



First Congregational Church of Lebanon

United Church of Christ – Open and Affirming

SERVICE OF ORDINATION FOR ELIOT FAY

Sunday, June 26, 2022, at 2:00 pm

Kindly silence cell phones and other devices during the service. All hymns are included on pages 5-8.

Prelude *Toccata in G (Douze Pièces, no. 3)* Théodore Dubois

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

One: There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

All: Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gifts.

One: Christ appointed some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.

All: Christ did this to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, and for serving a broken world.

One: And so we come together in oneness of faith and in certain knowledge of the Son of God.

All: We come to bring glory to God, and to celebrate God's gracious gifts to all of us.

Hymn 228 (p. 4) *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Beecher

Prayer of Invocation

O God of infinite possibilities, as we ponder what you have done among us, we are moved with awe and wonder. In your hands a lump of clay became a living being, a barren woman brought forth a child of promise, a basket of bread became a feast for a multitude, and the cross upon which Christ died for all became the sign of your saving power. Truly, nothing is too difficult for you. And so we gather together in response to your call and again place ourselves into your hands, trusting that you will continue the work of new creation in us and enable us to be instruments of your grace. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Lesson from Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

¹²Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Offering

Lesson from the Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ²He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Sermon

Hymn 404 (p. 5) *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Vienna

* † * ORDER FOR THE ORDINATION TO MINISTRY * † *

Greeting

Association Representative: 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 Grafton-Orange-Sullivan Association of the Vermont

and New Hampshire Conferences of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church.

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

Presentation

Exhortation

Examination

Acclamation

Association Representative: Will all clergy and members of the Grafton-Orange-Sullivan Association please stand, as you are able. People of God, you have heard the promises Eliot has made. What is your will?

All: By the grace of God, he is worthy! Let us ordain him. Come, Holy Spirit.

A.R.: I invite all to stand, as you are able, and join with the Association members in response to the next question. Will you support Eliot in the ministry of Christ?

All: We will.

Presentation of Gifts

Laying On of Hands

All those who wish to participate in the laying on of hands may come forward. You may also participate by outstretching your hand from where you are seated.

Ordination Prayer

Following the prayer, all present respond: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Declaration

Hymn 391 (p. 6) *Be Thou My Vision* Slane

Carry Forth the Light

Benediction

Postlude *Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux* François Couperin

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Leading This Afternoon's Service

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor

Ernie Drown, Organist • Members of the FCC-Lebanon Diaconate
Representatives of the Grafton-Orange-Sullivan Association

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
John Zundel, 1815-1882

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
3 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all thy life re - ceive;
4 Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot-less let us be;

Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful mer - cies crown;
Let us all in thee in - her - it, Let us find thy prom - ised rest;
Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
Let us see thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place,

Vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
Till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise. A - men.

Take My Life and Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

VIENNA 7.7.7.7.

Melody by Justin H. Knecht, 1752-1817

1 Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no long - er mine;
4 Take my love: my Lord I pour At thy feet its treas - ure store;

Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my-self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for thee. A-men.

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four verses of the hymn, and the second system contains the concluding lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1 through 4 corresponding to the verses. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a clear harmonic structure.

Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish

Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935

SLANE 10.10.9.10.

Traditional Irish Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

In unison

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 4 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Nought be all else to me save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 Thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways;
 May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;
 Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 High King of heav - en, my treas - ure thou art.
 Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all. A - men.