

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Pastor: Before you are the duly elected members of the Beloved Community who have been called to serve the Mayflower Congregational Church in various positions of leadership and service. It is good to remember that all who belong to the Church of Jesus Christ are called to serve one another in his name. Jesus calls us to share in a life of discipleship and service. Let us now respond to that call.

Pastor: Jesus said, "If one of you wants to be great, you must be servant of all."

People: Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.

Pastor: Jesus said, "Unless you change and become humble like little children, you can never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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Pastor: Jesus said, "Blessed are those who are humble, for they will receive what God has promised."

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Pastor: Jesus said, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful; love your enemies and do good to them."

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Pastor: Jesus said, "Love one another, just as I have loved you; for by this shall everyone know that you are my disciples if you have love, one for another."

People: Master, we hear your call: help us to follow.

Pastor: Jesus said, "Go to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples and I will be with you always, to the end of the world."

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Pastor: Lord, you have redeemed us and called us to your service: give us grace to hear your call and carry out your commandment. Amen.

Statement of Commission

Pastor: As we belong to Christ's Beloved Community, we all have a part to play in the life of the church. We give witness to God's mighty act of calling us out of darkness into Christ's marvelous light. Let us now live our lives of service, loving him who first loved us. May we exercise our differing gifts in accordance with the grace given to each of us in diligence, compassion, and cheerfulness.

Right Hand of Fellowship

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, with the authority of the Mayflower Congregational Church, we extend to you the right hand of fellowship, recognizing that God has called you to serve the fellowship of this Church. May God bless you in the ministry which you now share with us all. May God, who has begun this good work in you, give you the grace to complete it and to serve God's people in joy and peace. Amen.