

The First Baptist Church of Leominster invites the community to attend the service of installation of its pastor, the Rev. Leo S. Hourihan Jr., Sunday, April 16. The service will begin at 5 p.m. and will be followed by a reception in the vestry.

A very special part of the service will be a sacred dance choreographed for the occasion and performed by Susan Sgorbati, a graduate of Bennington College and an instructor of dance at Williams College. Mrs. Sgorbati has taken three parts of the ministry, prophesy, healing and teaching and will be using scripture throughout in an intricately woven pattern of readings, music and dance.

She has been doing an extensive study of the history of sacred dance and taught a course in sacred dance at Southern Vermont College. Scripture is filled with references to God's people expressing their love for Him through exuberant dance.

Rev. Hourihan, a native of Dover, N.H. and a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, came to Leominster after five years as pastor of the North Bennington Baptist Church, N. Bennington, Vermont. This service of installation represents not only his relationship to the First Baptist Church of Leominster but his commitment to the community as well.