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*Worship Service*  
*The Ordination of Dr. Sharon Tam*

**Prelude** *“Be Thou My Vision”*  
~ Mrs. Barb Constable, GSCC Minister of Music  
Mrs. Debi Radin, flautist

**Welcome** ~ Rev. Rob Dean, GSCC Associate Pastor

**Worship Songs** ~ John 4:24

**Hymn** *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

**Words of Greeting**  
Clarington Community Church  
~ Rev. Dr. David Fowler, Senior Pastor CCC  
English-Speaking Chinese Ministerial  
~ Rev. Dr. Ted Tham, Co-Chair ESCM

**Worship Songs** ~ John 4:24

**Words of Greeting**  
Christians for Biblical Equality, Toronto Chapter  
~ Ms. Margaret Amanatides, Elder Danforth Mennonite Church  
Lausanne Canada ~ Dr. John Franklin, Chair LC  
Milliken Chinese Community Church  
~ Rev. Brian Wong, Senior Pastor MCCC

**Children’s Ministry** ~ Rev. Carol Smith, GSCC Children’s Pastor

**Scripture Reading**  
Joshua 1:6-9 ~ Pastor Nigel Chang, GSCC Youth Pastor  
Jeremiah 1:4-10 ~ Mr. Rej Proulx, GSCC Elder  
Ephesians 4:7-13 ~ Mrs. Maureen Oulton,  
GSCC Chair of the Congregation

**Introduction of Speaker** ~ Rev. John McAuley, GSCC Minister-at-Large

**Message:** *Leaders For Today: Reconnaissance and Recognition*  
~ Rev. Dr. Laurie Barber, Director of Missional Initiatives,  
Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec

**Presentation of the Ordinand** ~ Mrs. Joan Howell,  
GSCC Executive Committee and Elder

**Address to the Ordinand** ~ Rev. John McAuley,  
GSCC Minister-at-Large

**Questions to the Ordinand and the Congregation**  
~ Mrs. Natalie Nash and Mr. Brian McConnell,  
Co-Chairs of GSCC Board of Elders

**Laying on of Hands** ~ GSCC Elders,  
GSCC Pastoral Team, and local Pastors

**Opening Prayer** ~ Dr. Paul Bramer, GSCC Advisory Council

**Prayer for Ordinand’s husband**  
~ Rev. Roger Smith, GSCC Advisory Council

**Closing Prayer** ~ Rev. Rob Patterson, GSCC Advisory Council

**Presentation of Stole** ~ Ms. Robyn Allin,  
Ms. Margaret Barker, GSCC Elders

**Presentation of Bible** ~ Mr. Murray Lahn,  
Mrs. Sharon Fiennes-Clinton, GSCC Elders

**Presentation of Communion Set** ~ Mr. David McCready,  
Chair of GSCC Board of Directors, GSCC Elder  
Mr. Peter Oulton, GSCC Elder

**Presentation of Certificate** ~ Mrs. Joan Howell,  
GSCC Executive Committee and Elder

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** ~ Rev. Dr. Sharon Tam,  
GSCC Lead Pastor

**Communion Praise** ~ John 4:24

**Benediction** ~ Rev. Dr. Sharon Tam,  
GSCC Lead Pastor

**Choral Benediction** *“A Clare Benediction”* – J. Rutter  
~ Choral Group

**Postlude** *“And Can it Be”*  
~ Mr. Wes Jackson, GSCC Director – Secretary, saxophone  
Mrs. Barb Constable, GSCC Minister of Music

## ***What is Ordination?***

In both Old and New Testament times, some leaders were set apart as being distinctive among the people of God. It is consistent with biblical practice for a local church to recognize that God has given gifts to his people, and to affirm those individuals called to specific areas of ministry within the local congregation. Ordination is the process by which these individuals are consecrated, that is, set apart as clergy to perform various religious rites and ceremonies. The Ordination Service is the formal procedure by which churches recognize and confirm that an individual has been called by God to ministry, acknowledge that the individual has gone through a period of discernment and training related to this call, and authorize that individual to take on the office of ministry. God anoints (or ordains) Christians for works of service into which He has called them. The service of ordination simply marks the human recognition of that which God has already done in the life of an individual.

### **Why the laying on of hands?**

Actions with the hands were an important part of ancient religious ritual, prayer, and invocation of divine blessing. Jacob blessed his sons by laying his hands upon their heads and Jesus blessed children in the same manner. The action was symbolic of spiritual blessing flowing from one person to another.

In the Old and New Testament, leaders were commissioned for certain tasks by the laying on of hands and prayer. The Levites were ordained by the people placing their hands upon them (Num 8:10). Moses ordained his successor Joshua by placing his hands upon him and thus also investing him with some of his authority (Num 27:18-23). In the New Testament, the congregation (or possibly the apostles) laid hands on the seven helpers (Acts 6:5), and on Barnabas and Saul as they sent them off for mission work (Act 13:3). Paul's young associate, Timothy, was ordained by the laying on of hands (1 Tim 4:14; 2. Tim 1:6-7). The action marks a public commissioning of someone whom the Spirit has called, gifted, and empowered for pastoral ministry.

### **Why so many gifts?**

Christian congregations in many traditions have historically presented newly ordained ministers with gifts rich in symbolic meaning. **The Bible** represents both the authority given to and the challenge placed upon the ordained minister to boldly and faithfully preach the Word of God. **The communion set** represents the commissioning to faithfully administer the sacraments to God's people. **The stole** is a modern-day descendant of an ancient kind of towel that is linked to the towel used by Christ in washing the feet of his disciples. It is therefore representative of the yoke of Christ and serves as a symbolic reminder that ordination is always for the sake of service. **The certificate** represents the process of examination, training, and spiritual discernment through which the ordinand went that verifies that he or she has the necessary education, training, doctrinal soundness, and Christian character for the task of ministry.

### **What is the significance of the robes?**

Most liturgical vestments (what we call 'robes') have their origins in the street clothes of an earlier era. The alb, which originated from the under-tunic worn in antiquity, gets its name from the Latin word alba which means white. The alb is perhaps the oldest and most commonly-worn liturgical vestment in the church throughout the world today. The alb also points back to the 'white garments' with which the ancient church clothed men and women following their baptism. For this reason anyone who has a leadership role in worship can wear an alb. The practice of wearing albs or gowns directs attention away from the individual personality and towards his or her office as an ordained minister.

### **Why are robes only worn sometimes at Good Shepherd Community Church but not at other times?**

GSCC values being a multi-ethnic, multi-generational, multi-traditional faith community which draws from the diverse streams of Christianity throughout history and across denominations. Accordingly, the pastors wear robes to mark celebratory occasions (Christmas, Easter, Weddings, Baptisms, etc.) as a mark of reverence and humility. However, they do not wear robes throughout the rest of the year symbolizing that both clergy and laity alike are equal before God.

## *Words of Thanks*

A sincere thank you to each and every one who has come to support me and affirm God's calling on my life. Especially, I would like to thank those who contributed to this evening's ordination service. Your sacrificial service, love, and prayers are a great encouragement to me.

*- Gratefully in Christ, Sharon*

**Event co-ordinator:** Joan Howell

**Decorations:** Krista Shugart & helpers

**Reception:** Evelyn Kudjerski & helpers

**John 4:24:**

Jenifer Au, Chair Music Department,  
Mississauga Chinese Baptist Church

Rev. Tim Tang, English Pastor, East Toronto Chinese Baptist Church

Vivian Lui, Jeff Pak, Justin Lau, Ray Onami, Andrew Lau,

Bev Chan, Sam Wong

**Choral Group:** Melissa Dean, Pam Farquhar, Rebecca Idestrom,  
Wes Jackson, Lewis Liu, Susan Liu, Maureen Oulton, Debi Radin,  
Margaret Rowe, Dorothy White, Barb Constable (Conductor)

**Pianist/Organist:** Barb Constable

**Flautist:** Debi Radin

**Saxophonist:** Wesley Jackson

**A/V:** Murray Lahn & team

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Rev. Nick Wong, Rev. Huckle Choi

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Robyn Allin, Margaret Barker, Sharon Fiennes-Clinton, Joan Howell,

Murray Lahn, Dave McCready, Peter Oulton, Rej Proulx

**GSCC Pastoral team:** Nigel Chang - Youth Pastor, Barb Constable -

Minister of Music, Rev. Rob Dean - Associate Pastor, Rev. John McAuley

- Minister at Large, Rev. Carol Smith - Children's Pastor, Dr. Sharon Tam

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