

THE INSTALLATION OF REV. DR. GORDON E. ELLIS

April 6, 2008 at 5:00 in the Afternoon

all that are able are invited to stand

*There may be no one who can tell Congregationalists what to do. But woe be unto them if they have not a zeal in their own hearts that tells them what they **must** do. The people are the ones who must have the visions... seek the Spirit's guidance... lead the way, & give themselves to the doing of God's work. -- Arthur A. Rouner, Jr. --*

INFANT/TODDLER CARE AVAILABLE IN OUR NURSERY (3rd floor, by adults)

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude *Great Day (Branches)*
The Welcome Kenneth Stewart

PRAISING GOD

Introit Anthem *I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Ringers on the Square)* arr. Lloyd Larson
Lighting of the Candles Acolytes: *Alexis Zecha & Evan Sands*

Call to Worship Rev. Paul Cullity

LEADER: Come, people of God; let us be glad to sing God's praises, for our Creator said:

PEOPLE: You are my people. I am your God. You are my people, close to my heart.

LEADER: With awe and wonder, let us lift up our hearts and voices, glorifying the God of all creation who redeems and sustains us by the power of divine love and grace!

PEOPLE: Let us worship our indescribable, uncontainable and very amazing God!

*Song of Praise: (see insert) *Indescribable*

*Prayer of Invocation (unison) Rev. Cynthia Holden

We are Your people, O God, gathered here from a variety of places to celebrate this church and its new pastor, Gordon Ellis. We are people on a journey, rooted in our long history and tradition, yet reaching out for the newness and hope of tomorrow. As we worship You now and in the years to come, help us look back without wishing that an earlier day had never ended, look ahead without thinking that the future will solve all of today's problems, and love the present without thinking that the present is all there is. May we be rooted in yesterday as we reach for tomorrow. We pray these and all things in the name of Jesus, the Christ, who taught us to pray saying: *Our Father.... (debts).*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Epistle Lesson ROMANS 12:1-8 (p. 161, N.T.) Rev. Mark Ferrin

Anthem *As Truly As God (Senior Choir)* William Mathias

Gospel Lesson LUKE 24:28-35 (p. 90, N.T.) Rev. Nancy Wood-Lyczak

The Sermon ON THE ROAD Rev. Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree

*Hymn of Reflection: (see insert) *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Service of Installation Rev. Gary M. Schulte & Dr. Owen Houghton

The Greeting

The Presentation of Rev. Dr. Gordon E. Ellis Dr. Michael Haines

The Exhortation

Addressing the Candidate

Response of the Candidate: 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 faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Addressing the Congregation

Response of the Congregation: We, the members of the United Church of Christ in Keene, receive Gordon Ellis 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 mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Addressing the Members of the Cheshire Association of the United Church of Christ

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

The Prayer of Installation

The Declaration

Anthem *Blest Are They* (Youth Choir) David Haas

The Charge to the Minister Rev. Linda Fernandes-Bailey

The Charge to the Congregation Rev. William Beardslee

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Officiating at Communion: Rev. Richard B. Haverly, Jr. and Ann Plumley

The Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

The Sharing of the Bread & Cup

(Beginning in the rear of each section, please process forward to closest Deacon. Break off a piece of the bread, dip it into the cup and return to your seat. Gluten-free, wheat-free, corn-free, soy-free wafers are in gold containers for those with allergies.)

Communion Anthem: *It is Well*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Commitment: (see insert) *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

(The Clergy will recess during this hymn.)

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Gordon E. Ellis

*Response: (see insert) *All About Love*

Postlude *Finale from Symphonie No. 1* Louis Vierne

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION IN THE CHURCH PARLOR

Ushers: John Howard, Peg Barrett, and Don & Rindy Hackler

Deacons: Bob Trombi, Pat Stoudt, Don Hayes, Carolyn Shelley, Bev Haines, Ingrid Bailly, Jill Cooke

Open Door Flowers are given by Women's Fellowship in honor of Rev. Dr. Gordon E. Ellis' Installation .

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Beardslee	Campus Minister, Franklin Pierce University
<i>Branches</i>	Worship Band, 1 st Congregational Church, Southington, CT
Rev. Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree	Conference Minister, Connecticut Conference, UCC
Rev. Paul Cullity	Campus Minister, Keene State College
Rev. Linda Fernandes-Bailey	Associate Minister, 1 st Congregational Church, Southington, CT
Rev. Mark Ferrin	President, Keene Interfaith Clergy Association
Dr. Michael Haines	Co-chair, Pastoral Search Committee, UCC, Keene
Rev. Richard B. Haverly, Jr.	Associate Minister, 1 st Congregational Church, Southington, CT
Rev. Cynthia C. Holden	Associate Minister, 1 st Congregational Church, Southington, CT
Dr. Owen R. Houghton	Chair, Committee on Church & Ministry, Cheshire Association
Ann Plumley	Assistant Minister, United Church of Christ in Keene
<i>Ringers on the Square</i>	A Handbell Choir of the United Church of Christ in Keene
<i>Senior Choir</i>	The Senior Choir of the United Church of Christ in Keene
Rev. Gary M. Schulte	Conference Minister, New Hampshire Conference, UCC
Kenneth Stewart	Co-chair, Pastoral Search Committee, UCC, Keene
Renea Waligora	Minister of Music, United Church of Christ in Keene
Rev. Nancy Wood-Lyczak	Interfaith Chaplain, Cheshire Medical Center
<i>Youth Choir</i>	The Youth Choir of the United Church of Christ in Keene

Please join us for a reception immediately following this special service of worship in our Church Parlor, where you can enjoy refreshments and greet Gordon & Diane Ellis. Thanks to the *Women's Fellowship of the United Church of Christ* for providing today's reception.

We also thank the staff of our *United Church of Christ in Keene*:

Rev. Dr. Gordon E. Ellis	Senior Minister
Ann Plumley	Assistant Minister
Jennifer Guest	Christian Education Director
Renea Waligora	Director of Music
Diantha Dorman	Handbell Director
Ingrid Baily	Office Administrator
Jacqueline Fay	Financial Administrator
Marion Holm	Secretary
Ken Marcoux	Custodian