

Installation Service

Rev. William Kren

Greeting

DMA Representative, Rev. Margo Allen: The Detroit Metropolitan Association of the 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

Acting Moderator Mr. Arnie Schilbe: Dearborn Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called Rev. William Kren as its pastor and teacher and respectfully requests that the Detroit Metropolitan Association install him in this ministry among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Margo Allen: The Detroit Metropolitan Association has reviewed the request of Dearborn Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, we have prayerfully examined Rev. William Kren, and we are pleased to install him as your pastor and teacher.

Musical Offering

Voices in Harmony Ensemble

Acceptance of the Call

Rev. Margo Allen: Rev. William Kren, Servant of God, we invite you to come forward as a sign of your acceptance of the call to this office.

DMA Representative Judith Booker: 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 and of the ecumenical church.

Exhortation

Michigan Conference Representative Rev. Dr. Renee Jackson: Members of Dearborn Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, will those who are able to rise and affirm your covenant with your pastor and teacher?

ALL: We, the members of Dearborn Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, receive Rev. William Kren 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.

Covenant

DMA Representative Judith Booker: Members of Detroit Metropolitan Association, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with Dearborn Congregational Church, United Church of Christ and its pastor and teacher?

DMA Members: We, the members of the Detroit Metropolitan Association of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and the pastor and teacher of Dearborn Congregational Church, 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. Dr. Renee Jackson: 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 Pastor Bill Kren to whom the care of your people in this church is now committed. Pour out your Holy Spirit on him, on the people of Dearborn Congregational Church, and on all the churches of the Detroit Metropolitan 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 sound mind. Make our ministry a means of awakening the careless, strengthening the faithful, comforting the suffering, 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, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

Declaration

Rev. Margo Allen: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Detroit Metropolitan Association of the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as pastor and teacher of Dearborn Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.