



March 6, 2019

CELEBRATING OUR CHURCH

Our church will gather for a special worship service on Sunday, March 17, at 3:30 p.m. to celebrate the installation of Rev. Anne Marie Holloway as our settled Associate Minister for Youth and Families. A service of installation draws together the wider church community with our congregation to recognize and celebrate that valuable ministry is being done in this church.

I hope you will join me at this service, because it celebrates the new relationship of our congregation and our new minister. The installation service will affirm the acts of hope and faith that it takes for a congregation to call a minister to enter into a holy and meaningful relationship with our community, and the hope and faith in Anne Marie's decision to make this commitment.

Bring your friends and neighbors, because this service will celebrate that we are a church that seeks to nurture children and youth as one of our hallmarks of ministry.

Bring your children and grandchildren, to show them that the church loves them and considers their lives to be of great value. And to remind them that ministry is one of the professional callings for real people: people who have husbands and children and old friends who come on a Sunday afternoon to celebrate with them.

The sermon will be given by Rev. Terry Martinson, who led one of the most vibrant youth ministry programs anywhere, and has been a minister to Anne Marie since she was baptized. Members of the wider United Church of Christ will come to celebrate our church's mission. The Chancel Choir and Hills Ringers will offer music, and we will host a joyful reception afterward.

The service is on March 17 at 3:30 p.m. This is also St. Patrick's Day, and that's an appropriate connection, because Patrick left his home in Britain to minister to the people of Ireland in the fifth century when he was called by God to a new place. It's a great day to have two worship services, but if you absolutely have to choose due to urgent matters, I would attend to those things in the morning and come to church in the afternoon. This kind of celebration doesn't happen very often.

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster
Senior Minister



The Wellesley Hills Congregational Church
and the Metropolitan Boston Association
of the Massachusetts Conference
of the United Church of Christ
joyfully invite you to celebrate

*the installation of
Rev. Anne Marie Holloway*

Sunday, March 17, 2019
Three Thirty p.m.

207 Washington Street
Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts

Clergy: red stoles

A reception to follow