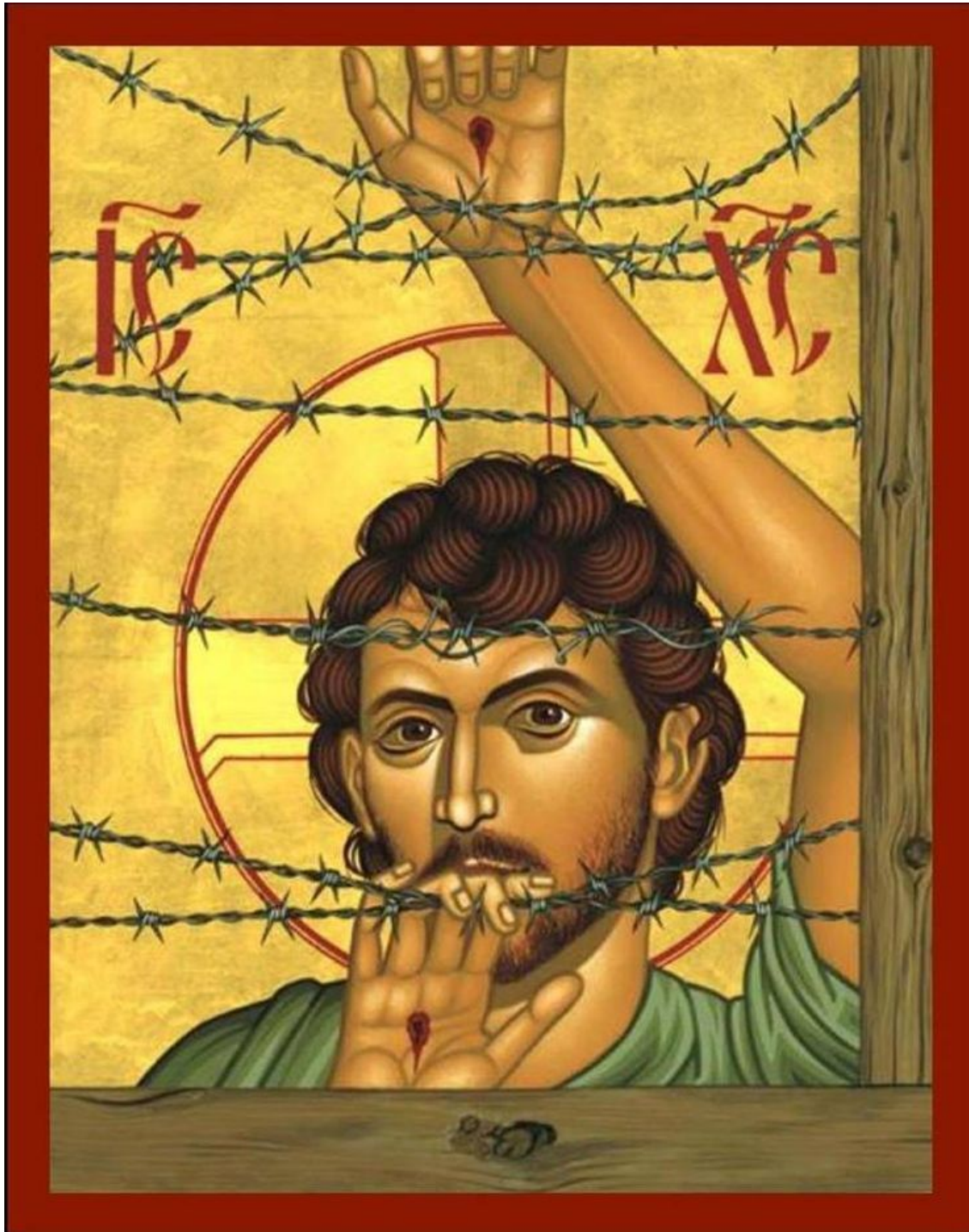


The Ordination of Christian Briones into Christian Ministry



Br. Robert Lentz

May 25, 2019
2:00 p.m.

GATHERING

+All are invited to stand. If you are more comfortable remaining seated, please feel free to do so.

PRELUDE **Be Thou My Vision** **Ms. Kathy Hall**

WELCOME **Rev. Lee Ann Bryce**

One: Come, let everyone in this place receive the love of God,
extended in and through this community.

All: **No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.**

+PROCESSIONAL SONG **Bring Many Names** **(Scroll past
acknowledgments)**

REFLECTING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **Rev. Dr. Bill Boyd**

NEW MINISTRY WITH MAYFLOWER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST **Mr. Mark Lorenzen**

SCRIPTURE **2 Chronicles 28:1-15** **Ms. Leah Jordan**

SERMON **Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney**

OFFERTORY **Come, Thou Fount** **Mr. Cooper Langham**

Today's offering will benefit The Women's Center. Their work is to inspire and empower women, men, and children to overcome violence, crisis, and poverty in Tarrant County.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION

GREETING **Dr. Dee Shuttlesworth**

Dr. Shuttlesworth: Grace to you and peace from God, who is and who was and who is to come. The North 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 **Rev. Peter Nichols & Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson**

Rev. Nichols: First Congregational Church United Church of Christ,
after carefully considering the call to ordained ministry of Christian Briones,
respectfully requests that the North Texas Association
ordain Christian Briones to the ministry of the church of Jesus Christ,
consistent with scripture and with the traditions of the church universal and

according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Dr. Hudson: *(addressing the congregation)*

The North Texas Association has reviewed the request of
First Congregational Church United Church of Christ.

We have prayerfully examined Christian Briones concerning his fitness
for ministry in Christ's church. We are pleased, on behalf of the United
Church of Christ, to authorize the ordination of Christian Briones into the
Christian ministry.

Christian Briones, servant of God, we invite you to come forward
as a sign of your consent to receive ordination into the Christian ministry.

The United Church of Christ acknowledges as its sole head, Jesus Christ, Son
of God and Savior...

...By this rite ordained ministerial standing is conferred and authorization
given to perform the duties and exercise the prerogatives of ordained
ministry in the United Church of Christ.

EXHORTATION

Ms. Betty Nichols & Dr. Mary Jo Kaska

Ms. Nichols:

Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah:

I heard the voice of the Holy One saying, "Whom shall I send,
and who will go for us?"

Then I said "Here I am! Send me!"

How wonderful it is to see a messenger coming across the mountains,
bringing good news, the news of peace!

The messenger announces victory and says to Zion "Your God reigns."

The Spirit of God is upon me,

because the Holy One has anointed me to bring good news to the poor,
heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives,
and freedom to those who are bound.

Dr. Kaska:

(Questions for the ordinand follow, concluding with)

Do you accept the faith and order of the United Church of Christ;

and will you, as an ordained minister in this communion,

ecumenically reach out toward all who are in Christ

and show Christian love to people of other faiths and people of no faith?

Ordinand:

I do and I will, relying on God's grace.

ACCLAMATION

Dr. Dee Shuttlesworth & Rev. Lee Ann Bryce

Dr. Shuttlesworth:

People of God, you have heard the promises Christian Briones has made.

What is your will?

NTA Members:

By the grace of God he is worthy!

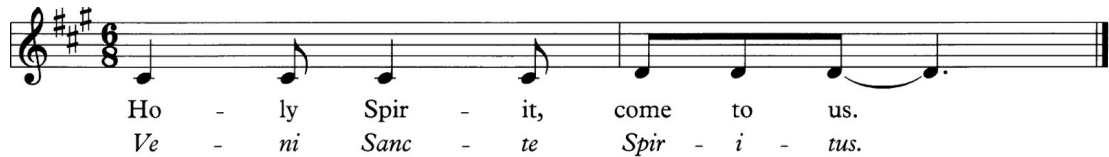
Come, Holy Spirit.

Dr. Shuttlesworth: Will you support Christian Briones in the ministry of Christ?

NTA members: We will.

Dr. Shuttlesworth: Christian, please kneel.
Clergy and members of the North Texas Association and
First Congregational Church are invited forward to surround Christian.

(As people gather, congregation sings "Veni Sancte Spiritus.")



Dr. Shuttlesworth: The laying on of hands is the symbolic act whereby the church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men and asks the Holy Spirit to confer on them gifts for ordained ministry.

Rev. Bryce:

Let us pray. Eternal God, in wisdom you govern all things,
and from the beginning you have chosen faithful people to serve you
in ministry..
...Increase Christian's faith in you, strengthen him in the day of trouble,
prosper his words and works that your name may be glorified
and your truth exalted;
through Jesus Christ our Sovereign and Savior.

ALL: Amen. Thanks be to God!

DECLARATION

Rev. Dr. Hudson: In the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church,
and by the authority of the North Texas Association
of the South Central Conference of the United Church of Christ,
I declare you to be ordained into the ministry of Jesus Christ.

You are granted ordained ministerial standing in the United Church of
Christ; and on behalf of its people, we offer you the hand of Christian
love. *(greet and return to seats)*

(Presentation of gifts)

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

This table is open to all. Please come forward to receive the bread and cup.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Down to the River to Pray

Mr. Tim Cruise

BENEDICTION

Rev. Christian Briones

POSTLUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Special acknowledgement to those who participated in the service:

Ms. Kathy Hall **Accompanist**

Rev. Dr. Bill Boyd **Senior Pastor**
Edge Park United Methodist Church

Mr. Mark Lorenzen **Mayflower UCC, Minneapolis, MN**

Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney **Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible**
Brite Divinity School

Mr. Cooper Langham **Pianist**

Mr. Tim Cruise **Guitarist**

Ms. Leah Jordan **Liturgist**

Rev. Peter Nichols **First Congregational Church**

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson **Chair, North Texas Association Committee on Ministry**

Ms. Betty Nichols **Member, North Texas Association Committee on**
Ministry

Dr. Mary Jo Kaska **Member, North Texas Association Committee on**
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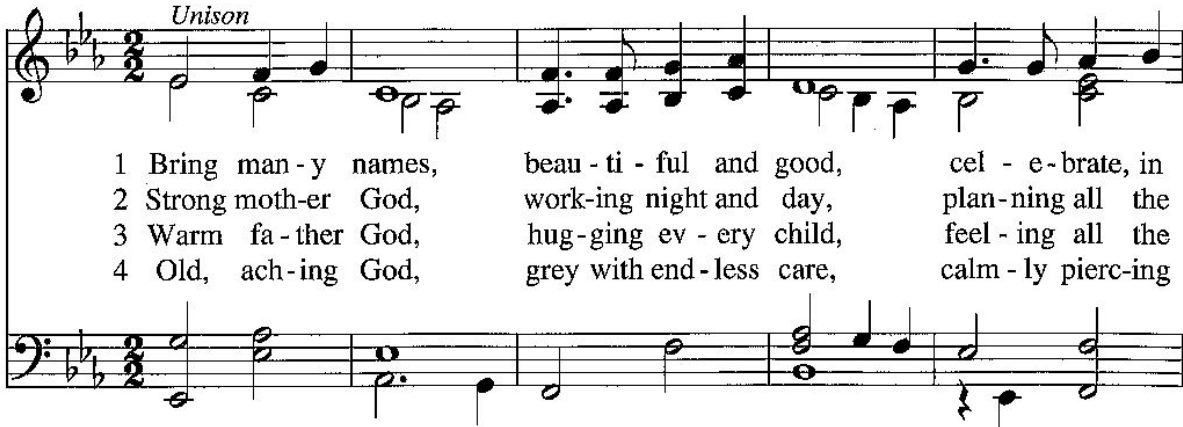
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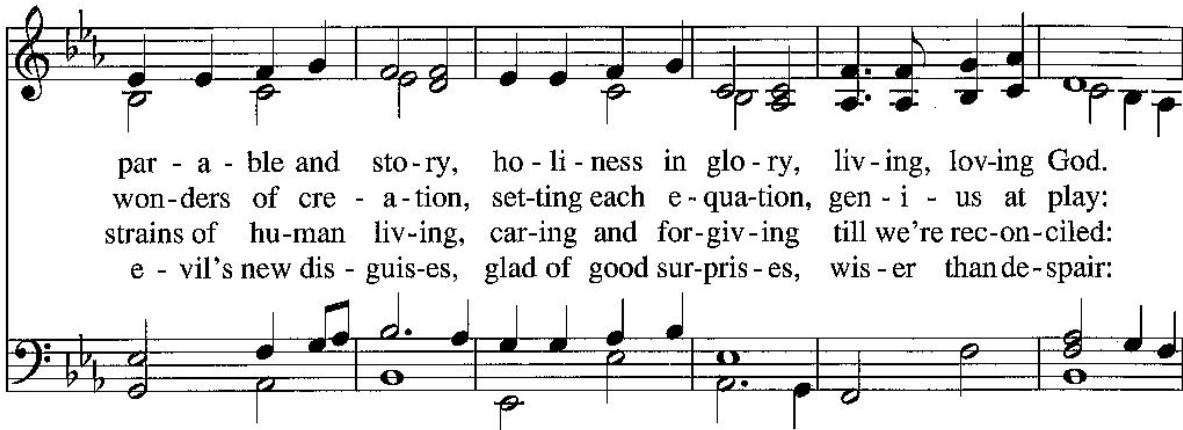
Bring Many Names

Brian Wren, 1989

Unison



1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in
2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the
3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the
4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing



par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:
strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:



Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!
Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger,
on the move,
say - ing no to false - hood and
un - kind - ness,
cry - ing out for jus - tice,
giv - ing all you have:
Hail and Ho - san - na,
young, grow - ing God!

6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er - ful - ly known,
joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,
clos - er yet than breath - ing,
ev - er - last - ing home:
Hail and Ho - san - na,
great, liv - ing God!