



***First Congregational Church of Walpole  
United Church of Christ***

Worship Service of Installation

Of our pastor and teacher  
The Reverend Richard E. Malmberg

**3pm, Sunday September 26, 2021  
15 Washington Street, Walpole, NH 03608**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME** Sue Krebs, Co-Chair of the Church Council

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 133)

**Leader:** How very good and pleasant it is when God's people dwell together in unity!

**People:** **It is like precious oil on the head, running over the face,  
down over the collar and garments.**

**Leader:** It is like the dew of Mount Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**All:** **For God has ordained a blessing, life forevermore.**

**HYMN** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

TWC#2

**INVOCATION** (unison)

**God of all creation, we gather today as disciples of Jesus, in the fellowship of Christ's body. We seek the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, and the guidance of your Word, as we celebrate this moment in the life of The First Congregational Church of Walpole, United Church of Christ. Stoke our passion for your service and grant us joy in the communion of the saints. Meet us, touch us, here and now, as we open our hearts to you in silence...**

## **LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)**

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF GOD**

**Leader:** May the peace of God  
be with you.

**People:** **And also, with you.**

**ANTHEM** *Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini* B. Lewis 2004  
*Hosanna in excelsis!*

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS** Isaiah 58:6-12, 1 Corinthians 13

### **SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

**Leader:** For the Word in Scripture, for the Word among us,  
for the Word within us:

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** The Reverend Elizabeth Stotts

**ANTHEM God** *the Spirit Daw* 1989/HYFRYDOL arr. R. Vaughan Williams

God the Spirit, guide, and guardian,  
wind-sped flame and hovering dove,  
Breath of life and voice of prophets,  
sign of blessing, power of love:  
Give to those who lead your people  
fresh anointing of your grace.  
Send them forth as bold apostles  
to your church in every place.

Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd,  
Word made flesh, love crucified,  
Teacher, healer, suffering servant,  
friend of sinners, foe of pride:  
In your tending may all pastors  
learn and live a shepherd's care.  
Grant them courage and compassion  
shown through word and deed and prayer.

Triune God, mysterious being,  
truth beyond all thought's recall,  
Deeper than our minds can fathom,  
giving and forgiving all:  
Help us in our varied callings  
your full image to proclaim,  
That our ministries uniting  
may give glory to your name.

**THE RITE OF INSTALLATION** Reverend Stacey Kullgren, Moderator, Southwest Association, The Reverend Richard Slater, Associate Conference Minister, NH Conference

## **GREETING**

Association Representative:

The Southwest Association of the NH 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 lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is before us.

**All:**

**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**

## **EXORTATION**

**CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION** The Reverend David Stinson

**CHARGE TO THE PASTOR** The Reverend Mark Koyama

## **COVENANT**

**Association Representative:**

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

**Congregation:**

**We, the members of the First Congregational Church of Walpole, United Church of Christ, receive Richard as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with him in the ministry of the gospel and give to him due honor and support. We will gather with him and with the United Church of Christ, as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.**

**Association Representative:**

Members of the Southwest Association, will those of you who are able, rise and affirm your covenant with the First Congregational Church of Walpole, United Church of Christ, and its pastor and teacher?

**Members of Southwest Association:**

**We, the members of the Southwest Association of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and the pastor and teacher of the First Congregational Church of Walpole, United Church of Christ as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.**

## **PRAYER OF INSTALLATION**

**HYMN**      *Blessed Be the Tie that Binds*      TWC#708

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY\***

**DOXOLOGY**      *(Old Hundredth)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, the Word in flesh born low;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

**Bless, O God, these gifts, which we have received, and the portion we return in gratitude and hope. Bless this offering, our work, and our meditations that we may be joyfully employed in service to all your people and so glorify your holy name. All this we pray in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**RECOGNIZING AND RELEASING THE SEARCH AND CALL COMMITTEE**

Search and Call Committee: Mark Lightner, Chair, Bruce Martin, Don Sellarole, Ellie Shaw, Frank Sibley, Marilyn Shriver

**HYMN**      *The Church's One Foundation*      TWC#689 vs 1,4,5

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Liturgist: Sue Krebs

Reader: Ellie Shaw

The Reverend Stacey Kullgren, Moderator, Southwest Association, NH Conference

The Reverend Richard Slater, Associate Conference Minister, NH Conference

The Reverend Joseph David Stinson, Southwest Association, Committee on church Ministry

The Reverend Mark Koyama, Chair, Southwest Association, Committee on church Ministry

The Reverend Elizabeth Stotts is our guest preacher this afternoon. She is Pastor of the Central Square Congregational Church, in Bridgewater, MA. Beth and Richard have known each other since 1994. They met at Plymouth Congregational Church in Fort Wayne, IN, Richard's first call. Beth was in the youth group. When, soon after she started seminary at Andover Newton Theological School, she visited the Second Church in Newton, where Richard served as pastor for eighteen years. Beth worked there as a Sunday School teacher, Christian Education Director, and fulfilled her Field Education requirement. She was ordained at Second Church in 2012 and has served as Pastor of Central Square Congregational Church ever since. She lives with her husband Eric, and two children Jae and Josephine. Beth loves tacos, beer, playing ukulele, and is an experienced yoga instructor. In her Facebook intro, she describes herself as "Minister, Mama, Music Lover."

\*As is customary in wider church gatherings, the offering is received by a setting of the wider church, in this case, it will be given to the Southwest Association of the NH Conference of the United Church of Christ and dedicated to scholarship funds of persons in our association preparing for professional ministry. As this is a virtual offering, you can bring your offering to the church office, (the drop box after hours), or mail. Please write "Installation" on the envelope or memo line of a check.

Deacons: Minna Good, Becky Pearson,  
Kathy Yardley, Jane Vesper, Jen Hanrahan

Choir: Ellie Shaw, Carole Hill, Sue Krebs, Marilyn  
Shriver, Janet Wilson, Joe Graff, Kathy Yardley

**Music Director:** Amy Cann  
**Zoom Director:** Paul Looney  
**Liturgist:** Sue Krebs  
**Scripture Reader:** Ellie Shaw

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