

INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY 2021

You have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of Shiloh UCC, to serve among us. You have accepted your call and are here in witness to your willingness to serve.

COVENANT

Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

I am, with the help of God.

Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

I do, relying on God's grace.

Members of Shiloh UCC, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. As you are watching this video in your homes or at other places, please say these words with me in your hearts, giving thanks for these people who accepted God's call.

We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

All who have been ordained as elders or deacons at Shiloh UCC, are invited to bow your heads. If possible, please have a member of our church lay their hands on you at this time.

The laying on of hands is the symbolic act whereby the church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon them the gifts of ministry. We lay hands upon you, for the position of deacon or elder.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of *deacon/elder/youth* in Christ's church and equip you with everything good to do God's will. Receive authority to execute the office of deacon or elder in the name of Christ. Amen.