

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,  
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA**

**INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR REV. JAMES KOYAMA  
May 15, 2022 at 2:00pm**

*Bold italics indicate the work of the people.  
\*Indicates places to stand if able to.*

**The Hymnal for this service is the Black Hymnal.**

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Ann Cenzano
<b>CLERGY PROCESSIONAL</b>	
<b>GREETING</b>	Leslie Brown
<b>INVITATION TO WORSHIP</b>	LuAnn Herrick

*How good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity,  
adults and children, parents and teens, grandparents and infants.*

*It is like laughter at a family reunion*

*where everyone celebrates their family ties.*

*In family, we see yesterday's vision unfolding  
and tomorrow's promise revealed.*

*Let's celebrate our kinship with all the people's of the earth  
and with all of God's creation!*

*We worship now as a family of God.*

*Let us sing to God our songs of unity and praise.*

**\* UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*Gracious God, Creator of heaven and earth, so much of our time is  
spent drawing lines between ourselves and others; in emphasizing  
our differences – circling the wagons. And yet, what is most  
precious to us is the unity we have as children made in your image.  
Strengthen now the bonds of covenant that unite us with you, with  
each other and with all creation, through Jesus Christ and the Holy  
Spirit Amen*

**\*HYMN # 495** “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service”

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

<b>Hebrew Scriptures</b>	Genesis 18:1-5	Janet Andrews
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 22:35-40	

**SERMON** “A Glorious Confusion”  
Rev. Mark Koyama

**PRAYERS** Beth Marshall

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For  
thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever Amen.*

**CHORAL MUSIC** Montague Choir

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**THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION**

**GREETING**

**ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:**

The Franklin Association of the Southern New England 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

LESLIE BROWN, MODERATOR:

First Congregational Church of Montague, Trinitarian, United Church of Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called James Koyama as its pastor and teacher and respectfully requests that the Franklin Association install him in this ministry among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:

The Franklin Association has reviewed the request of First Congregational Church of Montague, Trinitarian, United Church of Christ. We have prayerfully examined James Koyama, and we are pleased to install him/her as your pastor and teacher.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:

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 pastors and teachers, 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 *addressing 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 *addressing the pastor:*

We urge you, our brother, warn the idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with all.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE *addressing 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 *addressing the congregation:*

Dear friends,

First Congregational Church of Montague, Trinitarian, United Church of Christ has declared that, having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called Rev. James Koyama to minister in this place as pastor and teacher and that it now receives him as appointed by God for this ministry. The Franklin Association of the United Church of Christ has declared that he has met all the necessary conditions for installation to this office.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE *addressing the pastor:*

Seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that the First Congregational Church of Montague, 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 Franklin 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 *addressing the congregation:*

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

*Members of the church who are able please stand for the remainder of the covenant.*

**LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERS:**

***We, the members of the First Congregational Church of Montague, United Church of Christ, receive Rev. James Koyama as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with him/her 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** *addressing association members:*

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

*Other members of the Franklin Association who are able, please stand for the remainder of the covenant.*

**ASSOCIATION MEMBERS:**

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

**PRAYER OF INSTALLATION:** Rev. Terry Yasuko Ogawa

*All who are able may stand as a representative of the association prays in these or similar words.*

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, James Koyama to whom the care of your people in this church is now committed. Pour out your Holy Spirit on him, on the people of the First Congregational Church of Montague United Church of Christ, and on all the churches of the Franklin 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 temptation 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, for ever and ever.

**ALL: Amen**

### **DECLARATION**

**ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:**

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Franklin Association of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as pastor and teacher of the First Congregational Church of Montague, Trinitarian, United Church of Christ.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

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### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**CHARGE TO THE PASTOR**

Rev. Alan Comstock

**CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION**

Rev. Dr. Christine Fontaine

### **CALL TO THE OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God from whom all blessing flow, Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*** (sung to the tune of Old 100<sup>th</sup>)

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Julie Britton

**\*CLOSING HYMN# 573      “Lead on Eternal Sovereign”**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE/ PROCESSIONAL**

*Please join us for a brief reception downstairs in the Social Hall*

**This service would not be possible without the help of:** Organist Ann Cenzano. Diaconal Ministers Janet Andrews, Leslie Brown, Lorraine York-Edberg, LuAnn Herrick, Beth Marshall and Ruth Sadowsky, the Montague Church Choir and many members of the church.

Thanks also to our Area Conference Minister Rev. Terry Yasuko Ogawa, Rev. David Neil of the Franklin Association Church and Ministry Committee, Mr John Taylor, the Association Moderator and Rev. Megan Leary of the Franklin Association Executive Committee.

Thanks to Rev. Dr. Christine Fontaine and Rev. Alan Comstock who both have close ties to this particular fellowship, Julie Britton Member in Discernment, and to my brother Mark for preaching.

And thank you all for coming to show your support and manifest together, the blessed community of the faithful!