

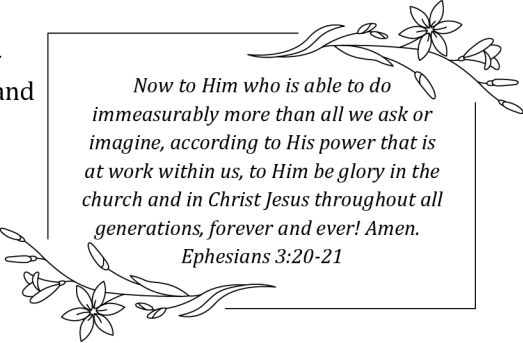
To My Friends and Family ~ As I stack stones, remembering God's faithfulness on my journey, I can't help but think of you! I am humbled as I ponder the impact you each have and continue to have on my life and ministry. I am grateful and thank God for you!

To my family - oh, how I love you! Thank you for loving, encouraging, supporting, inspiring, guiding, praying, and much more!

To the First Baptist Churches of Chillicothe, Sedalia, Jefferson City, and First Christian Church, Sedalia: Thank you for being my church family, equipping me for ministry, recognizing and celebrating God's call on my life, and helping me grow in my faith. You each played special roles in different chapters.

To Friends of Just Jump Ministries, Inc. - Thank you for "listening to God's voice and just jumping" with me. What a joy it has been to be amazed by God's goodness together!

With love and joy,
Cara



Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21


A Prayer of Blessing From Dad

Dear Heavenly Father,

As her earthly father, I've watched Cara grow up from a newborn baby. Later, when she was born again into your family, God, I've seen her passion for Christ grow and mature. Her faithfulness, tenacity, courage, and commitment have been an inspiration to me and to many others. She's always tried to find and follow your will, Lord.

Now, today, I join with the others in this room giving our blessing on Cara as she moves ahead. Most importantly, we seek your continued blessing on her as she advances from this important milestone in her life. Empower her with your Holy Spirit, let her speak and teach boldly, and minister compassionately. We ask that you lift her up when she's down, give her courage when she's frightened, and strength when she is weak. Thank you for bringing Cara into our lives.


We praise you in Jesus' name.



The Ordination of Rev. Cara B. Harrington



Sunday, October 27, 2024, 2:00 pm
First Baptist Church
Jefferson City, MO



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

Psalm 89:1-2

Prelude	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	Ashley Deckard Mackenzie Harrington
Invocation & Welcome		Rev. Melissa Hatfield
Reading from the Old Testament		Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin
	Joshua 4:4-9	
Stacking Stones: A Glimpse of the Journey		Cara Harrington
Congregational Singing		Amy Tilley Brian Harrington
	<i>Goodness of God, Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>	
Reading from the New Testament		Mandee Carney
	Matthew 22:36-40, Matthew 28:19-20, Romans 10:14-15	
Commissioning Litany		Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin
Leader: There are different gifts,		
People: But it is the same Spirit that gives them.		
Leader: There are different ways of serving God,		
People: But it is the same Lord who is served.		
Leader: God works through individuals in different ways,		
People: But it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them.		
Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit to use it for the common good.		
People: Together, we are the body of Christ and individually members of Christ.		
Leader: Though we have different gifts, together, we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make God's church useful in the world, and we call people to faith so that in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Creator. In that spirit, we are all called to serve.		

People: Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life to set others free.

Leader: Cara, is it your belief that God has called and gifted you for ministry, and do you commit yourself this day to the trust and responsibility of being a Minister of the Gospel? Will you be diligent in pursuit of God, true to the example of Christ, faithful to the gospel of grace, and will you serve the Church of Jesus Christ?

Cara: It is my belief that I am called by God, and I commit myself to the responsibilities of my calling.

Leader: And you, people of God, having heard Cara's commitment and witnessed her walk of faith, what is your desire?

People: To ordain her as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to empower her to serve all God's people, and to encourage her with our blessing. Amen.

Charge to the Candidate		Rev. Melissa Hatfield
The Prayer of Blessing		Rev. Dr. Roger Hatfield
Song of Reflection	<i>You Make Everything Beautiful</i>	Amy Tilley Tammy Christenberry
The Laying on of Hands		Rev. Melissa Hatfield
	<i>You are welcome to come forward during this time of focused prayer for Cara and participate in this ancient rite of blessing and encouragement.</i>	
The Presentation of Ordination Gift		Rev. Melissa Hatfield
Congregational Singing	<i>I Will Follow</i>	Amy Tilley Brian Harrington
Benediction		Cara Harrington, First Kids, Refuge Youth Vyla Hamler, Erick Leesman, Luke McGeorge, Brooklyn Werdehausen

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION IN CARA'S HONOR IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE.