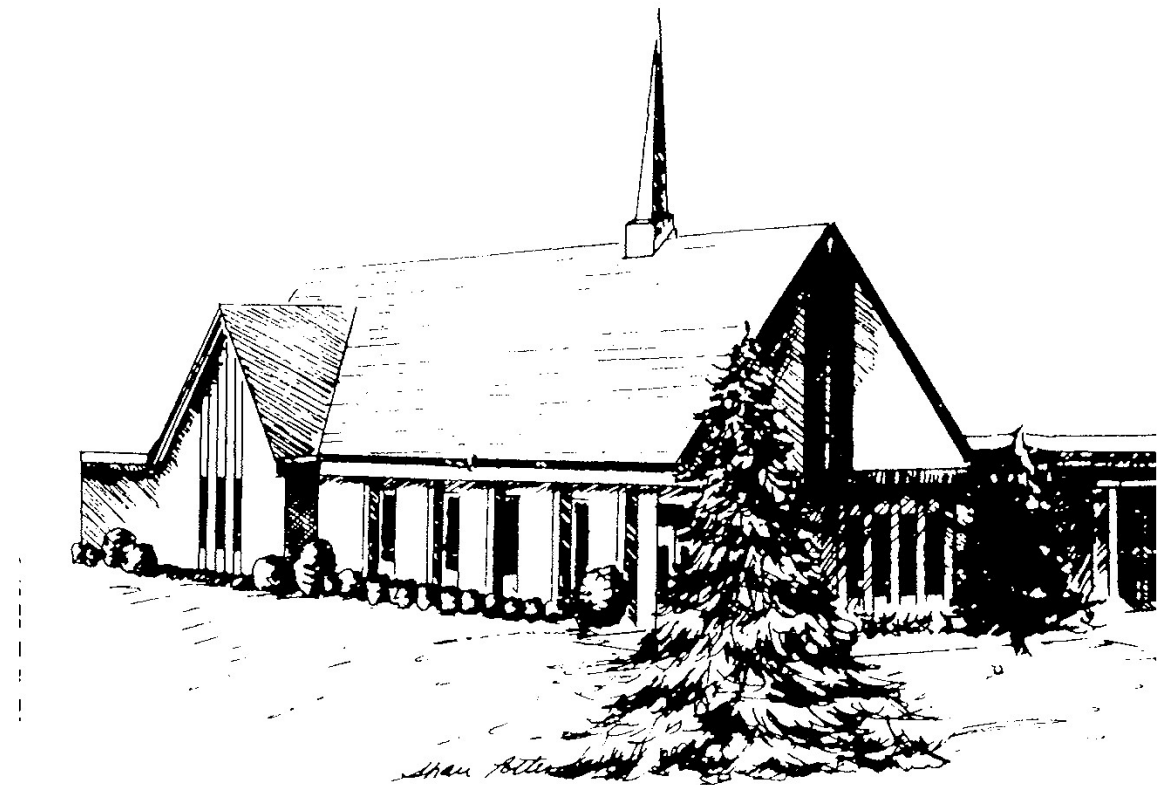


**First Congregational
United Church of Christ**

**6494 Belsay Road
Grand Blanc, Michigan**



INSTALLATION SERVICE

Reverend Joe Schulte

February 19, 2012

**Please stand if able.*

Please join us for dinner following the service in the Christian Life Center.

INSTALLATION

Installation is a service which the Association, at the request of a local Church, confirms and celebrates the covenant between a local Church and a newly called Pastor and Teacher and reaffirms the covenantal relationship of all the Churches of the Association.



TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Mary Powers, Moderator of the church

Bryan Riley, Chair of the Pastoral Search Team and past Moderator

Bethany Sly, Member of the Pastoral Search Team and member of the Evangelism Team.

Tracy Loomis, Member of the Pastoral Search Team and Director of Youth and Educational Ministries

Daneen Munerance, Treasurer of the church

Susan Arnould, Director of The Learning House

Mike Spicer, Member of the Pastoral Search Team and member of the Upward Basketball Leadership Team

Rev. Dr. C. Jack Richards, Former Associate Conference Minister of the Michigan Conference and friend of Rev. Schulte

John Pfeiffer, Past Treasurer of the Penn Northeast Conference of the United Church of Christ and friend of Rev. Schulte

Tanya Harris, Financial Officer of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Sioux Falls, SD, past Treasurer of the South Dakota Conference of the United Church of Christ and friend of Rev. Schulte

Organist: Shirley Wells
Cello: Paul Engard
Acolyte: Nick Riley
Usher Team: Fred Loomis
Tom McLaren
Bill Mervyn
Dan Richardson

(to pastor)

Rev. Joe Schulte, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that Grand Blanc First 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 Covenant Association?

Rev. Joe Schulte:

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, in accordance with the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Association Representative:

Members of Grand Blanc First 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 Grand Blanc First Congregational United Church of Christ, receive the Rev. Joe Schulte 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.

Association Representative:

Members of Covenant Association, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with Grand Blanc First Congregational United Church of Christ and its pastor and teacher?

Association Members:

We, the members of the Covenant Association of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and the pastor and teacher of Grand Blanc First 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

DECLARATION

Association Representative:

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Covenant Association of Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as pastor and teacher of Grand Blanc First Congregational United Church of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN "The Church's One Foundation"

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**Order of Worship for the Installation of
The Rev. Joe Schulte
as Pastor and Teacher of
First Congregational
United Church of Christ**

February 19, 2012

4:00 PM

PRELUDE "Worship"

Esther S. Higgins

WORDS OF WELCOME

Mary Powers

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Love Divine"

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bryan Riley

Leader: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

People: Behold, God makes all things new; the past is gone, the new has come!

Leader: I give water in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, those whom I formed for myself, so that they might declare my praise.

People: Behold, God makes all things new; the past is gone, the new has come!

Leader: Now the house of God is among mortals. I will dwell with them as their God, and they will be my own people. I will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more, for the first things have passed away!

People: Behold, God makes all things new; the past is gone, the new has come!

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Bethany Sly

We sing songs of praise, O God; we gather in praise of your name. Your spirit in the midst of us and it fills us with the hope of a new day. We bask in the glow of the light of Christ that shines on our world. Be with us as we celebrate the possibilities for ministry you present to those of us who are called into the church. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM Wade in the Water

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Tracy Loomis

THE OFFERTORY "Cantabile"

Ludwig VanBeethoven

***PRAISE RESPONSE** (Sung)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power up-lifts.
Praise the Spir-it, Holy Spir-it,
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Tracy Loomis

***HYMN** "O Christ, the Word Incarnate"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR Deneen Munerance
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.

PRAYER RESPONSE (Sung)

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied,
In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 15:1-10 Susan Arnould
Exodus 16:22-35 Mike Spicer

THE SERMON Change Is Like A Slinky

The Rev. Dr. C. Jack Richards

***HYMN** "Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

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A WORD TO THE PASTOR

John Pfeiffer

A WORD TO THE CONGREGATION

Tanya Harris

***HYMN** "In Christ There is No East or West"

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THE ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A PASTOR

GREETING

Association Representative:

The Covenant Association of Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ greets 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 Rep: Mary Powers

Grand Blanc First Congregational United Church of Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called Rev. Joe Schulte as its pastor and teacher and respectfully requests that the Covenant Association install him to this ministry among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Association Representative:

The Covenant Association has reviewed the request of Grand Blanc First Congregational United Church of Christ. We have prayerfully examined the Rev. Joe Schulte and we are pleased to install him as your pastor and teacher of the ecumenical church.

Rev. Joe Schulte, servant of God, 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 United Church of Christ in cooperation with a local church. Installation confirms and celebrates the covenant 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 and of the ecumenical church.

EXHORTATION

Association Representative:

Hear these words. . . This is what God wants of you in your life in Christ Jesus.
Amen.

COVENANT

Association Representative:

Dear Friends, Grand Blanc First Congregational United Church of Christ has declared that, having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called the Rev. Joe Schulte to minister in this place as pastor and teacher and that it now receives him as appointed by God for this ministry. The Covenant Association of the United Church of Christ has declared that he has met all the necessary conditions of installation to this office.