



***Ordination Worship Service  
For Devon Lee Julian Thomas  
December 2, 2018***

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

Phone: 802-878-5745 Website: [www.fccej.org](http://www.fccej.org)

E-mail: [welcome@fccej.org](mailto:welcome@fccej.org)

Facebook: First Congregational Church of Essex Junction UCC



First Congregational Church of Essex Junction, Vermont  
A Service to Celebrate the Ordination of Devon Lee Julian Thomas  
December 2, 2018

*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. Sally May

Leader: Sisters and brothers of the Church, may the peace of God be with you.  
Here in the house of a loving LORD, and through the witness of Christ, The  
Champlain Association of the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ,  
greet you in the name of Jesus Christ.

**People: We come together to do God's work and to share the gift of love that  
makes us one Church. May the spirit of Christ guide our hands, this day and  
forever more.**

Anthem by Finally @ First

*The River*

Feliz

Presentation

FCCEJ LCDC Committee

Exhortation

Rev. Mark Mendes

Scripture Lesson Jonah 1:1-3

Rev. Dr. Arnold Thomas

Sermon

*Fleeing to Tarshish*

Rev. Dr. Arnold Thomas

Prayer Response by Finally @ First

*Amen*

Belafonte

Examination

Rev. Sally May

Acclamation

Rev. Bob Driver

*All association representatives and clergy may stand*

Association Rep: People of God, you have bore witness to the promise Devon has made with God; What is your will?

**People: By the Grace of God he is worthy;  
let us ordain him in the grace of the Holy Spirit!**

Association Rep: Will you, the people of the Church, support Devon in the ministry of Christ?

**People: We will!**

Laying on of Hands

Rev. Sally May

Anthem by Sanctuary Choir

*Here I Am Lord*

Talbot

Declaration of a New Minister

Rev. Dr. Arnold Thomas

Giving of Gifts

Champlain Association

Jeffersonville/Bakersfield/Fairfield Churches

First Congregational Church of Essex Junction

**\*Hymn**

*Come, We Who Love God's Name*

**#382**

Communion

Rev. Devon Thomas

*Today, we will have everyone that is able to come forward to receive the communion elements. To honor our Vermont Heritage, instead of bread and grape juice, we will be celebrating with cinnamon donut holes and apple cider. As you come forward, take the donut from the table and dip it into the cider, partake and then return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know and the sacramental elements will be brought to you.*

Benediction

Rev. Devon Thomas

Postlude

*Jesus The Light of the World*

Rev's Arnold & Devon Thomas

