



with hope and abundance



Celebration of Ministry Service

Sunday June 13, 2021, 10am Pacific Time /
11am Mountain Time
Online, from Highlands United Church

Ordination

Andria Irwin



It all started with a tattoo. After hearing an internet sermon preached on Luke 5:5, Andria got the letters 'BYSSIW' permanently etched on the skin of her left wrist and began what would become an exploration of her call to ordained ministry. Simon Peter, fishing to no avail, is instructed by Jesus to let down the nets yet again and replies to Jesus, doubtfully but agreeably, "... because you say so, I will." BYSSIW. Andria's journey towards ordination is one that has looked upon this phrase every moment of every day, letting its declaration of discipleship guide her discernment and call.

Andria currently serves on the ministry team of Highlands United Church in North Vancouver. She is also the minister of United Online, a church plant project of the Pacific Mountain Region that encourages authentic expressions and communities of faith in the digital landscape and coaches worshipping communities as to how they can better engage in mission in the virtual world.

The intersection of theology and technology is one that Andria came to organically after entering seminary following working in the fields of communication and freelance writing. She is grateful for the support and wisdom of her professors and supervisors as she pursued this passion alongside her ministerial vocation. Other identity shaping experiences along this journey have been a six-month placement in a United Methodist Church in the United Kingdom, and co-authoring a book with Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee (Following: Embodied Discipleship in a Digital Age, Baker Academic, Aug. 2021).

Andria is eternally grateful to the mentors, colleagues, and friends who walked this path with her, listening ever so generously and pushing/pulling/dragging when appropriate. She would like to name her parents, Sandi and Rev. Nick Parker, and the rest of her family (biological and chosen) for helping her reel the net in.



Joanne Scofield

I recently returned to B.C. after living in Ontario for a number of years. I began my discernment in Shining Waters Region with support from my home congregation, Richmond Hill United Church. Since moving to B.C., I have had a wonderful welcome from Pacific Mountain Region and the congregation at Penticton United Church, where I completed my SME.

I completed a Master of Theological Studies, Master of Pastoral Studies with a Certificate in Psychotherapy and Testamur at Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto. My

background is in community based health care where I worked primarily in the areas of senior health and housing. I have an interest in community development, faith and justice.



Admission



Jaylynn Byassee

My birth roots are from the flat plains of West Texas in the US. My theological roots come from the hills of Oklahoma, where my grandparents were life-long members of the United Methodist Church. I am a cradle Methodist.

I studied education in university, and spent years teaching children with special needs and elementary education, including one year abroad teaching English as a Second Language in Budapest, Hungary. I love discovering and learning about new cultures

and peoples. I have travelled for ministry and mission to India, Rwanda, Kenya, South Africa, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Mexico.

After following a call to seminary at Duke Divinity School in 1998, I earned my Master of Divinity degree and was ordained through the United Methodist Church. In over 20 years of experience, I have led churches of all sizes across North Carolina and in the western suburbs of Chicago, serving in urban, rural, and suburban settings.

Our family followed a call to Vancouver for my husband, Jason, to teach at the Vancouver School of Theology. We have 3 children, with the oldest graduating from secondary school this June. We are now in our sixth year of living in Canada. I have served in different positions across Vancouver, helping folks walk alongside the marginalized and work to restore dignity and welcome for refugees arriving in Vancouver. I have been an advocate for supporting mental health education in the church, and care for the elderly.

Rev. Ed Searcy was my first Canadian friend, and the first to share with me a love for the United Church of Canada. Each year of living in BC, I got to know more and more clergy in the UCC, and sensed a desire to learn more, especially with my Methodist roots. As I sought out clergy and churches to learn from, I continued to be drawn closer to the United Church—giving me a familiar sense of rootedness, while also expanding my horizons and understanding of the church. I was moved by the UCC's intentional way of cultivating a place of welcome for all persons, and for me personally, for the way women in ministry were the norm, not the exception.

Throughout my journey in the United Church of Canada, I have found an admiration for my colleagues who lead in creative and innovative ways. I respect their courage to stand for justice and their fervor for ministry with the marginalized, whom Jesus calls us to love.

I am grateful for the foundation of the United Church of Canada, for its strength in unity and inclusion, whereas followers of Jesus we grow in faith together as we share in Kingdom living with and for all peoples. I feel honoured to have my ordination recognized and for my full admission into the United Church of Canada. As I seek to grow and learn even more, I'll do so with a denomination I can now call home.





June 13, 2021

Welcome, Announcements and Territorial Acknowledgement

Processional Hymn: O A Song Must Rise **MV 142**

Prayer of Gathering and Letting Go

Scripture Reading Luke 10: 1-11 Nadia Bolz-Weber

Sermon: Nadia Bolz-Weber

Hymn: There is a Time **MV 165**

Introduction

Treena: Jesus came into the world to be the servant of God and all people. As servant, Jesus calls the Church to a ministry of worship, witness and reconciliation. In baptism we were received as members of the Church and at confirmation we committed ourselves to its ministry.

And so we fill the font, remember our baptism and recall the ministry of the whole church to which the Spirit calls us.



Blair God our Mother, Living Water, River of Mercy,
Source of Life, in whom we live and move
and have our being, who quenches our thirst,
refreshes our weariness, bathes and washes
and cleanses our wounds,
be for us always
a fountain of life,
and for all the world
a river of hope. Amen

Treena In order that this ministry of the whole Church may be fulfilled, God has given the diaconal ministry of Education, Service and Pastoral Care, the ordained ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care and recognized lay ministry. It is the responsibility of the Church to seek, train and set apart those whom God calls to serve.

Blair: Long before we came to this moment, God has been at work, moving through the life of The United Church of Canada and through the lives of those who stand before you. Through the movement of the Holy Spirit, each one of them have walked paths that have brought them to this place, on this day, and so we come together to celebrate Christ's ministry in and through them. Friends, in love – are you ready to support them in the ministries to which God has called them and for which they have offered themselves?

All: **We are, God being our guide!**

Treena: In celebration of this covenant, let us rise as we are able, and proclaim our faith:



A New Creed:

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Blair: Do you believe in God: Father, Son and do you commit yourself anew to God?

Jaylynn, Andria, Joanne: I do believe and recommit myself to God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

Blair Are you willing to exercise your ministry in accordance with the scriptures, in continuity with the faith of the Church and subject to the oversight and discipline of The United Church of Canada?

Jaylynn, Andria, Joanne: I am willing, God being my guide!

All: Amen! Thanks be to God!

Admitting Minister from Another Denomination

Blair: It sometimes happens that those who have been ordained in another denomination come to recognize that they have found a new theological and ecclesial home in The United Church of Canada; and seek to transfer their ministry into this denomination. Today, we celebrate that God has brought one such minister into our midst.



Brenda: I present **Jaylynn Byassee**, Ordained Minister of The United Methodist Church who desires to serve within the order of ministry of The United Church of Canada. She has already served among us, and we believe that she is called and equipped for this ministry.

Blair: We recognize your Ordination and rejoice that you have chosen to join this part of Christ's church in its ministry. Will you perform all the duties of your office according to the doctrine and polity of The United Church of Canada?

Jaylynn: I will, God being my helper.

Blair: **Jaylynn Byassee**, we receive you into the ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care of The United Church of Canada.

All **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

Ordination of Ordered Ministers

Brenda: I present **Andria Irwin/Joanne Scofield**, candidates for ordination to the ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care. As a Candidacy Board of The Office of Vocation, we believe that she is called and equipped for the ministry she will serve.

Blair: Andria,/Joanne, do you believe that God is calling you to the ordained ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care, and do you accept this call?

Andria/Joanne: I do, God being my guide.



Blair: (Andria/Joanne), you are invited to kneel. With a humble and joyful heart, know that you are part of the long line of Christ's ministers called and set apart to serve God!

Blair: And we pray! God of all times and places, God of all lives and loves – thank you for (Andria/Joanne's) life, gifts and ministry. May your Holy Spirit continue to work within her, and move in this moment, that she may rise an ordained minister of your Church.

All: **Amen!**

Blair: By the authority of Pacific Mountain Regional Council, I declare that (Andria Irwin/Joanne Scofield) has been ordained a minister of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care.

All: **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

Brenda: Take this holy book; proclaim in word and action the gospel with diligence and love. Take this cup and plate; serve God's people with reverence and joy.

Blair: People of God, gathered in this place and in this time, let us celebrate these Ordained Ministers of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care.

Hymn: Take, O Take Me as I Am **MV 85**

Anthem: Here I am Lord

Prayers

Offering

Hymn: Christ Has No Body Now but Yours **MV 171**

Benediction and Commissioning



Participants in Today's Celebration of Ministry

President:	Rev. Blair Odney
Executive Minister:	Treena Duncan
Preacher:	Rev. Nadia Bolz—Weber
Office of Vocation:	Rev. Brenda Fawkes
Musicians/Singers	Geordie Roberts Janet Warren Ellen Smith (Violin) Colin Parker (Percussionist)

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142 Oh a Song Must Rise

Refrain

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again (again)
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.
(descend)

1. From the mountains to the valleys,
from the desert to the sea,
a song must rise once again.
From the voices of our leaders,
the voice of you and me,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.
2. From poverty and riches,
from the voice of young and old,
a song must rise once again. (again)
From the free and the imprisoned,
the timid and the bold,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.
From ev'ry house of worship,
in ev'ry faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again.
From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

165 There Is a Time

1. There is a time that we must rise
There is a time that we must stand
There is a time that we must come (come)
Refrain
together (together)
For blessed are our lives (our lives)
Blessed our love (our love)
and blessed the promise gathered now.
2. There is a time that we must leave
Go from the place where hatreds breed
and, turning, feel the Spirit breathe (breathe)
us
3. There is a time we know the way
There is a time we watch and pray

In living faith we make our way (way)

4. Upon the dry a cloud will rise
And truth will shine among the lies
And wisdom sing as we arise (rise)
5. There is a bow within the rain
And it will come and bend again
And colours shine where we have been
(been)

85 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart
and live in me. *Repeat*

171 Christ Has No Body Now but Yours

Refrain

Christ has no body now but your,
no hands but yours.
Here on this earth, yours is the work,
to serve with the joy of compassion.

1. No hands but yours to heal the wounded
world,
no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope
of the people of God.
2. No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;
no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy
of the city of God.
3. No feet but yours to journey with the poor,
to walk this world with mercy and justice.
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace
for the children of God.
4. Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in
need;
as Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,
with ev'ry gift a benediction, be
to the people of God.