



Lake Erie PRESBYTERY

The Worship of God
and the Retirement Celebration of
Rev. Dr. David Oyler
General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Lake Erie

Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 5:00 O'clock in the Afternoon

PRELUDES

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Beethoven
Linda DeAngelo, organist and Nancy McNally, piano

"Sheep May Safely Graze" Bach
Jane Livingston, organist

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Greg Gillispie

CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve and Beth Seymour

Written by Rev. Charles Cammarata

He said to James and John, "Come follow me."

Just like that?

Just like that. And they dropped everything and followed.

Everything?

Everything... for it is in dropping everything

That the real adventure of faith is lived.

So, do we have to drop everything too?

Only if we want the abundant life Jesus offers.

No other gods but God huh?

That's right.

And ... That's hard.

As are all things that lead to life.

The birth of a child;

Yes.

The creation of beautiful art;

No doubt.

Mastery of an instrument;

Making a marriage;

Climbing to the mountain top...

Pause...

Today, as he did then, Jesus says,

“Come follow me.”

So, let us go with him

On the hard road

Of loving people of all colors and creeds

On the narrow way of

Good stewardship of God's glorious creation,

On the arduous path of mending breaches

in church and culture

From the tiny perch that founds our identity

Not on our politics, or nationality, or religion;

Or our color, or social status, or level of wealth,

But on the one thing that never fails

On the rock that is the love of God

Made visible and knowable in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dennis Mihoci

HYMN

“Come Live in the Light”

We Are Called

Revs. James and Anita Bernhardt & Revs. Harry and Susan Speakman,

vocalists; Dawn Weborg, Organist

Come! live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,

to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice.

We are called to love tenderly.

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

***We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!***

Refrain: We are called to act with justice.

We are called to love tenderly.

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!

***God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters
and brothers united in love!***

Refrain: We are called to act with justice.

We are called to love tenderly.

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Timothy Olsen, CP

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 1:2b-9

Megan Troxell

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:5-7

Rev. Buddy Ward

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-16

SERMON

“Future Focused Faith”

Rev. Dr. David Oyler

APOSTLES CREED

Beth Mather

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. On the third day He rose again from the dead; and 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.

RECOGNITION OF HONORABLE RETIREMENT

Rev. Ronee Christy

Litany

Declaration

Words of Thanks from around the Presbytery and the World

Litany of Recognition

Re: "Thanks be to God."

Words of Congratulations

Rev. Keith Sundberg

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

"Rejoice the Lord is King"

Darwall

Leslie Weber, organist

Rev. Dr. David Oyler, Rev. Britney Knight, Monty Service, vocalists

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore!

*Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.*

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus, reigns,

the God of truth and love;

when he had purged our stains,

he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail;

he rules o'er earth and heaven;

the keys of death and hell

are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!

For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gather all the saints

to their eternal home.

*Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Oyler, Honorably Retired

POSTLUDES

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” St. Anne
Nathaniel Licht, Organist

“Lift High the Cross” Crucifer
Regina Claire Gabriel, Organist

Note: The hymns and musical selections are David Oyler’s favorites.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Rev. Dr. David Oyler, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Lake Erie

Linda DeAngelo, organist, Harborcreek Presbyterian Church

Nancy McNally, pianist, Harborcreek Presbyterian Church

Rev. Greg Gillispie, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Lake Erie and pastor of
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Steve Seymour, Ruling Elder, and Beth Seymour, Deacon, North East
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Dennis Mihoci, Ruling Elder, North Shenango Presbyterian Church

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Moderator of Presbytery of Lake Erie

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Leslie Weber, organist, First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant

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Regina Claire Gabriel, organist, First Presbyterian Church of Bradford

Jane Livingston, organist, North East Presbyterian Church

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