

Ordination and Installation of Bryce De Zwarte



“...I will give you shepherds
after My own heart,
who will feed you
with knowledge and understanding.”
Jeremiah 3:15

Adoration United Reformed Church
Location: Wellandport URC
Friday, July 17, 2020
7:30 PM

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Raymond Sikkema
Minister Emeritus in the URCNA
(Member of Adoration United Reformed Church)

OFFICIATING AND PREACHING

Rev. Harry Zekveld
Minister of Providence United Reformed Church, Strathroy, ON
(Mentor of Bryce De Zwarte)

CHARGE TO THE PASTOR AND TO THE CHURCH

Rev. Ryan Swale
Minister of Immanuel United Reformed Church, Jordan, ON
(Friend of Bryce De Zwarte)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Words of Welcome – *Elder Richard Wynia*

Pre-Service Song: **216 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Prayer of Invocation – *Rev. Raymond Sikkema*

*Song of Praise: **100B All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

THE OPENING OF WORSHIP – *Rev. Harry Zekveld*

*Call to Worship

*Votum:

Pastor: “On whom do you depend for help and strength?”

Congregation: “Our help is in the Name of the LORD, who made the heavens and the earth.”

*The Lord’s Greeting

*Song of Praise: **145C I Will Extol You, O My God**

THE SERVICE OF GOD’S WORD – *Rev. Harry Zekveld*

Prayer for the Spirit’s Guidance

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 10:1-13

Sermon: **He Takes Your Breath Away**

Prayer of Response

*Song of Response: **45B My Heart Does Overflow**

THE ORDINATION – *Rev. Harry Zekveld*

Reading of the Form for Ordination

The Instruction – *Rev. Harry Zekveld*

The Vows for the Minister Elect – *Rev. Harry Zekveld*

The Reading and Signing of the Form of Subscription – *Elder Wilf Wikkerink*

The Laying on of Hands – *Rev. Harry Zekveld*

*The Vows for the Congregation – *Rev. Harry Zekveld*

THE CHARGE TO THE MINISTER AND TO ADORATION URC – *Rev. Ryan Swale*

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2

Homily: **Regarding No One According to the Flesh**

The Charge and the Lord’s Prayer

*Song: **404: 1, 2, 5, 6 The Church’s One Foundation**

THE CLOSE OF WORSHIP – *Rev. Bryce De Zwarte*

*Benediction

*Doxology: **564 Now Blessed Be Jehovah God**

GREETINGS – Elder Tony Tuinstra

Greetings from the Chairman of Adoration’s Consistory

Greetings from the Delegates of the Various Churches

1 KINGS 10:1–13

[1] Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions. [2] She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices and very much gold and precious stones. And when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. [3] And Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her. [4] And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, [5] the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his cupbearers, and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of the LORD, there was no more breath in her.

[6] And she said to the king, “The report was true that I heard in my own land of your words and of your wisdom, [7] but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. And behold, the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity surpass the report that I heard. [8] Happy are your men! Happy are your servants, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! [9] Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD loved Israel forever, he has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness.” [10] Then she gave the king 120 talents of gold, and a very great quantity of spices and precious stones. Never again came such an abundance of spices as these that the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

[11] Moreover, the fleet of Hiram, which brought gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir a very great amount of almuq wood and precious stones. [12] And the king made of the almuq wood supports for the house of the LORD and for the king's house, also lyres and harps for the singers. No such almuq wood has come or been seen to this day.

[13] And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all that she desired, whatever she asked besides what was given her by the bounty of King Solomon. So she turned and went back to her own land with her servants.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:11–6:2

[11] Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. [12] We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. [13] For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. [14] For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; [15] and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

[16] From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. [17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. [18] All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; [19] that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. [20] Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. [21] For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

[1] Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. [2] For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF BRYCE DE ZWARTE TO THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENTS

THE INSTRUCTION

Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Council has made known to you the name of our brother Bryce De Zwart, who is now to be ordained to the ministry of the Word and sacraments.

The Holy Scriptures teach us that Christ Jesus gathers, protects and preserves for Himself a church out of the corrupt race of men for life eternal and gives to His church such teaching and care that she may grow in faith, love and service. For this work, Christ, by a particular grace, uses men, appointing them to the preaching of the gospel and for the building up of His body. The apostle Paul solemnly charged Timothy to *preach the word* (2 Tim. 4:2), and our Lord Jesus charged His disciples to *make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you* (Matt. 28:19–20). The apostle Paul declares that the Lord Jesus Christ has given *the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ* (Eph. 4:11–12). For this reason, the church has recognized the distinct office of the minister of the Word.

The minister of the Word is called by the command of God to preach the gospel of His kingdom. This preaching has the twofold object of calling sinners to reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ and nurturing believers in the faith and life of the kingdom of God. Ministers are called *ambassadors for Christ*, as though He were pleading by them, *Be reconciled to God* (2 Cor. 5:20). Therefore, this preaching must be addressed to all people.

The preaching of the gospel must especially be addressed to the gathered congregation for the nurturing of Christian faith and life and for strengthening them against all error. Paul charged Timothy *in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus...: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching* (2 Tim. 4:1–2). And he charged Titus that a minister *must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it* (Titus 1:9).

The minister of the Word is called to administer the sacraments which the Lord has instituted as signs and seals of His grace. Christ gave this charge to His apostles, and through them to all ministers of the Word, when He commanded them to *make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit* (Matt. 28:19); and when He said of the Lord's Supper: *Do this in remembrance of me* (1 Cor. 11:24–25).

The minister of the Word is called to the service of prayer. In speaking of their calling, the apostles say, *We will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word* (Acts 6:4). So, too, it is the calling of all God's ministers to lead the people of God in *supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings...for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions* (1 Tim. 2:1–2).

The minister of the Word is called, together with the elders, to shepherd the people of God in their Christian life, giving guidance and counsel in all that they need, exhorting them to *contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints* (Jude 3), and keeping the church of God in good order and discipline. They are pastors, appointed to shepherd the church of Christ which He purchased with His own blood, in keeping with the Lord's command: *Feed My lambs... Feed My sheep!* (John 21:15,17). They, together with the elders, watch over the house of God for the right and fruitful ordering of the faith and life and worship of the people of God. In their exercise of the keys of the kingdom, what they *bind on earth shall be bound in heaven*, and what they *loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven* (Matt. 18:18).

THE VOWS FOR THE MINISTER ELECT

We now proceed to ordain brother Bryce De Zwarte as minister of the Word and sacraments in this congregation. We rejoice that the Lord Jesus, in His faithful love, has provided a minister to serve as pastor and teacher to this people, and also as their leader in the missionary calling of this church. We receive this servant of our Lord from the hand and heart of the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. We are grateful that our Savior has committed preaching, teaching, and pastoral care to the office of the minister of the Word, and that He will continue to use sinful men for such high and holy purposes until the day of His return.

No one is able to fulfill this holy ministry in his own strength; therefore we set our hope on Jesus Christ, our Lord, who said: *And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age* (Matt. 28:20).

Now, in order that it may appear that you, Brother Bryce De Zwarte, are willing to accept this office, you are requested to stand, and in the presence of God and His church give your answer to the following questions:

1. Do you believe that in the call of this congregation you are called by God Himself to this holy ministry?
2. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and do you reject every doctrine in conflict with them?
3. Do you promise to discharge the duties of your office faithfully, to conduct yourself worthily of this calling, and to submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church?

Answer: I do so believe and promise, God helping me.

THE SIGNING OF THE FORM OF SUBSCRIPTION

I, the undersigned minister of the gospel of the United Reformed congregation of Adoration in Vineland of the Classis of Ontario East do hereby, sincerely and in good conscience before the Lord, declare by this my subscription that I heartily believe and am persuaded that all the articles and points of doctrine contained in the Belgic Confession and the Heidelberg Catechism of the Reformed Churches, together with the explanation of some points of the aforesaid doctrine made by the National Synod of Dordrecht, 1618–1619, do fully agree with the Word of God.

I promise, therefore, diligently to teach and faithfully to defend the aforesaid doctrine, without either directly or indirectly contradicting the same by my public preaching, teaching, or writing.

I declare, moreover, that I not only reject all errors that militate against this doctrine and particularly those that were condemned by the abovementioned Synod, but also am disposed to refute and contradict them and to exert myself in keeping the church free from such errors. And if hereafter any difficulties or different sentiments respecting the aforesaid doctrines should arise in my mind, I promise that I will neither publicly nor privately propose or defend the same, either by preaching, teaching, or writing, until I have first revealed such sentiments to the Consistory, Classis, or Synod, that the same may there be examined, being ready always cheerfully to submit to the judgment of the Consistory, Classis, or Synod, under the penalty, in case of refusal, of being by that very fact suspended from my office.

And further, if at any time the Consistory, Classis, or Synod, upon sufficient grounds of suspicion and to preserve the uniformity and purity of doctrine, may deem it proper to require of me a further explanation of my sentiments respecting any particular article of the Confession of Faith, the Catechism, or the explanation of the National Synod, I do hereby promise to be always willing and ready to comply with such requisition, under the abovementioned penalty, reserving for myself, however, the right of appeal in case I should believe myself aggrieved by the sentence of the Consistory or the Classis; and until a decision is made upon such an appeal, I will acquiesce in the determination and judgment already passed.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER

May God, our heavenly Father, who has called you to this holy office, enlighten you with His Spirit, strengthen you with His hand, and so govern you in your ministry that you may be engaged in it faithfully and fruitfully, to the glory of His name and the coming of the kingdom of His Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE VOWS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Dear people of God and members of this church, since this solemn act involves obligations also on your part, I ask you before God:

1. Do you, in the name of the Lord, welcome this brother as your pastor?
2. Do you promise to receive the Word of God proclaimed by him and to encourage him in the discharge of his duty?
3. Will you pray that he may, in the power of the Spirit, equip you in the work of advancing God's kingdom for the honor of Christ our Lord, the building up of His church, and the salvation of men?

To these questions, what is your answer?

Answer: **We do, God helping us.**

CHARGE TO THE MINISTER

Beloved brother and fellow servant in Christ, take heed to yourself and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you a guardian, to feed the church of the Lord which He obtained with His own blood. Love Christ and feed His sheep, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, not for shameful gain, but eagerly, and not domineering over those in your charge, but humbly serving all. Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching, and to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have. Take heed to your teaching. Be patient in all trials. Be a good soldier of Jesus Christ, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will obtain the unfading crown of glory.

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

And you, beloved Christians, receive your minister in the Lord with all joy, and hold him in honor. Remember that through him God Himself speaks to you. Receive the Word that he, according to the Scripture, shall preach to you, not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the Word of God. Let the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, and bring the good news, be beautiful and pleasant to you. *Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you* (Heb. 13:17). If you do these things, the God of peace shall enter your homes. You who receive this man in the name of a prophet, shall receive a prophet's reward, and through faith in Jesus Christ, the inheritance of eternal life.

PRAYER

No man is of himself sufficient for these things. Let us call upon the name of God:

Merciful Father, we are thankful that it pleases You by the ministry of men to gather Your church out of the lost human race to life eternal. We acknowledge the gift of this, Your servant, sent to this people as a messenger of Your peace. Send now the Holy Spirit upon him. Enlighten his mind to know the truth of Your Word. Give him the ability to make known the mystery of the gospel with boldness. Grant him the wisdom to care for and guide the people over whom he is placed. Through his ministry, build up Your holy church, and grant her increase in number and in virtue. Give Your servant courage through Your Spirit to fulfill his calling against every difficulty and to be steadfast to the end. We pray that this people will receive him as having been sent by You. May they receive his teaching and exhortation with all reverence, and believing in Christ through his word become partakers of eternal life. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Your dear Son, in whose name we pray:

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

#216 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriends thee.
4. Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore him.

#100B All People That on Earth Do Dwell

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the LORD with cheerful voice.
Serve him with joy, his praises tell,
Come now before him and rejoice!
2. Know that the LORD is God indeed;
He formed us all without our aid.
We are the flock he surely feeds,
The sheep who by his hand were made.
3. O enter then his gates with joy,
Within his courts his praise proclaim!
Let thankful songs your tongues employ.
O bless and magnify his name!
4. Because the LORD our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood
And shall from age to age endure.

#145C I Will Extol You, O My God

1. I will extol you, O my God, and praise you, O my King;
Yes, every day and evermore your praises I will sing.
Great is the Lord, our mighty God, and greatly to be praised;
His greatness is unsearchable, above all glory raised.
2. Each generation to the next shall testimony bear,
And to your praise, from age to age, your wondrous acts declare.
Upon your glorious majesty and honor I will dwell.
And all your grand and glorious works and all your greatness tell.
3. Your mighty acts and awesome deeds we shall with awe confess;
Of your great goodness they shall sing and perfect righteousness.
Most gracious and compassionate is God, who reigns above;
His wrath is ever slow to rise, unbounded is his love.

#45B My Heart Does Overflow

1. My heart does overflow, a goodly theme is mine;
My eager tongue with joyful song does praise the King divine.
Supremely fair you are, your lips with grace o'erflow,
His richest blessings evermore does God on you bestow.
2. Now gird you with your sword, O strong and mighty one,
In splendid majesty arrayed, more glorious than the sun.
Triumphantly ride forth for meekness, truth, and right;
Your arm shall gain the victory in wondrous deeds of might.
3. Your strength shall overcome all those that hate the King,
And under your dominion strong the nations you shall bring.
Your royal throne, O God, forevermore shall stand;
Eternal truth and justice wield the scepter in your hand.
4. Since you were sinless found, the Lord, by you confessed,
Anointed you with perfect joy, you are supremely blessed,
Your garments breathe of myrrh and spices sweet and rare;
Glad strains of heav'nly music ring thro'-out your palace fair.
5. Amid your glorious train the royal daughters stand,
And fairest gems bedeck your bride, the queen at your right hand.
O royal bride, give heed, my holy words attend;
For Christ, the King, forsake the world and every former friend.

#404 The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
5. 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
6. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

#564 Now Blessed Be Jehovah God

1. Now blessed be Jehovah God, the God of Israel,
Who only doeth wondrous works, in glory that excel;
Who only doeth wondrous works, in glory that excel.
2. And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity;
The whole earth let his glory fill; amen: so let it be;
The whole earth let his glory fill; amen: so let it be.

Pastor Bryce De Zwarte

The oldest of four, Pastor Bryce De Zwarte was born and raised in the small Dutch community of Pella, Iowa. His father, Lonnie, works at Two Rivers Cooperative in Liquid Propane sales, and his mother, Danece, does hair out of the home a couple days a week. Bryce's younger siblings are also currently living in Pella. Lance works in Construction Technology, and his wife, Karina, is a grade schoolteacher at one of the local Christian schools. Laura will be entering her third year at Dordt University to study Nursing. And Ross will be beginning his first year at Dordt to study Business.



Bryce was baptized in the Frist Christian Reformed Church in Pella by Dr. J. Mark Beach, who would later help to train Bryce for the pastoral ministry at Mid-America Reformed Seminary from the Fall of 2016 to the Spring of 2019. Bryce spent the most formative years of his life at Covenant Reformed Church (URC) in Pella. This is where Bryce was catechized and began to be encouraged from a young age to pursue gospel ministry. He can still remember sitting under the preaching of the late Rev. John Piersma, who preached with such passion and conviction, thinking as a young boy, "That's what I want to do some day." And by God's grace, the Lord slowly but surely instilled in Bryce a desire to bring the Word of God to the people of God.

Bryce attended Pella Christian Grade School and High School before spending four years at Dordt, where he received a degree in History before heading to seminary. During his three years in seminary, Bryce grew both personally and spiritually and became more and more equipped for the work of the ministry. In his first year there, he had the opportunity to teach 9th and 10th Grade Catechism at Oak Glen United Reformed Church, and he had many opportunities to lead worship in the two years following at various URC and OPC congregations. He served summer assignments in Sioux Center, Iowa during their vacancy and in Strathroy, Ontario with Rev. Harry Zekveld. Most recently Bryce served as a pastoral intern at Redeemer URC in Orange City, Iowa with Rev. Todd De Rooy.

In and through each of these places, the Lord was preparing Bryce to serve as the pastor of Adoration URC, accepting her call on January 26, 2020. Although he had never imagined when he was young that his desire to pursue the ministry would lead him to serve in another country, Pastor Bryce is so glad that the LORD has brought him here to Vineland, and he looks forward to seeing how the Lord will grant him and Adoration the rich blessing of growing in the grace and knowledge of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.