

**Service of Ordination**

**for**

**James Warren Jones**

**PEOPLES TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**Indianapolis, Indiana**

**February 16, 1964 - 8:00 P.M.**

# The Service of Worship

"I will pay my vows unto the Lord now,  
in the presence of all His people."



The Organ Prelude

Mrs. Loretta Cordell

The Opening Hymn - Mr. Harold Cordell, Sr.  
"Onward Christian Soldiers"

Number 98

The Invocation

Rev. Andrew J. Brown

The Lord's Prayer

The Scripture Reading

William White

The Anthem

Choir of St. John's  
Missionary Baptist Church

The Ordination Sermon

Rev. John H. Keppel

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**PRESIDING MINISTER (Edward J. Melvin):** James Warren Jones, you have expressed to a duly constituted ordination council, made up of elders and ministers of the Church of Jesus Christ, your desire to be ordained as a Christian Minister. We are now to hear the report of this council.

**CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL (Harley Patterson):** Sir, it is my happy privilege to report that the council has carefully studied the credentials of James Warren Jones, investigated his preparation and his life, and questioned him thoroughly as to his intent and purpose and we do now present him for ordination into the ministry of the Church.

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** The ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ is a high calling and not to be considered lightly or entered into unwisely. As you, James Warren Jones, appeared before the ordination council and stated that it was your desire and purpose to consecrate your life and your talents to the Christian ministry, do you here and now, before this larger group, reaffirm this desire and purpose?

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** We are assembled here as representatives of the congregations which constitute, through their ministers and elders, the ordination council. It has presented James Warren Jones for ordination. We are also assembled here as representatives of that Brotherhood of believers known as Disciples of Christ. But even more, we are assembled as representatives of that larger fellowship, the Church universal. In each and all of these representative capacities, do you accept James Warren Jones as a minister of the Church of Jesus Christ, pledging the love, esteem, cooperation and fellowship of the Church to him insofar as his life and labors shall continue to merit these?

**CONGREGATION RESPONDING:** We do hereby accept James Warren Jones as a minister of the Church of Jesus Christ and pledge to him our love, esteem, cooperation and fellowship. We grant to him the privileges and opportunities of the Christian ministry, as well as its obligations and responsibilities.

## THE ACT OF ORDINATION

THE ORDINATION PRAYER . . . . . Rev. Archie Ijames

THE CHARGE TO NEWLY ORDAINED MINISTER . . . . . Dr. John Harms

THE CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION . . . . . Dr. Harley Patterson

## GREETINGS FROM THE ECUMENICAL CHURCH

THE PRESENTATION OF THE ORDINATION CERTIFICATE  
AND THE CODE OF ETHICS . . . . . Rev. Ronald L. Sechrist

THE CLOSING HYMN . . . . . Number 221

THE BLESSING . . . . . Rev. Oviatt Desmond

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

37c  
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Baptist Church
- REV. EDWARD J. MALMIN, Pastor of Peoples' Temple  
Christian Church
- WILLIAM WHITE, B.A., Associate Minister of Broadway  
Christian Center
- REV. A. J. LAMMES, Director of Peoples Temple Christian  
Church Social Service Division
- REV. OVIATT DESMOND, Representative of Indiana and  
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### THE LAYING-ON-OF-HANDS CEREMONY

- Rev. Harley Patterson, B.D.                                Rev. Archie Ijames  
Rev. Edward J. Malmin                                Rev. William White, B.A.  
Rev. John Keppel, B.D.

### THE ORDINATION COUNCIL

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