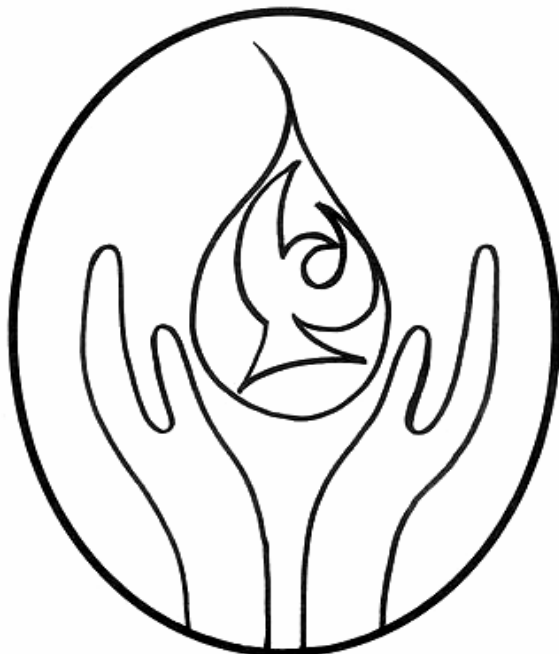


***North Congregational Church
United Church of Christ***



We are a Spirit-led community,
Inviting others to join us in our journey,
To worship & serve Jesus,
As we share God's love in word & deed,
In our community & throughout the world.

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INSTALLATION WORSHIP

World Communion Sunday

October 7, 2007 at 3 PM

*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude

Michele Feldheim, Pianist

Processional:

Come, we that love the Lord

*Isaac Watts
Robert Lowry*

Welcome

Rev. Sarah Buteux

Songs of Praise:

Holy Spirit, Rain Down
Jesus, Your Name
He Came Down

Musicians with
Michele Feldheim

Call to Worship

Rev. Sarah Buteux

Leader: Let us worship God, who writes a new covenant on our hearts.

All: Let us pray to God, who listens to our cries for justice.

Leader: Let us search the Scriptures with excitement and find meaning for our lives.

All: Let us rejoice that as God's people, we serve a loving God.

*Opening Hymn:

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service" Chalice Hymnal, No. 453

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Peter Wells
Associate Conference Minister

Our Common Prayer (*Native American version*): *in unison*

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-Bearer, Life-giver
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven;
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the people of the earth!
With the bread we need today, feed us.
In the hurts we inflict on one another, forgive us.
In the time of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the prig of all that is evil, free us.
For your reign is in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Anthem: "Christ, be our Light" Bernadette Farrell

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

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Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Patti Richmond
Marky Jean-Pierre

Sermon: "Consider Your Call" Rev. Dr. Christine Fontaine
Associate Pastor, South Congregational Church, Springfield

Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" Chalice Hymnal, No. 452

Offertory Invitation Cherylann Richards, In Care Student
W. Cummington

Offertory Hymn: "Take My Gifts" Chalice Hymnal, No. 381

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, the Word made flesh below!
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore!
One God triune whom we adore.**

***Blessing of Gifts** Cherylann Richards

Greeting The Rev. Peter Ives, Vice Moderator Hampshire Association

The Hampshire Association of the Massachusetts 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. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, as we journey together the path that is set before us.

Presentation Sherre Harrington, Clerk, North Church

North Congregational United Church of Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called Rev. Nada Sellers and Rev. Patricia Koons as its co-pastors and teachers and respectfully requests that the Hampshire Association install them in this ministry among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

The Rev. Peter Ives, Vice Moderator, Hampshire Association

The Hampshire Association has reviewed the request of North Congregational United Church of Christ. We have prayerfully examined Nada and Patricia, and we are pleased to install them as your co-pastors and teachers.

Nada and Patricia, servants of God, we invite you to come forward as a sign of your acceptance of the call to this office.

Rev. Merrilyn Holcomb, Co-Chair
Committee on Church and Ministry

Installation is the action of an association of the United Church of Christ in cooperation with a local church. Installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship among a local church, its pastors and teachers, and the United Church of Christ. Installation is a sign that these covenantal partners are committed to share mutually in the mission of the United Church of Christ and of the ecumenical church.

Hearing these words from the apostle Paul: We beg you, our brothers and sisters, to pay proper respect to those who work among you, who guide and instruct you in the Christian life. Treat them with the greatest respect and love because of the work they do. Be at peace among yourselves.

We urge you, our sisters, warn the idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with all.

See that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but at all times make it your aim to do good to one another and to all people. Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants of you, in your life in Jesus. Amen

The Rev. Peter Ives, Vice Moderator, Hampshire Association

Dear Friends, North Congregational United Church of Christ has declared that, having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called Nada and Patricia to minister in this place as co-pastors and teachers and that it now receives them as appointed by God for this ministry. The Hampshire Association of the United Church of Christ has declared that they have met all the necessary conditions for installation to this office.

Nada and Patricia, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that North Congregational United Church of Christ has been led to call you as co-pastors and teachers, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ with us in the Hampshire association?

Members of North Congregational United Church of Christ, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with your co-pastors and teachers?

We, the members of North Congregational United Church of Christ, receive Nada and Patricia as our co-pastors and teachers, promising to labor with them in the ministry of the gospel and to give them due honor and support. We gather with them and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Members of the Hampshire Association, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with North Congregational United Church of Christ and its co-pastors and teachers?

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

Installation Prayer

Rev. Dr. Peter Wells
Associate Conference Minister

Declaration

Rev. Peter Ives, Vice Moderator Hampshire Association

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Hampshire Association of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as co-pastors and teachers of North Congregational United Church of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Closing Hymn:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" Chalice Hymnal, No. 614

***Benediction** Revs. Nada Sellers and Patricia Koons

Postlude: *O Jesus, I Have Promised* *John E. Bode*
Arthur H. Mann

**Indicates for all who are able, to please stand.*

Many thanks to the people at North Church, loving friends and family who made this service and reception possible.

Musicians: Jonathan Evans, Sarah Serwa, Christiana Vanderpuije

Today's hymns and Service of Worship are available in large print from an usher.

Join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall after worship!

Songs of Praise

Holy Spirit, Rain Down

Russell Frager

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down. O Comforter and Friend,
how we need your touch again.
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down.
Let your power fall, let your voice be heard,
come and change our hearts, as we stand on your word.
Holy Spirit, rain down.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no mind can know what God has in store.
So open up heaven, open it wide,
over your church, and over our lives.

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Jesus, Your Name

Morris Chapman & Claire Cloninger

Jesus your name is power, Jesus your name is might.
Jesus your name will break ev'ry stronghold, Jesus your name is life.

Jesus your name is healing, Jesus your name gives sight.
Jesus your name will free ev'ry captive, Jesus your name is life.

Jesus your name is holy, Jesus your name brings light.
Jesus your name above ev'ry other, Jesus your name is life.

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He Came Down

Cameroon, Anonymous

He came down that we may have love; He came down that we may have
love;
He came down that we may have love; Hal-le-lu-jah for-ever-more.

He came down that we may have peace; He came down that we may have
peace;
He came down that we may have peace; Hal-le-lu-jah for-ever-more.

He came down that we may have joy; He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy; Hal-le-lu-jah for-ever-more.

He came down that we may have life; He came down that we may have life;
He came down that we may have life; Hal-le-lu-jah for-ever-more.

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