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Lee’s Summit, Missouri, USA

Welcomes you to:

The Ordination of

Reverend Paul Timothy Mapletoft

As Unity Minister

By

Rev. Joan Williams–Payne

On behalf of National Unity School (UK)

On

Saturday 20th January 2024 at 2:30PM (GMT)

Friends’ Meeting House, Maidenhead

(Zoom 719 579 4060)

# Order of Service

**Musical Introduction** Gregory Porilo

**Introit Song**: The Servant Song

**Introduction & Opening Prayer** Rev Linda Persaud

**Reading**: Isaiah 61:1 Rev Linda Persaud

**Invocation**: Rev Claudette Bovell Lewis

**Song**: Let’s Celebrate Life

**Daily Word**: “I put God first and elevate my perspective”

Nancy Sandoval

**Song:**  Make me a channel of your peace

**Reading**: Micah 6:8 Rev Joy Martin

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**Song 236:** Take My Life and Let it Be

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**Song**: The Peace Song

**Prayer for Protection**

***Musical Introduction***: Climb Every Mountain - Gregory Porilo

**Introit Song**: The Servant Song

**Introduction and Opening Prayer:** Rev Linda Persaud

PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

**Reading**: (Isaiah 61-1): Rev Linda Persaud

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,

because the LORD has anointed me;

he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,

to bind up the broken-hearted,

to proclaim liberty to the captives,

and release to the prisoners;

to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favour

**Invocation**: Rev Claudette Bovell-Lewis

I am now in the presence of pure Being and immersed in the Holy Spirit of life, love and wisdom. I acknowledge Thy presence and Thy power, O blessed Spirit. In Thy divine wisdom, now erase my mortal limitations and from Thy pure substance of love bring into manifestation my world according to Thy perfect Word

**Song**: Let’s Celebrate Life

Let’s celebrate life! Let’s give it a cheer!

Let’s celebrate freedom, peace and love

Each day of the year!

Let’s run up a flag, so people will know

That life is great when you start living, Ready, set, go

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

The Truth has set us free!

Let’s celebrate life! Let’s give it a song!

Let’s sing about peace and love

And freedom all the day long.

Let’s fire a salute so people will say,

“It’s great to be alive and living Hip Hip Hoo-Ray!,

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

The Truth has set us free!

Let’s celebrate life! Let’s give it a toast!

Let’s talk about freedom, peace,

And all the things we love most.

Let’s send up a flare so people will shout

“Life is great when you start living

Come create a life worth living

Celebrate the life you’re living, Sing it right out!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

The Truth has set us free!

**Daily Word**: Nancy Sandoval

*I put God first and elevate my perspective*.

**Song**: Make me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace

Where there is hatred let me bring your love

Where there is injury, your pardon Lord

And where there's doubt, true faith in you

Oh, master grant that I may never seek

So much to be consoled as to console

To be understood as to understand

To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace

Where there's despair in life let me bring hope

Where there is darkness, only light

And where there's sadness ever joy

Oh, master grant that I may never seek

So much to be consoled as to console

To be understood as to understand

To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned

In giving to all men that we receive

And in dying that we're born to eternal life

**Reading**: Micah 6: 8: Rev Joy Martin

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with your God?

**Song**: The Greatest Thing

The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You,

The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You;

I want to know You more, I want to know You more,

The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You.

The greatest thing in all my life is loving You,

The greatest thing in all my life is loving You;

I want to love You more, I want to love You more,

The greatest thing in all my life is loving You.

The greatest thing in all my life is serving You,

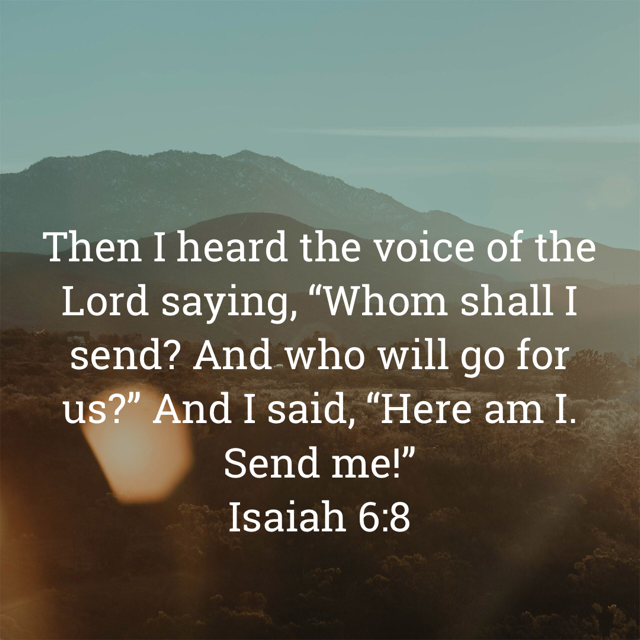
The greatest thing in all my life is serving You;

I want to serve You more, I want to serve You more,

The greatest thing in all my life is serving You.

**Reading**: John 17: 20 – 26: Rev Martin Bernard

‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

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**Song**: Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky

I have heard my people cry

All who dwell in dark and sin

My hand will save

I, who made the stars of night

I will make their darkness bright

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night

I will go, Lord, if you lead me

I will hold your people in my heart

I the Lord of wind and flame

I will tend the poor and lame

I will set a feast for them

My hand will save

Finest bread I will provide

Till their hearts be satisfied

I will give my life to them

Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night

I will go, Lord, if you lead me

I will hold your people in my heart

I will hold your people in my heart

**Reading**: Isaiah 43:1-3: Beth O’Connell

But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

**Address**: Rev Tom Thorpe ‘A Message of Journey’

**Song**: Take My Life and Let it Be

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my king.

Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use every power as you choose.

Take my will and make it Thine it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord I pour at thy feet its treasure store

Take myself and I will be ever, only all for thee,

**Tribute to Ordinand:**  Rev Kimerie Mapletoft

**Ordination Rites:** Rev Joan Williams-Payne

**Ordination Charge**

This is the day that you accept the blessings God has for you.

Know that God's will for you is bountiful good.

As you accept this promise, you discipline your thoughts and feelings, your beliefs and expectations and prepare to receive your good.

You are optimistic and good natured (God natured), you are loving and kind.

You open your life and your world to a great inflow of blessings of every conceivable kind.

You live by God's law of good and good flows to you from every direction.

You are kept in perfect peace and in tune with the universe.

Your life is rich-rich in friends, rich in health and goodwill, rich in joyous activity, rich in every necessary thing.

Your life is happy, you love your work, your play, your rest, your prayer time.

You put joy in all that you do and fulfilment is the result, because you believe in God and His good.

And you live accordingly.

**Letter of Authorisation**

**Declaration**

Ordaining Officer: Paul, please stand and affirm your responsibility as a Minister of Unity Worldwide Ministries.

I will say an affirmation and then ask you to say it with me.

I am Unity. *Together* – **I AM UNITY**.

I affirm my Unity with God. . *Together* –

**I AFFIRM MY UNITY WITH GOD**

Ordaining Officer: I affirm my consecration to God. I affirm I shall look to the indwelling Christ as my Source. I affirm my dedication to the principles of Truth to teach and to express.

I affirm my Unity with myself. *Together* –

**I AFFIRM MY UNITY WITH MYSELF**.

Ordaining Officer: I affirm my belief in the power of prayer by praying regularly. I affirm I teach more by what I am than by what I say. I affirm my integrity as a minister by high ethical and moral behaviour. I affirm that should I experience a personal crisis, which could affect my ministry, I shall inform and cooperate with Unity Worldwide Ministries.

I affirm my Unity with all ministers. *Together*:

**I AFFIRM MY UNITY WITH ALL MINISTERS**

Ordaining Officer: I affirm I shall respect all ministers and protect their honour.

I affirm I shall be particularly careful to avoid criticism of the minister who precedes me.

I affirm I shall seek the advancement of all the Unity ministers.

I affirm I shall conduct myself and my ministry without competition or contention, realising we will do our greatest work in “unity.”

I affirm I shall work in harmony with Unity Worldwide Ministries in what I teach, where I teach, and to whom I teach.

I affirm my Unity will all people. *Together*:

**I AFFIRM MY UNITY WITH ALL PEOPLE**

Ordaining Officer: I affirm I will give the people I serve sincere and faithful leadership.

I affirm the sacredness of every confidence shared with me.

I affirm I shall lovingly respect other churches and metaphysical groups.

I affirm my love for ALL people regardless of race, background, or religion.

I affirm I shall seek to bring to all people the freeing Truth of God-within.

Repeat each of these statements after me.

I Am in Unity with the One. *Together* –

**I AM IN UNITY WITH THE ONE**.

Ordaining Officer: I Am One with the One. *Together*

**I Am One with the One**.

Ordaining Officer: I Am. *Together* -

**I AM**.

**Song**: Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird

Praise for the singing, praise for the morning

Praise for them springing fresh from the word

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven

Like the first dewfall on the first grass

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden

Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning

Born of the one light, Eden saw play

Praise with elation, praise every morning

God's recreation of the new day

Morning has broken like the first morning

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird

Praise for the singing, praise for the morning

Praise for them springing fresh from the word

**Ordinand Response:** Rev Paul Mapletoft

**Song**: Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

That saved and set me free

I once was lost, but now I am found

Was blind, but now I see.

T’was grace that taught my heart to feel

And grace, my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed

When we've been here ten thousand years

Bright shining as the sun

We've no less days to sing God's praise

Then when we've first begun

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

That saved and set me free

I once was lost, but now am found

Was blind, but now I see

Was blind, but now I

**Closing**: Rev Erla McArthur

Prayers and Blessing

**Song**: The Peace Song

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth,

The peace that was meant to be.

With God as Creator, family all are we.

Let us walk with each other,

In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,

Let this be the moment now,

With every step I take,

Let this be my joyous vow:

To take each moment and live each moment

In peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth,

And let it begin with me.

**Prayer for Protection**

The light of God surrounds us

The love of God enfolds us

The power of God protects us

The presence of God watches over us

Wherever we are, God is

And all is well!

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