

The Ordination Service of Chaska S. Yoder  
October 5, 2025

Preaching                      Worship Leader                      Pianist/Organist  
Doug Luginbill                      Carrie Mast                      Anne Marie Spelman

Gathering

Music Calls Us to Worship  
  
Welcome, Announcements, Centering  
  
Candle Lighting                      Kathy Dickson, Alex, Evan & JD Sider  
  
Prelude                      Before Dawn                      Ola Geilo  
  
Invocation  
  
\*Opening Hymn                      Could It Be That God Is Singing                      VT 42

\*Responsive Reading – selections from Psalm 137  
One: By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept  
**Many: There on the poplars we hung our harps**  
One: For there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded  
songs of joy; they said, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”  
**Many: How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?**  
One: Remember, Lord, what the Edomites did on the day Jerusalem fell.  
**Many: “Tear it down,” they cried, “tear it down to its foundations!”**  
One: Daughter Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy is the one who repays  
you according to what you have done to us.

Telling God’s Story

\*Hymn                      Great Is Thy Faithfulness                      VT 419  
  
Special Music                      Sing Praise To God                      arr. L. Pfautsch  
   Congregation sing stanza 3, VT 101  
   Chancel Choir  
   LuAnn Stuckey, director; Anne Marie Spelman, accompanist

Conversation with Children                      Phil & Chaska Yoder  
   Lord, Listen to Your Children                      VT 682  
  
Commissioning                      Alex Sider and Kathy Dickson                      VT 968  
   Evan & JD  
  
Community Prayer                      Phil Yoder  
   The Lord’s Prayer (Miller)                      VT 673


Offering  
   Invitation and prayer  
   Offertory                      Aeon                      Ola Gjeilo  
  
Scripture                      Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4                      Louise Matthews  
   Lamentations 3:19–26  
  
Message                      Chaplaincy: Pastoral and Prophetic

Living God’s Story

Ordination of Chaska Yoder – **see insert**  
  
\*Hymn of Response                      Take My Life, and Let It Be                      VT 759  
  
Service of Communion

Sending

\*Hymn of Sending                      God, Be the Love                      VT 43  
  
\*Benediction  
  
\*Postlude

\*Please rise in body or in spirit                      – VT: Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)  
    : Anabaptist Heritage Hymn  
  
Parents of young children: God put the wiggle in children, so no need to suppress those wiggles.  
   Sitting closer to the front makes it easier for your little ones to engage.  
Also, children learn their behavior by mimicking you. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses.  
   Feel free to leave the sanctuary with your child, but you’re welcome to come back.  
   As Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.”