



***Installation Worship Service
For Joshua John Simon
June 10, 2018***

First Congregational Church of Essex Junction, UCC
An Open and Affirming Congregation

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A Service to Celebrate the Installation of Joshua John Simon
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*A Welcoming Community,
Accepting and Serving All,
In the Spirit of Christ*

Order of Worship

Prelude

An Extravagant Welcome

*No matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome in this place.*

Welcome Greeting

Rev. Mark Mendes

Musical Introit by Sanctuary Choir

For the Beauty of the Earth

Rutter

Call to Worship

Joanne Irwin

Leader: This afternoon is a time of celebration! The work of the Associate Pastor Search Committee officially concludes today.

People: Thank you God for your presence with the Search Committee as it met to call a new Associate Pastor. We give thanks for the hard work of each member of the Search Committee.

Leader: Jesus is the head of the church. Today we celebrate his call for each one of us to be disciples.

People: We are excited for new opportunities to be disciples.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who has called us to this place.

***Opening Hymn and Clergy Processional** *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In* #73

Prayer of Invocation and Unison Lord's Prayer

Myrna Doney

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 Our Gifts to God

Laurie Chipman

Our offering goes to the Champlain Association Member in Discernment Fund

Invitation, Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem by Finally at First

Stand Up

Nettles

***Doxology # 778**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One**

Scripture Readings

Eva Cunningham-Firkey

Isaiah 40:1–11

Matthew 5:1–12.

Anthem

A Canon for Praise

Burt

**How blessed are they that preach the peace
May their strong voice n'er wane nor cease
From mountains high may they exalt
Blessed are they that preach of peace**

Sermon

'Give Me a P'

Rev. Katelyn Macrae

Order of Installation

Association Representative: The Champlain Association of the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ ...and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

People: Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, recognizing the cost and celebrating the joy of discipleship.

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Association Representative: Members and Friends of First Congregational Church, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with your pastor and teacher?

Friends & Members of First Congregational Church: We, the friends and members of First Congregational Church, receive Joshua Simon as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with him in the ministry of the gospel and to give him due honor and support. We gather with him and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Association Representative: Members of the Champlain Association, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with First Congregational Church UCC, and its pastor and teacher?

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

Prayer of Installation

Rev. Sally May

Declaration

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem by Finally at First

Home

Pearson

Charge

To Josh

Rev. Karen Mendes

To Congregation:

Rev. Arnold Thomas

***Closing Hymn led by Finally @ First**

We Are Called (song sheet)

Haas

Benediction

Pastoral Benediction

***Sung Community Benediction and Clergy Process Out**

Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.