



Service of Installation
Rev. Lindsey Peterson as Designated Term Minister of
South Congregational Church, UCC
Sunday, December 5th, 4pm

Gathering Preludes	Larry Picard and Bobbie Morkin
*Hymn	Be Now My Vision NCH #451
Welcome Words	Betty Jack and Polly Southworth
Open and Affirming Declaration	Julius Dixon
Greeting from the Association	Elliott Stratton
Greeting from the Southern New England Conference of the UCC	Rev. Terry Yasuko Ogawa
Prayer of Invocation	Chanler Finlay
Congregational Sung Refrain	<i>Always we pray, always we give, always we bless, always Always, always, always, always, always, always, always</i>
Scripture	Psalm 104: 1-4, 10-15, 27-30* Kim Figueroa Mark 16:1-8
Sermon	Rev. Lindsey Peterson
Anthem	"A Beautiful City" by Stephen Schwartz Carol Wrobleski

Kim Figueroa, South Church UCC

South Congregational Church, UCC, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called Lindsey Peterson as its Designated Term Minister, Pastor and Teacher. We celebrate and recognize the South Church Pastoral Search Committee for stewarding the discernment process for South.

Recognition of the Search Committee

Trea Russworm, Chair

Jill Hartnett, Betty Jack, Adam MacRae, Jeanne O'Brien

We respectfully request that the the Hampden Association install Rev. Lindsey Peterson in this ministry with us, according to the faith and order of the UCC.



Chip Hurd, Hampden Association:

The Hampden Association has reviewed the request of South Congregational Church, UCC. We have prayerfully examined Lindsey, and we are pleased to install her as your Designated Term Minister, Pastor and Teacher.

Lindsey, we invite you to come forward as a sign of your acceptance of the call to this office. Installation is the action of an association of the UCC in cooperation with a local church. Installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship among a local church, its pastor and teacher, and the United Church of Christ. Installation is a sign that these covenantal partners are committed to share mutually in the mission of the UCC and of the ecumenical church.

Covenants

Elliott Stratton, Hampden Association

The Designated Term Ministry is a specific transitional ministry. Rev. Lindsey and South Church, in partnership with the Hampden Association and Southern New England Conference of the UCC are making a covenant to mutual discern the viability, mission and future of South Church.

This is a process of prayer, celebration, honesty and risk. The covenant between Rev. Lindsey and South Church over the five-year term of this Designated Ministry period centers around the prayer, celebration, honesty and risk involved in discerning and living out of the Spirit.

Chip Hurd, Hampden Association:

Dear friends, South Congregational Church UCC has declared that, having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called Lindsey to minister in this time and place as Designated Term Minister, Pastor and Teacher, and that it now receives Lindsey as appointed by God for this ministry. The Hampden Association of the UCC has declared that she has met all the necessary conditions for installation to this office.

Lindsey, seeing that you are calling to ministry by the grace of God and that South Church has been led to call you as their Designated Term Minister, Pastor and Teacher are you willing to enter into this covenant with the members who are in Christ with us in the Hampden Association?



The Reverend Lindsey Peterson: I am willing, and I promise to serve this church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office, according to the order and faith of the United Church of Christ.

Elliott Stratton, Hampden Association:

Members of South Church, will those who are able please rise and affirm your covenant with your Pastor?

Congregation: We, the members of South Church UCC, receive the Reverend Lindsey Peterson as our Designated Term Minister, our Pastor and Teacher, promising to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel and to give her due honor and support; and to work together in discerning and living out the call of the Spirit in this time and place. We gather with her and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Elliott Stratton, Hampden Association:

Members of the Hampden Association, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with South Church, UCC and its Rev. Lindsey Peterson?

Association Members: We, the members of the Hampden Association in the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and Pastor of South Church as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Chip Hurd & Elliott Stratton, Hampden Association:

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Hampden Association of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, we declare you duly installed as Designated Term Minister, Pastor and Teacher of South Church.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn**

Bring Many Names

NCH #11

Offering

Chip Hurd

The offering collection is for the Hampden Association Scholarship Fund

Offertory

"If We Only Have Love" by Jacques Brel



sung by Carol Wrobleski

Prayer of Installation

Rev. Terry Yasuko Ogawa

**Charge to the Pastor & Congregation
Presentation of Gifts**

Rev. Marisa Brown-Ludwig
Polly Southworth

Sending Song

All of Us

Rev. Lindsey Peterson

It always takes more than the time you've given it
It always takes more than a day
It leaves you feeling like you've done nothing at all

It always wants you to come, though you'd rather stay
It dares you to let go even the best that you've been

It's the wind on the willow, the beat of the drum
It's the hope that hasn't yet given you up

It nudges you when you are sleeping,
it paces with you round the room
It hears then it tosses aside all your meager excuses

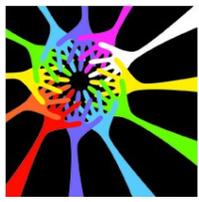
It whispers you stories of times forgotten,
as if they live on in your bones
Then it rewrites the book and you don't know where you belong

It's the wind on the willow, the beat of the drum
It's the hope that hasn't yet given you up

I can feel it coming down the track
I can feel it coming down the track
It'll take all of us, it'll take all of us...

It's the season of candles in windows flickering
when something's about to begin.
You got to set up the manger then let go of everything

It's the stirring inside, the tears in your eyes



It's the hard work to come when you let in the light

I can feel it coming down the track,
It'll take all of us, all of us, It'll take all of us
It'll take all of us, all of us

It's the wind on the willow, the beat of the drum
It's the hope that hasn't yet given us up, all of us.

***Unison Benediction**

**Empower me
to be a bold participant,
rather than a timid saint in waiting,
in the difficult ordinariness of now;
to exercise the authority of honesty;
rather than to defer to power,
or deceive to get it;
to influence someone for justice,
rather than impress anyone for gain;
and, by grace, to find treasures
of joy, of friendship, of peace
hidden in the fields of the daily
you give me to plow.
Amen**

Open and Affirming Statement

We believe in a loving God, who through Jesus Christ has called us to love and affirm
all God's children.

We welcome to full life and ministry all persons regardless of mental and physical
ability, sexual identity, race, religious background, or economic status.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to respect and support gay,
lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons, who often have been excluded from the life
of the church.

We stand together seeking justice, healing and wholeness of life for all, thus becoming
an open and affirming congregation.

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Children are welcome to stay in the sanctuary during the service. Childcare is also
provided if that is better for you. Ask an usher and they will guide you to the nursery.



Following the service, please write a prayer on a paper crane in the Parish Hall to mark this occasion.

*The Psalm interpretation is by Dr. Wil Gafney from her newly published: *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Year*. *The benediction is written by Ted Loder

Participating in this service:

Larry Picard, Director of Music Ministries at South

Bobbie Morkin, South Church Member and Interim Director of Music at Wilbraham United Church

Betty Jack, South Church Member, Leadership

Polly Southworth, South Church Member, Leadership

Julius Dixon, South Church Member

Chanler Finlay, South Church Community

Kim Figueroa, South Church Member, immediate past Moderator

Elliott Stratton, Moderator of the Hampden Association and South Church Member

Carol Wroblewski, Soloist

The Rev. Wallace (Chip) A. Hurd IV, Pastor of Wilbraham United Church and Chair of the Hampden Association Church & Ministry Committee

The Rev. Terry Yasuko Ogawa, Area Conference Minister for the Northwest Region, SNEUCC

The Rev. Marisa Brown Ludwig, Associate Pastor of First Church of Christ, Longmeadow

Nancy Montagna, South Church Member, Leadership, and the Welcoming Team

Bart Rankin, Audio/Visual

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The rainbow paper crane installation in the sanctuary was designed and created by South Church member and former Moderator, Kimberly Figueroa. Its 2500+ origami cranes represents a magnification of the wildly open and affirming spirit of South Congregational Church and its generosity in the community. Inspired by a pledge campaign that resulted in an increase in giving, Kim funneled her love for folding into a Passion Project during the pandemic and has created a soon to be formalized business called "Tapestries of Flight". If your organization is interested in exploring a Tapestry of Flight for your setting, please reach out to kim@kimberlymfigueroa.com.

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