



# Ordination and Installation of Leon LaCross

Worship with Holy Communion

June 12, 2022



## Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

We are glad you are here with us—in person and via Zoom—and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

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*Communion - We will celebrate Holy Communion together via Zoom, as well as gathered in person. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready if you and those with you would like to participate. If you do not have access to wine or grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup—Christ is present in the bread, as Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life.” (John 6:35)*

## GATHERING

### Prelude

**What's Up?**  
**By 4 Non-Blondes**

### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. An all-gender restroom is located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.*

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## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + on God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit – Ruach – moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led you people Israel from slavery to freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John  
and anointed by the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as children,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity with the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen**



## What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

**Almighty and merciful God, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and you instituted the office of the ministry of word and sacrament so that the apostolic and prophetic work might continue throughout the ages. Grant that Leon, now to be ordained, may carry out this ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

## WORD

### Scripture Reading

***Isaiah 6:1-8***

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm

## Psalm 96

*The Psalm will be read responsively. The leader will read the plain text, and the congregation will read the **bold text**.*

<sup>1</sup>O sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

**<sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be revered above all gods.**

<sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.

**<sup>6</sup>Honor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**<sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in holy splendor;  
tremble before him, all the earth.

**<sup>10</sup>Say among the nations, "The LORD is king!  
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.  
He will judge the peoples with equity."**

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**<sup>12</sup>let the field exult, and everything in it.  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy**

<sup>13</sup>before the LORD; for he is coming,  
for he is coming to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with his truth.

## Scripture Reading

## 1 Timothy 6:11-16

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, person of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel Reading

**Luke 10:1-12, 16-20**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' <sup>12</sup>I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. <sup>13</sup>Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.

<sup>14</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>16</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>17</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



Hymn of the Day

*Take My Life That I May Be*

Verses 1-4

Take My Life, That I May Be

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 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.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
 Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

# THE RITE OF ORDINATION

## Presentation

## Address and Questions

## Prayers of Intercession

*The response to each prayer is: God of mercy, Hear our prayer.*

## Hymn of Invocation

## Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Verses 1-4

### Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend  
2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,  
3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's  
4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed



up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -  
the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the  
al - might - y hand be - hold; while you with tongues of  
your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing



fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.  
fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
fire pro - claim to all the world God's ho - ly name.  
might sup - ply to strength-en our in - fir - mi - ty.

5 Keep far from us our cruel foe,  
and peace from your own hand bestow;  
upheld by you, our strength and guide,  
no evil can our steps betide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and you, of both, to be but one;  
that through the ages all along  
your praise may be our endless song.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. composite

Music: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER, J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543

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## Thanksgiving and Laying on of Hands

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The presiding minister continue and concludes with prayer ending in "...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever." Amen*

## Giving of a Stole

*The stole has been lovingly crafted by Leon's mother, Jill LaCross and family friend Kate Coleman*

## Charge

## Blessing

## Acclamation by the Assembly

Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive *Leon* as a *messenger* of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard *him* as a *servant* of Christ?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Will you pray for *him*, help and honor *him* for *his* work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Let it be acclaimed that *Leon* is a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ. *Leon* has Christ's authority to preach the word of God and administer the sacraments, serving God's people as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

# THE RITE OF INSTALLATION

**Sharing of Peace** — *Take time to share the peace on Zoom and in person*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

# COMMUNION MEAL

*For those worshiping virtually, please gather your bread and wine to participate in Holy Communion.*

## Offering

*You may use one of our options for giving online at: <http://bethelpdx.org/donate> or by text using Give Plus: (855) 944-1171. Additionally, you may donate by mail or, if worshiping in-person, use the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of Bethel!*

## Offertory Hymn

## Jesus Remember Me Traditional Hymn

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of abundance:**

**you have set before us a plentiful harvest.**

**As we feast on your goodness,**

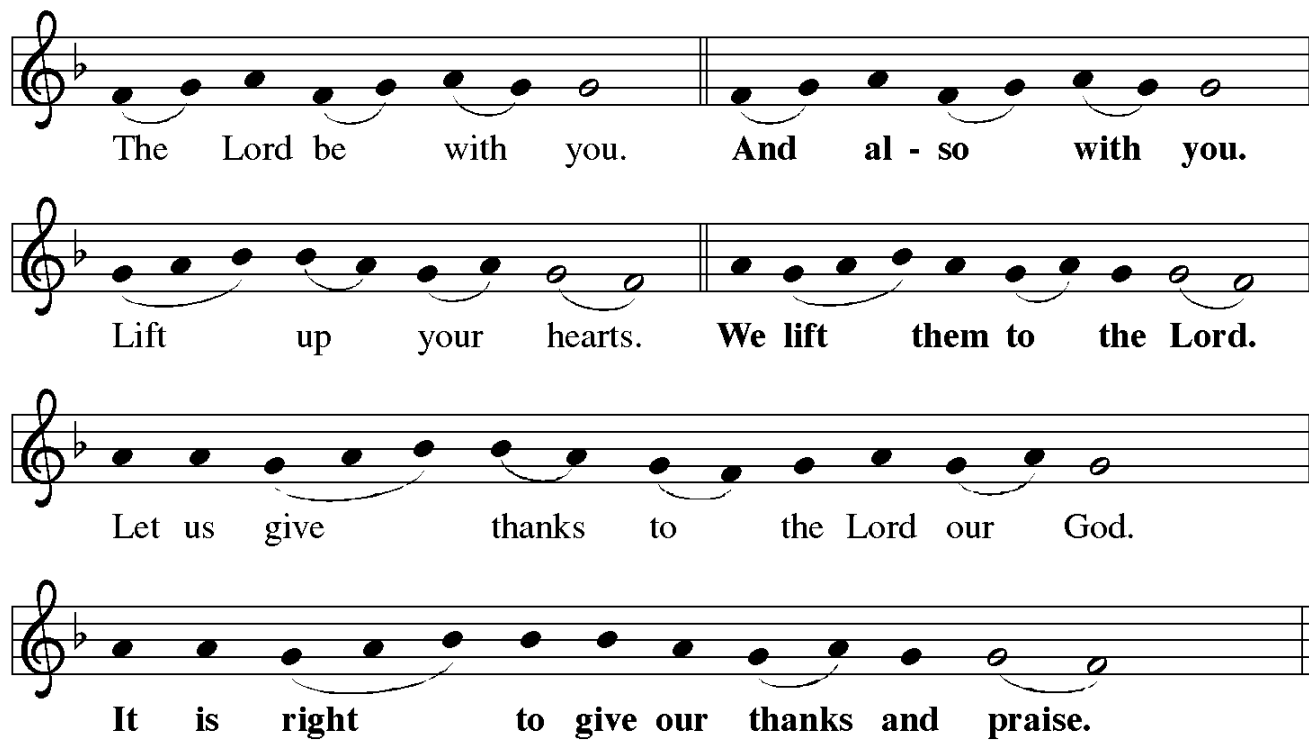
**strengthen us to labor in your field,**

**and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,**

**in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

*The Pastor will guide you when to take the bread and cup to eat and drink.*

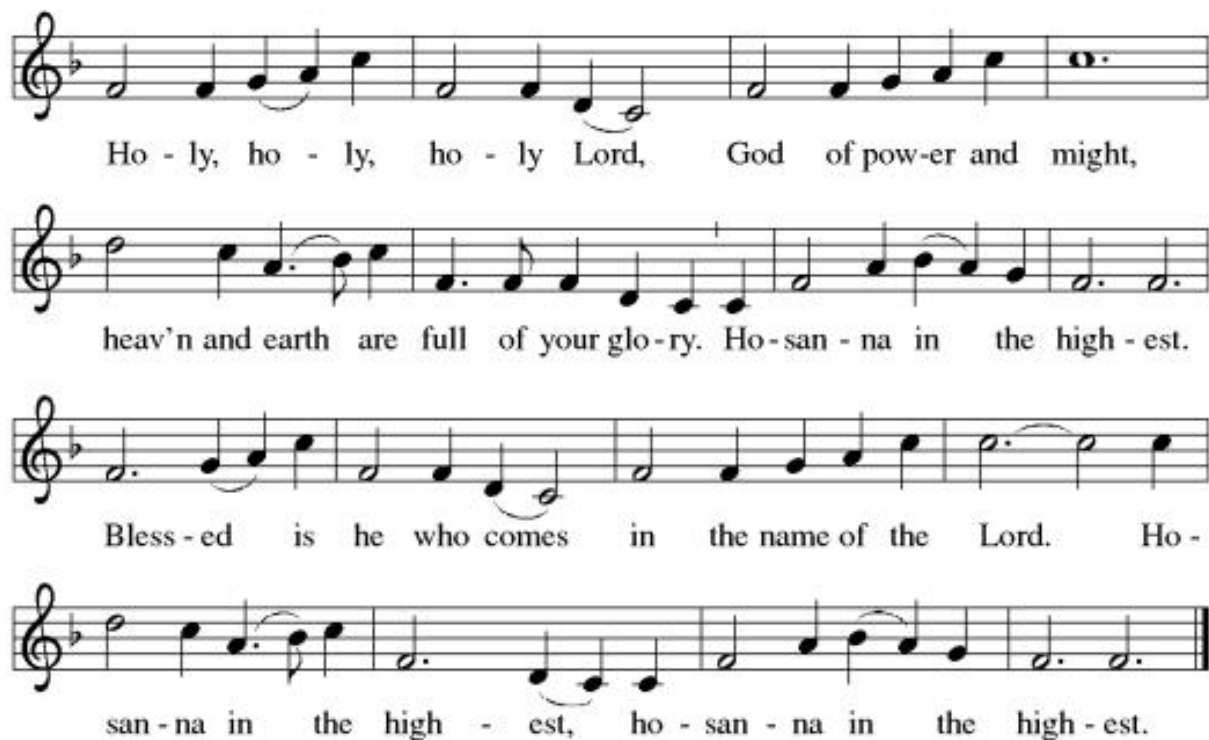


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.



*The presiding minister continues with the Thanksgiving at the Table. At the end, all say: **Amen.***

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

*Communion will be served with conventional bread and wine. If you would like to receive grape juice or a gluten-free wafer, please indicate so when you come forward for communion. If you have mobility challenges, please let the ushers know so you may be served in your seat.*

## **Communion Music**

***All People That on Earth Do Dwell***

***By Martin Luther***

# SENDING

## Blessing

The God of peace,  
Creator, ✚ Redeemer, and Advocate,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song

## We Are Called

### We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be

Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain*  
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to  
love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -  
oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: WE ARE CALLED, David Haas

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## The Sending

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

## Spectrum

By Florence and the Machine



Stewardship of Service	This week – June 12	Next week – June 19
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Presiding Minister(s)	Bishop Laurie Lawson Caesar & Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Music Director	David Tafone	David Tafone
Zoom Host	???	Volunteer needed!

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# Gratitudes

**Pastor Stephen Mentz and the people of Holy Cross Lutheran Church:** For keeping true to their baptismal vows of raising me in faith and teaching me things like the Creeds, Commandments and the Luther's Small Catechism.

**Pastor Kari Parsons and the people of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church:** For fostering my sense of call and walking this long treacherous road of candidacy.

**Pastor Bea Chung and the people of St Francis Lutheran Church:** For honing my worship leadership skills, and instilling an appreciation for traditional northern European style worship within an urban context.

**The various pastors and people of St Paul Lutheran Church Oakland, CA:** For being a landing spot amidst my explorations of the Bay Area congregations.

**Pastor James Boline and the people of St Paul's Lutheran Church Santa Monica, CA:** For helping me cut my teeth in the pastoral world, and being flexible to let me intern in the midst of a global pandemic.

**Pastor Toni Joseph Casteñada Carrera and the people of Adore LA:** For being a queer community when I needed one the most, for showing me the future of the Church, for the multiplicities of love in the universe.

**Rev Yuko Uesugi and the chaplains at UCLA Medical Center:** For helping me to hone my pastoral care skills and inviting discomfort within myself.

**Pastor Caleb Crainer:** For scheming with the Holy Spirit even if things didn't pan out the way we wanted. For being a sounding board and checking that my sanity is within 'normal' limits.

**Pastor Juan Carlos La Puente:** For responding to the Spirit and scheming with the synod to find me a call within the Oregon Synod.

**The people of Bethel Lutheran Church:** For calling me as their pastor and letting my weirdness feed into their weirdness, so we can be weird together in Christ. Especially the call committee for doing the hard work of sorting out candidates.

**My Parents, Matt and Jill LaCross:** For bringing me up in the church and for voluntelling me to do things at church.

**Dave and Kathy LaCross:** For letting me do laundry at their house during seminary, and feeding me whilst reenacting the Diet of Worms

**The professors at PLTS and GTU:** For engaging in ridiculous discourse with me, and for putting up with my scholastic antics.

**My classmates at PLTS and GTU:** For encouraging my ridiculousness in faith, pushing and questioning everything, and for commiserating the state of the church and theological education.

**Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM):** For having my back as a queer person, and for providing me with the Joel R Workin Scholarship.

**Noah:** For showing me what it means to be a kind human being, for having my back, and loving me in the midst of emotional tornadoes.

**Eir Andreas/Rev. Gloria Mundi:** For being a sympathetic ear and a co-creator and co-conspirator for fabulousness. For reminding me that the church needs me even when I didn't always feel it. For bringing up a new generation of queer theological scholarship.

**Craig:** For providing safe spaces and opportunities for recreation and respite amidst the hustle and bustle of seminary life.

**Marques:** For being a willing conversation partner and an overall positive person in my life.

**Nash:** For keeping this church in tip-top shape and making sure we have a welcoming space to receive guests.

**You:** For showing up and being here on an important day for both myself and the Church.



