

He drew a circle to shut us out.  
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.  
But love and I had the wit to win.  
We drew a Circle that took him in.

*~ Edwin Markham*



**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DEACON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**  
**OCTOBER 4, 2020**  
**10:00 A.M.**

Invitation to Worship

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Prelude

Dan Locklair

*"The Peace may be exchanged." from Rubrics*

Call to Worship – from 1 Corinthians 12

Perry Dixon

There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ

**and individually members of it. Let us worship God together.**

Hymn of Praise

MERLE'S TUNE

*We All Are One in Mission*

Diane Brewer, Soprano

1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,  
 2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent, our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace  
 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,  
 to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - ery land and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Prayer of Praise

Bill Martin, Deacon Chair 2019-2020

Reading Scripture

Perry Dixon

Deuteronomy 15:7-11  
Romans 12:9-21

Introduction of the Candidates

Doris Hornbuckle, Deacon Chair 2020-2021

Randy Biery, Troy Burden, Rob Burke, Vi Chatmon, Christy Chesnut,  
Deborah Keeling, Ginger Miller, Bill Ockerman, Erin Phelps, Alan Spade

Ordination Prayer and Blessing

Carol Harston

Randy Biery, Rob Burke, Christy Chesnut, Deborah Keeling, Erin Phelps

Sermon

*Who Is My Neighbor?*

Deacon and Congregational Pledge

Doris Hornbuckle

**Church:** We, the church, have recognized and affirmed your gifts for servant leadership. We bless and honor your willingness to serve among and with us as we all try to embody the servant heart of our Lord.

Deacons: We are grateful and honored by this commitment of trust. We offer ourselves to God and to you, God's people—to serve in ministry, to provide spiritual discernment, and to walk faithfully in community with others.

**Church:** Jesus is our model for faithful inclusion, compassionate confrontation, and empowering love. We, as God's people, will strive to follow the ways of Jesus as we live, work and worship together.

Deacons: As deacons of the church, we will serve with a spirit of love, working to listen to and see all people in the way that God does—being attentive, and welcoming, patient and lovingly persistent, compassionate and fully present.

**Church:** We join you as together we embrace Christ's call to build up of the Body in a spirit of grace, encouragement and hope.

A Word on Honor Deacons

Bill Campbell, Deacon Vice-Chair 2020-2021

A Time to Give Thanks

Doris Hornbuckle, Deacon Chair 2020-2021

Hymn

EVANGELINE

*Look, You Saints, the Cloud of Witness*

Faithful Giving Moment and Offertory Prayer

Bob Uphaus

News for the Community

Carol Harston

Doxology

TALLIS' CANON

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

Benediction

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

David German

*Festive Trumpet Tune*

**Deacons Being Ordained to Active Ministry:**

Randy Biery, Rob Burke, Christy Chesnut, Deborah Keeling, Erin Phelps.

**Deacons Being Installed to Active Ministry:**

Randy Biery, Rob Burke, Christy Chesnut, Deborah Keeling, Erin Phelps  
Troy Burden, Vi Chatmon, Ginger Miller, Bill Ockerman, Alan Spade.

**Deacons Now Serving in Active Ministry:**

Justin Boldt, Diane Brewer, Suzanne Busse, Bill Campbell (vice-chair), Steven Michael Carr,  
Larry Davis, Joey Eubank, Sally Evans, Phillip Garrett, Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons, Jeff Grey,  
David Hartley, Becky Hines, Doris Hornbuckle (chair), Scott Kerr, Patty Martin Nichols,  
John Pacyga, Autumn Reece, Alison Schureck, Missy Smith.

**Honor Deacons:**

Keith Eiken, Billie Johnson, Reece Little, Pat Ramsey.

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## Today in Worship

We greatly appreciate the gift of prayer shawls for the five deacons being ordained; a gift from Highland's Prayer Shawl Ministry Group.

We appreciate Bob Uphaus' encouraging words for giving and offertory prayer in today's service. Bob and Ruth joined Highland in 2008. They are members of the Generations Bible Study Class.

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