



## Service for the Ordination of

# *Neema Cyrus-Franklin*



**As Teaching Elder, Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Sunday, August 12, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.**

Covenant Presbyterian Church | 6323 W. 80th Street | Los Angeles, California 90045

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### GATHERING

PRELUDE

*“Lord Prepare Me”  
by R. Scruggs & J. Thompson*

Jazz 4 the Soul Ensemble

GREETING / WELCOME

Rev. Sue Fisher  
*Covenant Presbyterian Church*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Shin-Hwa Park  
*Presbytery of the Pacific*

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.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of our God.

**Let us exalt God’s name together.**

Come, let us sing to God;

**Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation!**

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Calvin Moore  
*First Presbyterian Church of LA*

HYMN OF PRAISE

*“How Great Thou Art”*

Presbyterian Hymnal #467  
Glory to God Hymnal #625

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
OF THE ANCESTORS

Rev. Carlton Rhoden  
*Westminster Presbyterian Church*

Pastor Victor Cyrus-Franklin  
*Inglewood First United Methodist Church*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Elder Sandra Tufts  
*Westminster Presbyterian Church*

**Holy and gracious God,  
At times we feel so frail and fragile,  
getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news,  
by our own short tempers and failings.  
You call us to hold fast to what is good,**

**but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing  
that will center us again.  
Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center,  
and to cling to the good that you create in the world.  
Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices,  
all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt.  
Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness,  
that we will bear his love and truth to the world.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Damon Green  
*Knox Presbyterian Church*

*The good news in Jesus Christ is that when we face ourselves and God  
with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage  
to continue the journey.*

*Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*"God Has Smiled on Me"  
by Isaiah Jones*

Jazz 4 the Soul Ensemble

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Heidi Worthen Gamble  
*Presbytery of the Pacific*

HEBREW BIBLE READING

*Micah 6:6-8*

Rev. Heidi Worthen Gamble

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*John 1:19-29*

Elder Tresvan Lawson  
*Angeles Mesa Presbyterian Church*

ANTHEM

*My Tribute  
(To God be the Glory)  
by Andrae Crouch*

Jazz 4 the Soul Ensemble

SERMON

Rev. Erika Rembert Smith  
*Washington Shores Presbyterian Church  
Orlando, FL*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"The Brief Statement  
of Faith," PC(USA)*

Elder Tyona Rensen  
*Angeles Mesa Presbyterian Church*

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
 everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
 The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
 sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
 and binds us together with all believers  
 in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit  
 who inspired the prophets and apostles  
 rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
 engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
 claims us in the waters of baptism,  
 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
 and calls all people to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world  
 the Spirit gives us courage  
 to pray without ceasing,  
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
 and to live holy and joyful lives,  
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,  
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
 Glory to the Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Harold E. Kidd  
*First Presbyterian Church of Inglewood*

OFFERTORY

*"Walk With Me, Lord"*

Jazz 4 the Soul Ensemble  
 w/Ashley Lawson, soloist

**SERVICE OF ORDINATION TO  
 THE MINISTRY OF WORD & SACRAMENT**

STATEMENT OF ORDINATION

Rev. Sue Fisher

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Rev. Sue Fisher

ORDINATION PRAYER WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Rev. Dr. Charles Marks

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION

Rev. Sue Fisher

CHARGE TO  
THE NEWLY ORDAINED

*From the Elders*  
*From the Community*  
*From the Family*

Rev. Dr. Leon Fanniel  
Claudine Cooper  
Pastor Victor, Tre & Nhani  
Cyrus-Franklin

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS FOR MINISTRY

Rev. Timm Cyrus  
& Elder Margaret Cyrus

CHARGE TO THE PRESBYTERY

Rev. Chineta Goodjoin  
*New Hope Presbyterian Church*

HYMN

*“Let the Church Say Amen”*  
*by Andrae Crouch*

Jazz 4 the Soul Ensemble

### SENDING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Reverend Neema Cyrus-Franklin

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

*“Every Praise”*

Jazz 4 the Soul Ensemble

RECEPTION

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### Clergy Commissioners

Rev. Sue Fisher, Pastor, *Covenant Presbyterian Church*  
Rev. Dr. Harold Kidd, *First Presbyterian Church of Inglewood*  
Rev. Heidi Worthen Gamble, Mission Catalyst, *Presbytery of the Pacific*  
Rev. Shin-Hwa Park, Member At-Large, *Presbytery of the Pacific*

### Elder Commissioners

Tresvan Lawson, Ruling Elder, *Angeles Mesa Presbyterian Church*  
Damon Green, Ruling Elder, *Knox Presbyterian Church*  
Sandra Tufts, Ruling Elder, *Westminster Presbyterian Church*

### The Music Today

The Jazz 4 the Soul Ensemble: Terry Williams, *Sax/Guitar*, David Balfour, *Keyboards*, Robert Johnson, Jr, *Bass*, Ricardo "Ricky" Mowatt, *Drums/Percussion*  
Ashley Lawson, cantor, *Angeles Mesa Presbyterian Church*

### Worship Notes

The offering tonight will be given to the Presbytery of the Pacific's Presbytery Fund, which supports the special needs of Inquirers and Candidates preparing for ministry.

Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin was installed to the office of Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of the Pacific at its Stated Meeting on July 28, 2018.