



Presbytery of Southern New England
Service of Ordination
to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament
Jessica Russell Jones
September 13, 2020

Welcome

Rev. Shannon White

Prelude

“As the Deer”

Caleb and Aiden Sharp

*Call to Worship

Rev. Shannon White

One: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving.

All: **God of glory, we stand before you with humility and gratitude.**

One: Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

All: **God of abundance, we stand before you with joy.**

One: Let us worship our God with all that we are.

All: **God of majesty, we stand before you in celebration because ALL things are possible through Christ who strengthens us. Amen!**

*Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mary Barnett

Poem

“Primary Wonder”

Emily Blass

Days pass when I forget the mystery.
Problems insoluble and problems offering
their own ignored solutions
jostle for my attention, they crowd its antechamber
along with a host of diversions, my courtiers, wearing
their colored clothes; cap and bells.

And then

once more the quiet mystery
is present to me, the throng’s clamor
recedes: the mystery
that there is anything, anything at all,
let alone cosmos, joy, memory, everything,
rather than void: and that, O Lord,
Creator, Hallowed One, You still,
hour by hour sustain it.

- Denise Levertov (1923–1997)

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Jenny Peek

**Holy God, days pass when we forget the quiet mystery of your Presence.
Days pass when diversions become our courtiers, and we stop noticing.**

**We know you continue to send gifts to us, even though we do not claim them.
We confess that we have not always opened our gifts.
We have often chosen to keep them packed away or buried.**

**Move us, by your Spirit, to pick up the presents that you so freely give us, to open
them and to spend them lavishly on the stewardship of your world.**

Sustain us, Creator, Hallowed One... Sustain Us. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon		Rev. Jenny Peek
Prayer for Illumination		Hillary Brown
New Testament Scripture	John 13:1-9, 12-14	Hillary Brown
Hebrew Scripture	Genesis 32: 22-31	Elder Keith Rhoden
Sermon	<i>Blessed to Bless Others</i>	Rev. Felicia SmithGraybeal
Anthem	“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	Jessica Raaum Foster Accompanist, Nancy Raaum
Affirmation of Chaplaincy Call		Rev. Debra Slade
Moderator’s Welcome and Statement of Ordination		Moderator Stephen Hart
Anointing		Andrew Jones
Questions for the Candidate		Moderator Stephen Hart
*Question for the Congregation		Elder John Burgdorfer
	One: Will you, the friends, family, colleagues, and mentors of Jessica, provide her support, encouragement, and guidance as she travels the road of discernment and service to God and God’s people?	
	All: We will!	
Prayer of Ordination		Rev. Susan Power Trucksess
Declaration of Ordination		Moderator Stephen Hart
Welcome		Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo
Charge to the Newly Ordained		Rev. Shannon White
Presentation of Symbols for Ministry		Rev. Shannon White
Offering		Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo
Offertory**	“Here I Am, Lord”	Jessica Raaum Foster Accompanist, Nancy Raaum
Benediction		Rev. Jessica Jones
Postlude	“Here I Am, Lord”	Caleb and Aiden Sharp



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Participants

Rev. Shannon White: Pastor, Wilton Presbyterian Church

Rev. Mary Barnett: Missional Priest, Church of the Holy Trinity, Middletown, CT

Emily Blass: Jessica's sister

Rev. Jenny Peek: Chaplain, Yale University

Hillary Brown: Jessica's sister

Keith Rhoden: Elder, First Presbyterian Church Hartford

Rev. Felicia SmithGraybeal: Priest in Charge, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fort Collins CO

Jessica Raaum Foster: Actress and Singer

Nancy Raaum: Accompanist

Rev. Debra Slade: Senior Director of Spiritual Care at Norwalk Hospital and Vicar of St. Francis Episcopal Church, Stamford CT

Stephen Hart: Moderator, Presbytery of Southern New England

Rev. Susan Power Trucksess: Commissioner, Presbytery of Southern New England

Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo: General Presbyter, Presbytery of Southern New England

John Burgdorfer: Elder, Wilton Presbyterian Church

Caleb Sharp: cello

Aiden Sharp: violin

Nate Taylor: Co-Director of Family Ministries, Wilton Presbyterian Church

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Rev. Shannon White

Elder John Burgdorfer

Elder Keith Rhoden

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** My heart is full today! Full of joy and gratitude and awe at the faithfulness of God, who has sustained me, carried me, and led me to this momentous day of ordination. In my life, God has spoken to me through my church, my dear friends, and my family. Thank you to each and every one of you here in person and in spirit today. You have supported me and cheered for me each step of this journey. Nate and Natasha, a huge thank you to you both for planning and executing this virtual service; you are incredible!

With great love and appreciation,

Jessica

