



First Parish Church, Congregational
On the Village Green

Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts

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Order of Worship for the Ordination of
Jared Matthew Hamilton to Christian Ministry

ORGAN PRELUDE *“Aria”*
 Paul Manz (1919-2009)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” *(insert)*

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Jill Ann Terwillinger c. 2009)

In joy, in hope, in gratitude we gather here.

From the four winds of Earth
From our separate faiths
From lives of pain and joy, tumult and peace
Here we gather, as one body.

We gather in anticipation of great things, of beauty, depth, meaning and inspiration.

Let us gather, also, in openness
to the ever surprising,
the ever unpredictable,
the ever wonder-making
movements of the Spirit.

Here we gather in gratitude, in hope, in joy.

Let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER

Professor Drew Billings

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Numbers 27:12-23

Sara Stanton

ANTHEM “*Simple Gifts*” Shaker Song
Setting by Mack Wilberg (b.1955)
Eileen Yarrison, piccolo
Alice Miller, flute

‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free,
‘Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
And when you find yourselves in the place just right,
‘Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight
‘Till by turning, turning we come round right.

‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be true,
‘Tis the gift to labor ‘till the day is through.
And when you find yourself in the place so fine,
‘Twill be in the cool of the birch and the pine.

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight
‘Till by turning, turning we come round right.

‘Tis the gift to be joyful, ‘tis the gift to be free,
‘Tis the gift, ‘tis the gift, ‘tis the simple gift to be!
And when you find yourself filled with pure delight,
The gift to be simple has led you aright.

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight
‘Till by turning, turning we come round right. (*Traditional, additional lyrics David Warner*)

NEW TESTAMENT John 13:3-11

Emily Stanton

***HYMN** “*Be Now My Vision*” (*insert*)

SERMON “*Out of Order*”

Reverend John G. Hughes II

GOD'S LOVE THROUGH OFFERING Elizabeth "Beth" Coffey

*This collection will go to offer scholarship money for students in discernment
for the United Church of Christ*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "O God, Beyond All Praising"

Words by Michael Perry (1942-1996)

Music (Thaxted) by Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Setting by Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Alice Marie "Alrie" Terrill Memorial Music

O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
Its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown -
Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
For Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free,
And we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We will triumph through our sorrows and rise to praise you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF GIFTS

RITE OF ORDINATION

Greeting

Reverend Judy Proctor

Grace to you and peace from God,
who is and who was and who is to come,
and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness
and the sovereign of the rulers on earth.

The Essex Association
of the Massachusetts Conference
of the United Church of Christ
greet you in the name of Jesus Christ,
the head of the church.

To God, who by the power at work within us
is able to do far more abundantly
that all that we ask or think,
be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus to all generations,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

PRESENTATION

First Parish Church Representative Richard Smith, Moderator
First Parish Church, Congregational, United Church of Christ,
after carefully considering the call to ordained ministry
of Jared Matthew Hamilton,
requests that the Essex Association,
ordain Jared to the ministry
of the church of Jesus Christ,
consistent with the scripture
and with the traditions of the church universal,
and according to the faith and order
of the United Church of Christ.

United Church of Hinesburg Representative Yvonne Whitaker, President
United Church of Hinesburg
after careful examination
has called Jared Matthew Hamilton
to minister in our congregation and community
as our Pastor and Teacher, thereby, confirming
a call to ministry in the church of Jesus Christ.

Essex Association Representative

Reverend Judy Proctor

The Essex Association has reviewed the request of First Parish Church, Congregational United Church of Christ.

We have prayerfully examined Jared concerning his fitness for ministry in Christ's church.

We are pleased on behalf of the United Church of Christ, to authorize the ordination of Jared Hamilton into the Christian ministry.

Jared Hamilton,
servant of God,
will you now come forward
as a sign of your willingness
to receive ordination into Christian ministry.

The United Church of Christ acknowledges as its sole head, Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Savior.

It acknowledges as kindred in Christ
all who share in this confession.

It looks to the word of God
in the scriptures,
and to the presence and power
of the Holy Spirit,
to prosper its creative and redemptive work
in the world.

It claims as its own the faith
of the historic church
expressed in the ancient creeds
and reclaimed in the basic insights
of the Protestant reformers.

It affirms the responsibility
of the church in each generation

to make this faith its own
in reality of worship.
in honesty of thought and expression,
and in purity of heart before God.

In accordance with the teaching of our Lord
and the practice prevailing
among evangelical Christians,
it recognizes two sacraments:
Baptism and... Holy Communion.

The United Church of Christ recognizes
that God calls the whole church and every member
to participate in and extend the ministry of Jesus Christ
by witnessing to the gospel
in church and society.

The United Church of Christ seeks to undergird
the ministry of its members
by nurturing faith,
calling forth gifts,
and equipping members for Christian service.

Association Representative

Reverend Kathryn Titus

Ordination is the rite
whereby the United Church of Christ
through an association,
in cooperation with the person
and a local church
of the United Church of Christ,
recognizes and authorizes that member
whom God has called to ordained ministry
and sets that person apart by prayer
and the laying on of hands.
By this rite
ordained ministerial standing is conferred

and authorization is given
to perform the duties
and exercise the prerogatives
of ordained ministry
in the United Church of Christ.

EXHORTATION

Reverend Wayne Schaub

Hear the words from the prophet Isaiah: I heard the voice of the Holy One saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send Me!"

How wonderful it is to see a messenger coming across the mountains bringing good news, the news of peace! The messenger announces victory and says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

The Spirit of God is upon me, because the Holy One has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and freedom to those who are bound."

THE VOWS OF ORDINATION

Reverend Judy Proctor

Jared, before God and this congregation,
we ask you:

Are you persuaded that God has called you
to be an ordained minister
of the church of Jesus Christ,
and are you ready, with the help of God
to enter this ministry
and to serve faithfully in it?

Ordinand: I am.

Do you,
with the church throughout the world,
hear the word of God
in the Hebrew Scripture and the New Testament,
and do you accept the word of God
as the rule of Christian faith and practice?

Ordinand: I do.

Do you promise to be diligent in your private prayers
and in reading the scriptures,
as well as in the public duties of your office?

Ordinand: I do, relying on God's grace.

Will you be zealous in maintaining
both the truth of the gospel
and the peace of the church,
speaking the truth in love?

Ordinand: I will, relying on God's grace.

Will you be faithful
in preaching and teaching the Gospel,
in administering the sacraments and rites of the church,
and in exercising pastoral care and leadership?

Ordinand: I will, relying on God's grace.

Will you keep silent all confidences shared with you?

Ordinand: I will, relying on God's grace.

Will you seek to regard all people
with equal love and concern
and undertake to minister impartially
to the needs of all?

Ordinand: I will, relying on God's grace.

Do you accept the faith and order
of the United Church of Christ;
and will you,
as an ordained minister in this communion,
ecumenically reach out toward all who are in Christ
and show Christian love
to people of other faiths
and people of no faith?

Ordinand: I do and I will, relying on God's grace.

ACCLAMATION

Reverend Judy Proctor

People of God, you have heard the promises that Jared has made. What is your will?

All: Through the grace of God, Jared is worthy. Let us ordain him to Christian ministry. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Will you support Jared Matthew Hamilton in the ministry of Christ?

All: We will.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The laying on of hands is the symbolic act whereby the church in every age recognizes God' call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men and asks the Holy Spirit to confer on them gifts for ordained ministry.

All ordained clergy and deacons are invited to move forward to participate in the laying on of hands. The deacons will link hands to the congregation, person to person, pew to pew, so that all may participate in the rite and blessing.

ORDINATION PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Llewellyn Smith

DECLARATION

Reverend Judy Proctor

In the name of Jesus Christ,
head of the church,
and by the authority of the Essex Association
of Massachusetts Conference
of the United Church of Christ,
I declare you to be ordained
into the ministry of Jesus Christ.

You are granted ordained ministerial standing
in the United Church of Christ;
and in behalf of its people,
we offer you the hand of Christian love.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

***HYMN:** “*Here I Am, Lord*” (insert)

BENEDICTION

Reverend Jared M. Hamilton

CHORAL RESPONSE

ORGAN POSTLUDE “*Festive Trumpet Tune*” David German (b.1954)

All are welcome to a reception following the service
at the Chapel building.

Notes On Today's Second Anthem

Today's second anthem is a setting of the hymn-tune *Thaxted* by the British composer Gustav Holst (1874-1934). It is based on the stately theme from the middle section of the *Jupiter* movement of Holst's orchestral suite *The Planets* (written between 1914 and 1916) and named after the English village where he resided much of his life. He adapted the theme in 1921 to the patriotic poem “*I Vow to Thee, My Country*” by Cecil Spring-Rice which was the setting sung at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales in 1997. The tune has been set to several texts including the well-known text for today's anthem “*O God Beyond All Praising.*”

The flowers are given in celebration of Jared Hamilton's ordination and in gratitude for the ministry of Jared and Leah and their children, Camille and Simon.

In Order of Appearance:

Rev. John G. Hughes, Pastor, First Parish Church, Congregational, U.C.C., Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA

Professor Drew Billings, Program Coordinator, Glazer Institute for Jewish Studies, Pepperdine University

Sara Stanton, Youth Group, First Parish Church, Congregational, U.C.C., Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA

Emily Stanton, Youth Group, First Parish Church, Congregational, U.C.C., Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA

Elizabeth “Beth” Coffey, student in discernment, Essex Association, U.C.C.

Rev. Judy Proctor, Moderator, Essex Association, U.C.C., and Pastor, 1st Church of Danvers, MA

Richard Smith, Moderator, First Parish Church, Congregational, U.C.C., Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA

Yvonne Whitaker, President, United Church of Hinesburg, Hinesburg, Vermont

Reverend Kathryn Titus, Essex Association Clergy Advisor to Jared Hamilton

Reverend Dr. Llewellyn Smith, Chair, Teach Parish Program, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA