

Service of Transition

for

the Rev. Hollie Marie Holt-Woehl

September 22, 2002

L: Hollie is leaving House of Hope to begin study at Luther Seminary and to prepare for a ministry of teaching in our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Today, we bid her Godspeed and farewell.

L: A reading from Romans 6: “When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried, therefore, with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.”

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. O God, your days are without end and your mercies cannot be counted. As we are aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life, so that we may live freely with the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a holy hope, in favor with you, our God, and in peace with all humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

First Lesson – Isaiah 52:7-12

Psalm 139:1-10

Romans 4:18-21

Mark 10:42-45

Meditation

L: Almighty God, grant that all who have been baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life.

Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: God of all Wisdom, help us in the midst of things that we cannot understand, to believe and trust in your guiding hands and heart.

Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: God of all people, help us who remain at House of Hope to entrust Hollie to your never failing love which sustains her now and in her new life. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring your light to us. We give you thanks because his life, death and resurrection have revealed your power at work in our world. Make us certain that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

L: Hollie Marie Holt-Woehl, in Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of God’s Church. When you joined House of Hope, we rejoiced to receive you into our fellowship in the Gospel. In this community of faith, you have heard the proclamation of God’s Word, which reveals God’s loving purpose for you and for all creation. You have been nourished at Christ’s

table and called to be a witness to the Gospel. God has blessed you in this fellowship and we have all been blessed through you.

C: We encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts at Luther Seminary as a worker with us in the kingdom of God. We send you with our support, our prayers, our hopes and our blessings. We send you as a gift and missionary to the whole church and all of God's people.

L: Let us pray. Eternal God, we thank you for Hollie and for our life together in House of Hope and in this community. As she has been a blessing to us, so now send her forth to be a blessing to others.

L: Remind her often that she is to teach your ways and bring the Good News, that she is your servant and a herald of justice and peace. May she be open to your word and your way as she travels on.

L: Encourage Hollie with a deepened awareness of her calling, especially when she wants to look back or when she experiences feelings of loneliness, doubt or homelessness.

L: Take her to your people and shine through her life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Benediction – Sung to “Morning Has Broken”

New life has bloomed here,
God's love has warmed us;
Now the world calls us
To go and spread that love.
God's peace go with you.
May it sustain you,
And bring us together
To praise God again.