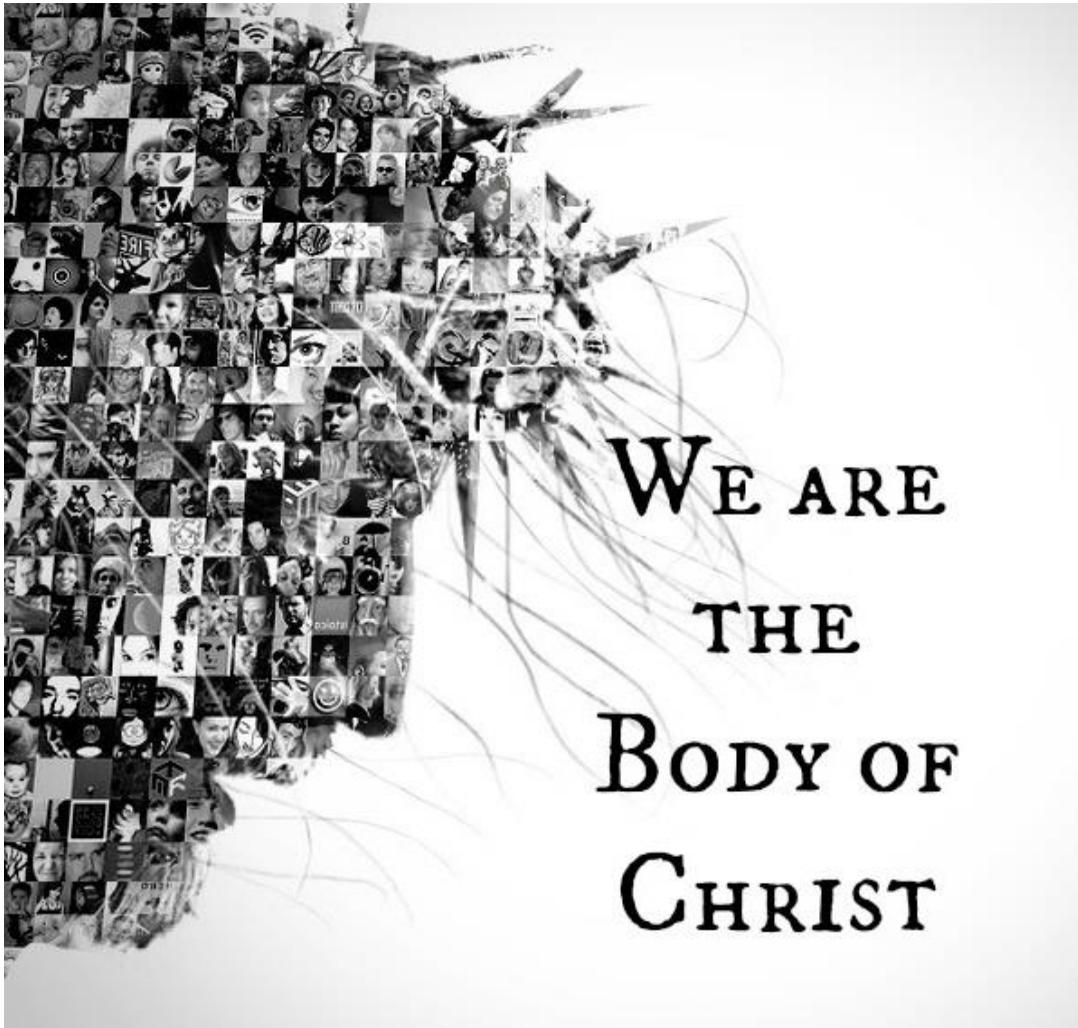


**First Congregational Church UCC
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Installation Service
June 27, 2021**



The Spirit of God makes us one in Christ.

Preparing for the Word

PRELUDE *I Will Call upon the Lord*

RINGING OF THE BELL

BRINGING IN THE CHRIST LIGHT *Lord I Need You*

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

We come to worship God and to give thanks for the wonderful Creation that surrounds us.

We come to give thanks for God's music that we hear in the songs of nature and here today.

We come surrounded on our journey by the gentle breeze of God's soft touch.

We come in awe of the lessons God teaches us through nature about life and death and resurrection.

We come together nourished by the food and water God provides us with the help of the land and all who bring these gifts to our tables.

And we come to give thanks for the sun that rises each day reminding us we are part of this larger cycle of life.

And we come to worship you, O God. Amen.

Responding to the Word

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

*response: **God, in your love, hear our prayer...***

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY (*unison*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Service of Installation

Greeting

Rev. Cindy Mueller, Conference Representative

The Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Congregation (all in attendance)

Let us look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Presentation & Exhortation

Local Church Representative (*Bill Peterson, Moderator*)
Association Representatives (*Janet Bartz, Member
Committee on Ministry, Minnesota Conference,
Congregational Church UCC Rochester, and
Rev. Cindy Mueller, MN Conference Steward for Search
and Call and Congregational Legacy Planning*)

Covenant

Rev. Cindy Mueller, Conference Representative:

Dear friends, First Congregational Church United Church of Christ has declared that, having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called the Reverend Grace Anderson to minister in this place as pastor and teacher and that it now receives her as appointed by God for this ministry.

The Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ, acting as an association, has declared that she has met all the necessary conditions for installation to this office.

Janet Bartz, Committee on Ministry

Grace, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that First Congregational Church United Church of Christ has been led to call you as pastor and teacher, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ with us in the Minnesota Conference?

Rev. Grace Anderson, Pastor

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.

Janet Bartz, Committee on Ministry:

Members of First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with your pastor and teacher?

Members of the church who are able stand for the remainder of the covenant.

Congregation Members of First Congregational Church and community ministry partners:

We, the members of First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, receive Grace as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel and to give her due honor and support.

We gather with her and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Rev. Cindy Mueller and Janet Bartz:

We, the members of the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the

people and the pastor and teacher of First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Prayer of Installation

Rev. Cindy Mueller, Conference Representative

Declaration

Janet Bartz, Committee on Ministry

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as pastor and teacher of First Congregational United Church of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

HYMN *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

Create in Me a Clean Heart

POSTLUDE *Guide My Feet*



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