

10am Sunday Morning Service O2T2

17 November 2024

Commissioning of Julia Boyd

Welcome (Sue)

(Lead Julia, Music Stuart)

Call to Worship

Mysterious God, you reveal yourself in Jesus, your Beloved Son who gives us a glimpse of your glory and invites us to share in the unity of all that is Holy: the holiness that is You, your creation, your people, united in the Spirit that breaks through all boundaries of fear and injustice. Meet us here today and teach us to be one: One in love for each other. One in understanding with all who find in Jesus the Way to You. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, whose fervent prayer was ever: "May they all be one." **Amen.**

Song: Holy is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing, ev'ryone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
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The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown
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Song: Waymaker

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You

You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

**(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness, My God that is who You are**

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

That is who You are (4x)

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working

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Commissioning of Julia Boyd God said through Paul:

It was Christ who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4.11-13

Prayer

Almighty God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your church is called into a royal priesthood, hear our prayer for Julia Boyd that in her vocation and ministry she may truly serve you, devoutly love you, and faithfully follow Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Julia, if you agree with the promises I will be asking – then please respond to the following questions.

Have you turned to Christ in repentance and faith, receiving forgiveness and new life through his death and resurrection?

I have turned to Christ.

Will you draw near to God and hold onto the hope you have in Christ?

I will with God's help.

Julia will you commit to faithfully use the gifts God has given you to build his people and glorify his name?

I will, with God's help.

Will you urge us to live out our faith in Christ in our everyday lives, standing firm in Christ as we wait for his return?

I will, with God's help.

To the Congregation:

Will you support Julia by encouraging her, praying with faith that she will do all that the Lord requires, and support her with love, fellowship, practical help and finance?

Response: We will

And will you all protect the unity of this church and support its testimony?

Response: We will

Let us pray...

Heavenly Father, please help me, with others at the Longbeach Church to proclaim and live the gospel of Jesus Christ, so that others might believe, belong, grow and serve.

Please help the Longbeach Church to be a united, loving and outward looking church. Strengthen our commitment to prayer, community, outreach, discipleship and world mission.

By your Spirit grow us in maturity so that we can bear fruit for you. Give us all the gifts needed to build your church. For your glory and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Julia,

I commission you as our Assistant Minister at the Longbeach Church with responsibility to teach, pastor and lead various ministries, with an emphasis on outreach and discipleship to adults, children and families, and youth.

Let us pray.

Living God, you have called us to be the Body of Christ. May our parish be a sign

of hope in this area. May all we do bring praise to your name and draw others to your salvation.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus, who came to serve and bring us fullness of life. Amen.

May God bless you and make you fruitful in all that you undertake. Amen.

Prayer for Children (Julia)

Bible Reading: Colossians 3.12-17 (Pat T)

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord^[a] has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ^[b] rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ^[c] dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.^[d] ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Message (Sue)

Offering Song: You Are My Vision

You are my vision, O King of my heart,
Nothing else satisfies, only you Lord –
You are my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

You are my wisdom, You are my true word;
I ever with you, and you with me, Lord;
You're my great Father, I'm your true son;
You dwell inside me, together we're one.

You are my battle-shield, sword for the fight,
You are my dignity, you're my delight;
You're my soul's shelter, you're my high tower;
Come raise me heavenward, O power of my power.

I don't want riches, or man's empty praise,
You're my inheritance, now and always;
You and you only, the first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure You are.

High King of heaven, when victory's won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Son!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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Thanks for the Offering

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God forever.

The Confession

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for the Church and our World (Julia)

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory
Are yours now and forever. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, faithful God, always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son, and life giving Spirit,
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing a universe of beauty and
splendour, bringing light from darkness and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image and endowed us with creative
power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.

You called us by name and searched us out, making a covenant of mercy, giving
law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you, joining with your faithful people of every time and place,
singing the eternal song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

When the fullness of time was come, you sent your Son to be born of Mary.
Bright image of your glory, he learnt obedience to you in all things, even to
death on a cross, breaking the power of evil, freeing us from sin, and putting
death to flight. You raised him from death, exalting him to glory, and the new
day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,
his companions on the way.

While at the table he took bread, blessed, and broke it, and giving it to them,
said: 'Take eat; this is my body'.

He took the cup of wine, and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is
my blood of the covenant, Which is poured out for many. Do this in
remembrance of me'.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,
we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death, his
resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us for ever. With this bread and this cup we celebrate
his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration
that all who may eat or drink at this table may be strengthened
by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people, may we proclaim the everlasting gospel of
Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom, with whom and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer

Gracious God,
we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us to grow in love and
obedience that we may serve you in the world and finally be brought to that
table where all your saints feast with you forever.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Notices (Sue)

**Song: 10,000 Reasons
Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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Blessing (Sue)