

Garden of Eden Church
October 14, 2018

ORDINATION OF PASTOR NORMAN.

Dan: Opening Hymn: Amazing Grace #343

Norman: Opening Prayer

Dan: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Dan: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Dan: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" #562

Dan: The voice of the Lord pierced the darkness of Israel 's night,
calling,

"Samuel, Samuel."

Norman: And Samuel replied: "Speak Lord, for your servant is
listening." (1 Samuel 3:10)

Dan: The voice of the Lord said to Isaiah,
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for me?"

Norman: And Isaiah replied, "Here I am, send me" (Isaiah 6:8-9)

Dan: The voice of the Lord said to Philip, "Draw near to that
man's chariot."

Norman: When Philip drew near, he said to the man,
"Do you understand what you are reading?"

He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts
8:30-31)

Dan: The voice of the Lord came to David, saying,
"Look the fields are ripe for harvest.

Will you teach the harvesters the things you have heard me say?"

Norman: "Here I am, send me."

Dan: Brothers and sisters, in baptism, our brother Norman was clothed with Christ. Now he is called by God through the voice of the church to the ministry of the Word and Sacraments to the particular task of Garden of Eden Church and Christian Naturism. Upon the recommendation of the Garden of Eden Church, I present Norman to you for ordination.

All: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our brother in Christ.

The Vows:

Dan : Norman, to show that you promise to fulfill the tasks of this office, you are requested, in the presence of God and his church, to answer the following questions:

Do you believe that in the call of this congregation, God alone calls you to this holy ministry ?

Do you believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and life; and do you subscribe to the doctrinal standards of this church, rejecting all teachings which contradict them?

Do you promise to do the work of your office faithfully, in a way worthy of your calling and in submission to the government and discipline of the church?

Norman: I do so believe and promise, the Lord helping me through the power and grace of the Holy Spirit.

Dan: People of God, you have heard the commitment made by Norman. What is your desire?

People: In the name of Christ and relying on God's grace, let us ordain him!

Dan: The Charges:

To Norman

To the Congregation

The Laying on of Hands

The Ordination Prayer

"Agnus Dei"

Lord God almighty, You alone are worthy to receive honor and glory and praise! All authority in heaven and on earth belongs to You. You have called Norman to be Your representative and given him authority to be a minister of the Word. But, on his own, he is not equal to this holy ministry. So enlighten and strengthen him with Your Spirit, for Your glory and the coming of Your Kingdom. Amen.

Dan: Let us pray. Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servant Norman. Give him authority to lead the church as one of its ministers. Fill him with grace and power to be a devout steward of your word and sacraments.

Make him a faithful pastor, a patient teacher, a wise counselor and a bold witness.

Grant that in all things he may serve without reproach so that your people may be strengthened and your name glorified in all the world.

This we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God forever and ever.

Norman: Sung Response: "Spirit of the Living God" #389

Dan: Intercessory Prayers

For Norman, Garden of Eden Church, Christian Naturists

Dan: The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,

And be gracious;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,

And give you peace.

Norman: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #815.
Message from Norman.

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