

Installation of Pastor

GREETING

Association Representative

**The _____ Association
of the _____ Conference
of the United Church of Christ
greet you in the name of Jesus Christ,
the head of the church in heaven and on earth.**

**Therefore, since we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and sin
which clings so closely,
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,
who for the joy that was waiting
endured the cross,
despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand
of the throne of God.

PRESENTATION

*Local Church Representative
(to the association representative)*

University Congregational United Church of Christ,
under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
has called Catherine Foote as its pastor and teacher
and respectfully requests that the
_____ Association install her
in this ministry among us,
according to the faith and order
of the United Church of Christ.

*Association Representative
(to the congregation)*

**The _____ Association has reviewed
the request of University Congregational United Church of Christ.
We have prayerfully examined Catherine Foote,**

**and we are pleased to install her
as your pastor and teacher.**

(to the pastor)

**Catherine Foote,
servant of God,
we invite you to come forward
as a sign of your acceptance
of the call to this office.**

Association Representative

**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 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 United Church of Christ.**

EXHORTATION

*Association Representative
(to the congregation)*

**Hear 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.**

*Association Representative
(to the pastor)*

**We urge you, our sister,
warn the idle,
encourage the timid,
help the weak,**

be patient with all.

*Association Representative
(to 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 Christ Jesus.
Amen.**

COVENANT

*Association Representative
(to the congregation)*

**Dear friends,
University Congregational United Church of Christ has declared that,
having gathered
under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
it has called Catherine Foote
to minister in this place
as pastor and teacher
and that it now receives her
as appointed by God
for this ministry.
The _____ Association
of the United Church of Christ had declared
that she has met all the necessary conditions
for installation to this office.**

*Association Representative
(to the pastor)*

**Catherine Foote,
seeing that you are called to ordained ministry
by the grace of God
and that University Congregational United Church of Christ
has been led to call you as pastor and teacher,
are you willing to enter this covenant
with its members who are one in Christ
with us in the _____ Association?**

Pastor

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.

Association Representative
(to the congregation)

**Members of the University Congregational United Church of Christ,
will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant
with your pastor and teacher?**

Local Church Members

We, the members
of University Congregational United Church of Christ,
receive Catherine Foote as our pastor and teacher,
promising to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel
and to give her due honor and support.

We gather with her
and with the United Church of Christ
as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Association Representative
(to the association members)

**Members of _____ Association,
will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant
with University Congregational United Church of Christ
and its pastor and teacher?**

Association Members

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

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Association Representative

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
you have called your servants
to make promises before you;
now enable us to keep our vows
that we may remain steadfast in faith
and fruitful in every good work.
Bless, we pray, your servant Catherine Foote
to whom the care of your people
in this church is now committed.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on her,
On the people of University Congregational United Church of Christ,
And on all the church of the _____ Association
that our mutual ministry may be served
with all faithfulness, diligence and courage.
Grant us the spirit of power and of love
and of a sound mind.
Make our ministry a means of awakening the careless,
strengthening the faithful,
comforting the afflicted,
building up your church,
and converting sinners to you.
Guard us against the snares of temptations
that we may be kept pure in heart,
fervent in spirit,
and valiant against evil.
And at the last, by your grace,
receive us in your eternal home,
where, with you and the Holy Spirit,
Christ reigns in glory,
one God, forever and ever.**

All

Amen.

DECLARATION

Association Representative

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

All

Thanks be to God.