

The Worship of God

April 14, 2018

Service of Ordination

Prelude	“Great is Thy Faithfulness”	arr. Janet Linker
Welcome to Worship		Rev. Dr. Ray Howell III
Choral Introit	“Glory Be to God the Father”	arr. Paul Freeman
	Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening of the Bible	Sydney Hall and Alex Ortiz
Call to Worship	Psalm 139	FBC Children and Youth
Prayer of Invocation		Vanessa Clark
Scripture Lesson	Acts 2:1-18	Rev. JD Granade
Instrumental Interlude*	“How Great Thou Art”	arr. Jeanne Shaffer
Charge to the Church		Rev. Joshua Speight
Charge to the Candidate		Rev. Alica Kirkpatrick
Choral Anthem	“Here I Am”	Jack Schrader
Scripture Lesson	Ephesians 4:1-13	Beth, Dewayne, Emma, and Sydney Smith
Sermon	“One of Many”	Rev. Ruth Perkins Lee
Hymn Insert	“Servant Song”	BEACH SPRINGS
Litany	Whitney Brooks, Abby Armstrong Gill, Rev. Lindsey Huggins, Cynthia Moss, and Rev. Betsy Young	

Betsy: We gather here today, Meagan, as witnesses that have traveled with you on your journey of faith. We celebrate your ministry among us and affirm God’s work in your life. Because you have been gifted and empowered by the Spirit, we come to ordain you to the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Cynthia: We are the voices of nurture, speaking from within the wonderful churches that surround you. With ever-abiding care, we have given you the foundation of faith. Go forth and nurture others with the same generosity of spirit as we have nurtured you.

Abby: We are the voices of love, speaking from within the family that surrounds you. We have embodied the love of God that extends beyond condition. Go forth and love others with the depth of devotion as we have loved you.

Lindsey: We are the voices of challenge, speaking from within the circle of friends that surrounds you. With reverent conviction, we have perpetually summoned you to think and act outside of your comfort zone. Go forth and challenge others with the same spirit of friendship as we have challenged you.

Whitney: We are the voices of the oppressed, speaking from within the larger community that surrounds you. With dreams of what can be, we seek hope for the future and ask that you take risks and work for change. Go forth and seek justice for others with the same ferocity of need as we have called you.

All: We recognize this servant leader as one set apart to guide, strengthen, and walk with us as we live out our faith. We pledge our love and support and offer our prayers that together we may glorify God and make Christ known in the World.

Congregation: We ask God’s blessing on Meagan, and on each member of this wide family of faith, in the name of Christ, whose people we are. Amen.

Blessing

Rev. Dr. Pam Durso

The Laying on of Hands

Reading

“The Blessing of Elijah”
By Jan L. Richardson

Trista Armstrong

Hymn Insert

“God of the Women”

SLANE

Presentation from First Baptist Church Lexington

Rev. Dr. Ray Howell III

Benediction

Rev. Meagan Smith

Postlude

“Maestoso”

R.A Schumann

Worship Leaders

Trista Armstrong, Meagan's friend from Auburn
Whitney Brooks, Youth Leader, First Baptist Church Lexington
Vanessa Clark, Meagan's best friend
Rev. Dr. Pam Durso, Executive Director, Baptist Women in Ministry
Rev. JD Granade, Minister of Youth and Congregational Life, Roxboro Baptist Church
Abby Armstrong Gill, Meagan's childhood friend
Sydney Hall, member of First Baptist Church Lexington Children's Ministry
Rev. Dr. Ray Howell III, Senior Minister, First Baptist Church Lexington
Rev. Lindsey Huggins, Circles in Columbus Coach, Open Door Community House
Beverly Khemlani, Organist, First Baptist Church Lexington
Rev. Alica Kirkpatrick, Meagan's former Associate Pastor
Rev. Ruth Perkins Lee, Meagan's former Youth and College Minister,
Director of Church Engagement, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
Cynthia Moss, Meagan's childhood friend
Alex Ortiz, member of First Baptist Church Lexington Youth Group
Beth Smith, Meagan's mother
Dewayne Smith, Meagan's father
Emma Smith, Meagan's sister
Sydney Smith, Meagan's sister
Rev. Joshua Speight, Manager of Leadership Development,
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
Rev. Betsy Young, LPCA, CareNet Clinical Resident

*Meagan's Grandmother, Myra Pullen Croft, had a significant influence on her life and faith journey, and she would have loved to be here on this day to celebrate with Meagan and her family. Meagan chose to include "How Great Thou Art" as an instrumental interlude to honor her Gigi's memory because it was one of her favorite hymns.

The Litany comes from the ordination service of Kristina Woods Brown via Baptist Women in Ministry Ordination Resources.

You are invited today to speak words of affirmation and blessing to Meagan during the Laying on of Hands, but you are also invited to write your words of blessing on the cards provided. These cards will be a gift to Meagan and will remind her of this special day and of your encouragement and support of her calling and giftedness.

All are invited to a reception following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Service of Ordination for Meagan Alexandra Smith



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