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!**

**Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.**

**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.**

**Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

\*Passing of the Peace

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 61: 1- 4 (pg. 603)

Psalm Psalm 126 (pg. 499)

Anthem Bless Your Church, O Lord Robert Lau

Bless your church, O Lord; for love of her you died. May she be a beacon of light where love and peace abide. You have chosen us to be consecrated to you. As we learn to live your love may it show in all we do. Lift, Lord, your gracious face; give us your holy peace. May the light of your sweet grace be in us and never cease. The gate of time swings wide; your promise will not fail. In dedicated lives to you our compassion will prevail. Hear our prayer. When we face life's trials, guide us with a promise bright; we will follow with conviction, Lord, led by Jesus Christ, the Light.

Epistle Reading II Corinthians 5: 14 – 21 (pg. 940)

Gospel Reading Matthew 11: 25 - 30 (pg. 792)

Sermon *Vows and Yokes* The Rev. Rupert "Bo" Harris, Jr.

\*Hymn 100 My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**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 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.**

Offering

*(The offering received today will be used by The Presbytery of New Brunswick for financial assistance to candidates for ministry through the Committee on Ministry).*

Offertory Be Thou My Vision Alice Parker

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought 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 great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise Christ all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

## The Service of Installation

Litany of Gifts Moderator, Rev. Molly Dykstra

One: There are varieties of gifts,

**All: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

One: There are different ways of serving God,

**All: But it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through each person in a unique way,

**All: But it is God's purpose that is accomplished.**

One: To each is given a gift of the Spirit,

**All: To be used for the common good.**

**One: Together we are the body of Christ,**

**All: And individually members of it.**

Moderator: 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 of 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. The Presbytery of New Brunswick, by means of this commission, welcomes Amy Lincoln as a minister of Word and Sacrament and installs her as pastor of Flemington Presbyterian Church.

\*Profession of Faith — The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Presentation of the Candidate

Elder and Clerk of Session, Jamie Evans  
Flemington Presbyterian Church

Constitutional Questions to the Candidate

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 be a minister of the Word and Sacrament in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and 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 seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful minister of Word and Sacrament, proclaiming the good news, 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?

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Do we, the members of Flemington Presbyterian Church, accept the Rev. Amy E. S. Lincoln as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of the congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for her, encourage her, respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us,

serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the church?  
Do we promise to pay her fairly and provide for her welfare as she works among us; to stand by her in trouble and share her joys?  
Will we listen to the word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her authority as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation

Welcome by the Commission

Charge to the Pastor

The Rev. Jeanne Radak

Charge to the Congregation

The Rev. Paul Rhebergen

\*Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me?

\*Benediction and Blessing

The Rev. Amy E. S. Lincoln

Choral Response

Go Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

Go now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you, feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way. In your time of trouble, when hurt and despair are there to grieve you, know that the Lord will never leave you, He will bring you courage. Know that the God who sent his son to die that you may live, will never leave you lost and alone in his beloved world. Go now in peace.

Postlude

Toccata (Fifth Symphony)

Charles-Marie Widor

**Welcome to Flemington Presbyterian Church.**

***Amy extends a heartfelt thank you to all who contributed time, energy, and talents to making this special occasion possible! God is good!***

***Light refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall directly behind the sanctuary immediately following the worship service.***

**Presbytery of New Brunswick Commission to Install  
The Rev. Amy E. S. Lincoln as Pastor  
Flemington Presbyterian Church**

The Rev. Rupert "Bo" Harris, Jr. is an honorably retired minister member of Albany Presbytery. Bo was the senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Mendham, NJ where Amy served as the Associate Pastor for Family Ministry, where she was ordained to her first call after finishing seminary. Bo and his wife, Jan, have been gracious teachers, colleagues, and mentors in life and ministry of Amy and her husband, Jeff, ever since.

**Teaching Elders**

The Rev. Walter DeGunya

Chaplain, Ann Klein Forensic Center, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services

The Rev. Sharyl Dixon

Pastor, Kingston Presbyterian Church and FPC liaison to Committee on Ministries

The Rev. Molly Dykstra

Moderator, The Presbytery of New Brunswick  
and Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Karen Hernandez-Granzen

Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Paul Rhebergen

Pastor, Ewing Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Jeanne Radak

Presbytery Leader, The Presbytery of Newton

**Ruling Elders**

Jamie Evans

Clerk of Session, Flemington Presbyterian Church

Carol Hecky

Elder, Ewing Presbyterian Church

Howard Thomas

Elder, Alexandria Presbyterian Church

**Musicians**

Chancel Choir of Flemington Presbyterian Church

J. Jay Smith, Director of Music/Organist

Memorial Ringers of Flemington Presbyterian Church

Margaret Sheneman, Director of Handbells

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