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Prelude #336

Welcome

We Gather Together

Evan O'Donovan

Deacon Gail Anderson

Rev. Dr. Grace Nzameyo-Maa

Call to Worship

One: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

All: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

One: In the name of Christ,

All: we accept the invitation to discipleship.

One: In the name of Christ,

All: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

One: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

All: we proclaim the God of Compassion.

One: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

All: we proclaim the God of Hope.

One: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

All: we proclaim the God of Love.

One: Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

*Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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Call to Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

Unison Confession (Cardinal John Henry Newman)

All: Give me, O my Lord, that purity of conscience, which alone can receive Your inspirations. My ears are dull, so that I cannot hear Your voice. My eyes are dim, so that I cannot see the signs of Your presence. You alone can quicken my hearing and purge my sight, and cleanse and renew my heart. Teach me to sit at Your feet and to hear Your word. Amen.

Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be

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Assurance of Forgiveness

One: My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost. God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around, gathering us in to the people of God. Let us rejoice in God's mercy! Amen.

Welcome to Visitors Announcements

Passing of the Peace

(Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

At this time, please offer a sign of peace with a word or wave)

Leader: Since Christ has extended to us the peace of God, let us, as his disciples, spread his peace to others. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us exchange signs of Christ's peace with one another.

'Hymn of Preparation	Here I Am, Lord
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Installation & Ordination of Officers:

The Call of the Candidates

Elder Cammann: Speaking for the people of the church, I bring to be installed -

Installation:

Elder: Susan Krivenko Deacon: Helene Haith

Questions to the Candidates Rev. Dr. Grace Nzameyo-Maa, Moderator

Questions to the Congregation

Elder Cammann: Do we, the members of the church, accept these individuals as ruling elders and deacons,

chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **Congregation: We do.**

Elder Cammann: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the head of the church?

Congregation: We do.

Welcome to the Ministry

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 5:1-11 (pgs. 1597-1598)

Sermon

A Call to Action

Rev. Dr. Grace Nzameyo-Maa

Offertory Invitation

Our Morning Offering is Received

Offertory Music

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Elder Cammann

*Doxology We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You; We are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives, they are Yours; We are an offering. All that we have, All that we are, All that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our voices, We lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You; We are an offering, we are an offering.

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Pastoral Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also, with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we for-give our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

(We use only non-alcoholic juice in the communion service.)

Communion Prayer		
<u>Sending</u>		
Hymn of Commitment	I Have Decided To Follow Jesus	Pg. 4
Blessing		
Postlude #411	God is Here Today	Evan O'Donovan

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow; though none go with me, I still will follow; though none go with me, I still will follow; no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me; the world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me; no turning back, no turning back.

BIO INFORMATION: R. Dr. GRACE KATIE NZAMEYO-MAA

Grace Nzameyo was born in Douala, Cameroon. She grew up in Kribi in the South Shore community area of the capital and was raised in a conventional Presbyterian parent home. She is the last of a family of six children. Growing up very bright and intelligent, she was made to skip the six grade, and joined a gifted class at Kribi Presbyterian Elementary School. She attended Kribi Presbyterian High School, a "magnet high school," where she remained on the honor roll for four years. Grace took advanced placement classes, was a member of the National Honor Society and served as Student Council Treasurer.

After graduating from high school as salutatorian, she went on to major in Mathematics and Political Science at the Yaoundé University in Cameroon. She went through a long struggle with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon to enter seminary, (because women are not allowed to be ordained and enrolled in seminary), where she was always reminded that ordination for a woman was not an option. Grace was married to Nicolas Maa Ntap in 1996 and accompanied him to the United States in 1999 when he was appointed First Counselor to the Cameroonian Embassy at the United Nations. She enrolled at Rutgers University Business School, Newark, and graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Finance and Accounting.

After graduating from Rutgers University, she worked as an associate in marketing and intellectual property at PNC Bank and as a Financial Analyst at American Express. She went on to work as a Program Monitor for Hudson County Department of Family Services in 2007.

In 2006, Ms. Nzameyo enrolled at Drew Theological Seminary where she obtained her Master of Divinity degree. She was ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacraments in 2018, and in 2021 obtained her Doctorate degree from New Brunswick Theological Seminary. She is a member of Elizabeth Avenue Weequahic Presbyterian Church. Grace and her husband Nicolas have three children, Franck and Ines (twins), 25, and baby Grace, 17, and they live in Newark, New Jersey.