

Ordination of Marcelino Rivera



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10710 Park Ridge-Gotha Road
Windermere, Florida 34786

Service of Ordination and Installation
Marcelino Rivera
Sunday, September 19, 2021
3:00 PM

** For those who are able, please stand*

Prelude *En Mi Viejo San Juan* Instrumental

*** Processional Hymn** *Verde Luz* Praise Team

Welcome and Greetings Dr. Chet Evans, Moderator
Ms. Yvonne Torres

*** Opening Hymn** *Enviado soy de Dios* (bilingual)

*** Call to Celebration** Rev. S. LaTrell Harrison

Leader **M**arvelous are your works, O God.

People ***A** lamp unto our feet is your word.*

Leader **R**edeemer of all humanity.

People ***C**harity is the language of God.*

Leader **E**xcellent is your name in all the earth.

People ***L**ead us to truth.*

Leader **I**n you we live and move and have our being.

People ***N**o one compares to you, O God.*

All ***O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together.***

Prayer of Invocation Rev. David Houseal

Contemporary Reading "Reclaiming Image" Ms. Chris Stumpf

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 12:4-14 Ms. Mickey Mittong
(The Inclusive Bible)

Choral Response *The Lords Prayer* Mr. Kevin Harris

Contemporary Reading “Give All of Yourself”
Ms. Zorimar Rivera Rodriguez

Hymn/Song *How Great Thou Art/ Cuan grande es el* (Bilingual)

Homily 1 Samuel 3:1-21 Rev. Barton R. Buchanan

Hymn/Song *Ocean* by Hillsong
Ms. Yadira M. Rivera Martinez

Service of Ordination and Installation

John: (*Greeting*) Grace to you and Peace from God, who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness and the sovereign of the rulers on earth.

The FL Conference of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the sole head of the church.

Congregation: **To God, who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

Moderator: (*Request to Conference*) Windermere Union United Church of Christ, after carefully considering the call to ordained ministry of Marcelino Rivera, respectfully requests that the FL Conference ordain Marcelino Rivera to the ministry of the church of Jesus Christ, consistent with scripture and with the traditions of the church universal, and according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

John: (*Address the Congregation*) The FL Conference has reviewed the request of Windermere Union United Church of Christ. We have prayerfully examined Marcelino Rivera concerning his fitness for ministry in Christ's church.

LaTrell: We are pleased, on behalf of the United Church of Christ, to authorize the ordination of Marcelino Rivera into the Christian ministry.

John: (*Address the Ordinand*) Marcelino Rivera, servant of God, we invite you to come forward as a sign of your consent to receive ordination into Christian ministry.

(Marcelino comes forward)

CM and other WCOM present:

John: The United Church of Christ acknowledges, as its sole head, Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior. It acknowledges as kindred in Christ all who share in this confession. It looks to the word of God in the scriptures, and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, to prosper its creative and redemptive work in the world. It claims as its own the faith of the historic church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant reformers.

LaTrell: It affirms the responsibility of the church in each generation to make this faith its own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression, and in purity of heart before God. In accordance with the teaching of our Lord and the practice prevailing among Christians, it recognizes two sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion.

LaTrell: The United Church of Christ recognizes that God calls the whole church and every member to participate in and extend the ministry of Jesus Christ by witnessing to the gospel in church and society. The United Church of Christ seeks to undergird the ministry of its members by nurturing faith, calling forth gifts and equipping members for Christian service.

John: Ordination is the rite whereby the United Church of Christ, through the Conference, in cooperation with the person and a local church of the United Church of Christ, recognizes and authorizes that member whom God has called to ordained ministry, and sets that person apart by prayer and the laying on of hands. By this rite, ordained ministerial standing is conferred and authorization given to perform the duties and exercise the prerogatives of ordained ministry in the United Church of Christ.

John: (*Exhortation*) Hear these words from the Apostle Paul: How are people to call upon one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ.

John: (*Examination*) Marcelino Rivera, before God and this congregation, we ask you: Are you persuaded that God has called you to be an ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, and are you ready with the help of God to enter this ministry and to serve faithfully in it?

Marcelino: I am

LaTrell: Do you, with the church throughout the world, hear the word of God in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and do you accept the word of God as the rule of Christian faith and practice?

Marcelino: I do

LaTrell: Do you promise to be diligent in your private prayers and in reading the scriptures as well as in the public duties of your office?

Marcelino: I do, relying on God's grace.

LaTrell: Will you be zealous in maintaining both the truth of the gospel and the peace of the church, speaking the truth in love?

Marcelino: I will, relying on God's grace.

John: Will you be faithful in preaching and teaching the gospel, in administering the sacraments and rites of the church, and in exercising pastoral care and leadership?

Marcelino: I will, relying on God's grace.

John: Will you keep silent all confidences shared with you?

Marcelino: I will, relying on God's grace.

LaTrell: Will you seek to regard all people with equal love and concern and undertake to minister impartially to the needs of all?

Marcelino: I will, relying on God's grace.

LaTrell: Do you accept the faith and order of the United Church of Christ; and will you, as an ordained minister in this communion, ecumenically reach out toward all who are in Christ and show Christian love to people of other faiths and people of no faith?

Marcelino: I do and I will, relying on God's grace.

John: (*Acclamation*) I'd like to ask all clergy and Committee on Ministry members to stand as I address this next question to you: People of God, you have heard the promises Marcelino Rivera has made. What is your will?

LaTrell & Barton: By the grace of God, he is worthy! Let us ordain him! Come, Holy Spirit.

John: Will you support Marcelino in the ministry of Christ?

Barton & LaTrell: We will.

John: Let us show our affirmation and support, as well. (*Applause*)

(Invite clergy forward as Marcelino kneels)

The laying on of hands is the symbolic act whereby the church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men and asks the Holy Spirit to confer on them gifts for ordained ministry.

Laying on of hands

John: Let us pray. Eternal God, in wisdom you govern all things, and from the beginning you have chosen faithful people to serve you in ministry, calling some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip all your people for the work of the ministry and for building up the body of Christ. Now bless and sanctify by your Holy Spirit your servant Marcelino, whom we, in your name and in obedience to your will, by prayer and with laying on of hands, ordain to the ministry of the church committing to him the authority to preach your word, administer the sacraments, and exercise the responsibilities of pastor and teacher. Bestow on Marcelino the power of your Holy Spirit, confirming what we do. Let the same mind be in him that was in Christ Jesus. Enable him to nourish your people in the faith of the gospel. Fill his speech with truth and his life with purity. Increase the faith of Marcelino in you, strengthen him in the day of trouble, prosper his words and works that your name may be glorified and your truth exalted; through Jesus Christ our Sovereign and Savior. Amen

John: In the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church and by the authority of the Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you to be ordained into the ministry of Jesus Christ. You are granted ordained ministerial standing in the United Church of Christ; and on behalf of its people, we offer you this certificate of ordination.

Hymn/Song

Dulce Comunion

John: *(Installation)* And now, let it be known that Windermere Union United Church of Christ has declared that, having gathered

under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called Marcelino to minister in this place as a pastor and teacher and that it now receives him as appointed by God for this ministry. The Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ has declared that he has met all the necessary conditions for installation to this office.

John: (*addressing pastor*) Marcelino, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that Windermere Union United Church of Christ has been led to call you as a pastor and teacher, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ with us in the Florida Conference?

Marcelino: I am willing, and I promise to serve this church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

John: Members of Windermere Union United Church of Christ, will you rise in body or in spirit and affirm your covenant with your pastor and teacher?

Congregation: We, the members of Windermere Union United Church of Christ, receive Rev. Marcelino Rivera as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with him in the ministry of the gospel and to give him due honor and support. We gather with him and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

John: (*addressing FL Conference/WCOM members*) Members of the Florida Conference will you rise in body or in spirit and affirm your covenant with Windermere Union and its pastor and teacher?

Barton & LaTrell: We, the members of the Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and the pastor and teacher of Windermere Union UCC as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

John: Invite family up (prayer) Almighty God, you have called your servants to make promises before you; now enable us to keep our vows that we may remain steadfast in faith and fruitful in every good work. Bless, we pray, your servant Marcelino, to whom the care of your people in this church is now committed. Pour out your Holy Spirit on him, on the people of Windermere Union UCC and on all the churches of the FL Conference that our mutual ministry may be served with all faithfulness, diligence and courage. Grant us the spirit of power and love and of a sound mind. Make our ministry a means of awakening the careless, strengthening the faithful, comforting the afflicted, building up your church and converting sinners to you. Guard us against the snares of temptation that we may be kept pure in heart, fervent in spirit and valiant against evil. And at the last, by your grace, receive us in your eternal home, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ reigns in glory, one God forever and ever. Amen.

John: (*Declaration*) In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the FL Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as a pastor and teacher of Windermere Union United Church of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

(CM/Clergy and WCOM are seated)

Instrumental Solo

Presentation of Gifts of Ministry

Charge to the Pastor and La Iglesia

Rev. Barton Buchanan

Recessional

Vienen con Alegria

Praise Team

Benediction

Rev. Marcelino Rivera

Postlude

En Mi Viejo San Juan

Instrumental

Notes

- Pastor Marcelino, and members of WUC invite guests to a reception outside following the worship service
- The Contemporary Reading: “Reclaiming Image,” is an excerpt from Carvalhaes, Claudio. *Liturgies from Below* (pp. 306-307). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.
- The Epistle Reading: Priests for Equality. *The Inclusive Bible* (p. 2548). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.
- The Contemporary Reading: “Give All of Yourself” Carvalhaes, Claudio. *Liturgies from Below* (p. 163). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.
- The Call to Celebration is a compilation of scripture from a variety of English translations.

Worship Participants

Mr. Pablo Aragona is a local musician

Rev. Barton Buchanan is the Senior Pastor of Windermere Union Church

Mr. Troy Dolendo is Director of Music at Windermere Union Church

Dr. Chet Evans is the Moderator of the Official Board at Windermere Union Church

Ms. Jennifer Brewer Harris is a member of Windermere Union Church and member of today's praise team

Mr. Kevin Harris is a local musician and founder and CEO of Harrisland Studios, and Windermere Union Church member

Rev. LaTrell Harrison is Associate Pastor of Youth, Young Adults and Young Families Ministries at Windermere Union Church and a member of Western Region Committee on Ministry

Rev. David Houseal is retired clergy and a member of Windermere Union Church

Ms. Yadira M. Rivera Martinez is the daughter of Marcelino Rivera

Ms. Mickey Mittong is a Stephen Minister at Windermere Union Church

Mr. Marc Osborn is a local musician

Ms. Zorimar Rivera Rodriguez is the daughter of Marcelino Rivera

Ms. Chris Stumpf is a Stephen Minister, Director of Children's Ministries and Wedding Coordinator at Windermere Union Church

Ms. Yvonne Torres is a member of La Iglesia and member of the Official Board of Windermere Union Church

Rev. John Vertigan is the Conference Minister of the Florida Conference

Acknowledgements from Pastor Marcelino

My sincerest thanks to:

Rev. John Vertigan and the conference staff for your support and participation in my ordination

Pastor Barton Buchanan and the church staff for organizing today's service

The WUC Board and members of WUC

Ms. Yvonne Torres and the members of La Iglesia

Stephen Ministers of WUC

The WUC Technology Team

The Greeters for today's service

Friends from the community who supported me

My family and friends who traveled to be here to support me



Enviado Soy de Dios

Eviado Soy de Dios; mi mano lista está
para construir con el un mundo fraternal.
(repeat)

Los angeles no son enviados a cambiar
un mundo de dolor por un mundo de paz.
Me ha tocado a mi hacerlo realidad;
ayudame Señor hacer tu voluntad.

Sent by the Lord am I; my hand I will apply
in fellowship to build a peaceful loving world.
(repeat)

The angels cannot change a world of grief and pain,
where sorrows do not cease, into a world of peace.
The task is mine to do, to make it all come true;
God, help me to obey, to do your will this day.

How Great Thou Art Cuan Grande es El

Señor, mi Dios, al contemplar los cielos,
El firmamento y las estrellas mil.
Al oír tu voz en los potentes truenos
Y ver brillar al sol en su cenit.

Mi corazón se llena de emoción.
Cuan grande es Él. Cuan grande es Él.
(repeat)

