

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

November 9, 2014

Service of Installation

PRELUDE and PROCESSION

"Sherzo" Gigout  
"Prelude in Classic Style" Young

WELCOME

\*CALL to WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: The God of Creation calls us together,

People: Draws us to this place,

Leader: Moves among us,

People: Gives us new life,

Leader: Blesses us,

People: Loves us.

Leader: We gather together to lift up our hearts... to let our spirits rejoice...

People: And to give thanks for everything that was, and is, and is to come.

\*OPENING HYMN #276 "We Gather Together"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (unison)

Wondrous and un-wearied God, breathe deeply into us in this hour. For these holy moments, let your peace settle like a dove upon us, let your hope well up like flames within us, let your love breathe new life into all our lives. Wrap us in a cocoon of your grace and send us forth transformed by the power of your Holy Spirit. In the name of Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM "Answer to the Call" M. MacDonald

SCRIPTURE Psalm 139:1-6, 16-18  
Jeremiah 18:1-6

MESSAGE

\*HYMN #249 "Spirit"

ORDER of INSTALLATION

GREETING

Congregational Response:

To God, who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

PRESENTATION

EXHORTATION

COVENANT

Members of First Congregational Church of Vernon:

We, the members of the First Congregational Church of Vernon, United Church of Christ, receive Robin 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.

Members of the Tolland Association:

We, the members of the Tolland Association, gather with you, the people and the pastors and teachers of the First Congregational Church of Vernon, United Church of Christ, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

PRAYER of INSTALLATION

DECLARATION of INSTALLATION

SPECIAL MUSIC "Imagine Me Without You" Perez/Portmann

\*BENEDICTION

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #453 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

POSTLUDE "Grand Choeur Dialogué" Gigout

\*All who are able, please stand.

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*Following the Service of Installation we invite you to join us  
downstairs in Fellowship Hall for a reception.*  
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Special thanks to those participating in today's ceremony...

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Clough, Regional Minister of the Eastern Region of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ

The Rev. Chuck Ericson, Pastor of Bolton Congregational Church, Moderator of the Tolland Association of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, Chair of the Tolland Association Council on Ministry

Mr. Thomas Sweet, Moderator, First Congregational Church of Vernon, U.C.C.