

SERVICE OF THE LIVING TRADITION

Minneapolis, Minnesota • Thursday, June 24, 2010

Order of Service

Together we notice not only each mountain shadow and each stone on the beach but we notice each other's beautiful faces and complex natures so that Creation need not play to an empty house.

—Annie Dillard

Ingathering

Beth Syverson, Director
Leon Dunkley, Pianist

“We Give Thanks”
Si

Wendy Luella Perkins
Singing the Journey, #1010

“When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place”

Joyce Poley
Singing the Journey, #1008

“Let This Be a House of Peace”

Jim Scott
Text inspired by Kenneth Patton
Singing the Journey, #1054

“Stand!”

Amy Carol Webb

Processional

“Rank by Rank Again We Stand”

Words, John Huntley Skrine
Recast by Carl G. Seaburg, 1990
Music by Walford Davies
Singing the Living Tradition, #358

Chalice Lighting

The Reverend Diana Heath

Invocation

The Reverend Beth Miller
by Walter Royal Jones, Jr.

Introit

“Lift Your Voice and Sing”
Lyrics by Mary Katherine Morn
Music by Jason Shelton

Remembering Those Who Have Died

The Reverend Peter Morales

Roll Call

Prayer
Silence
Music

“boundless joy”
Words and music by Catherine Dalton

The Reverend Paige Getty, narrator

Honoring Those Completing Service

The Reverend Erik Wikstrom
Ms. Anne Bancroft
The Reverend Makaanah Morriss

Litany of Appreciation

Rev. Wikstrom: For the life passages you sanctified; care you offered; silent witness you bore; and for all the tears of joy and sorrow you shed with your people:

All: *We rejoice and give thanks for the gifts of your heart.*

Ms. Bancroft: For the words you offered in truth and love; words of prophecy, instruction, comfort, and invitation; poems, prayers, laments and celebrations:

All: *We rejoice and give thanks for the gifts of your mind.*

Rev. Morriss: For your vision of a world more peaceful and just; for study and action, rallies and marches, letters and petitions, phone calls and meetings:

All: *We rejoice and give thanks for the gifts of your passion.*

Rev. Wikstrom: For preaching, teaching, witnessing, organizing, facilitating, supporting, and being there; for your leadership in congregations and community; for souls touched, hearts inspired, and lives transformed:

All: *We rejoice and give thanks for the gifts of your dedicated service. May your days be long and joyful, and when your end-time is near, may the serenity of a life well lived be your joy. Amen.*

Anthem

“Now Is the Time”

Text inspired by W. E. B. Dubois
Music by Jason Shelton

Sermon

Beautiful Faces and Complex Natures

The Reverend Paige Getty

Hymn

“Building A New Way”

Words by Martha Sandefer
Arranged by Jim Scott
Singing the Journey, #1017

Offering for the Living Tradition Fund

The Reverend Richard Nugent

Offertory

Suite for Piano in Neo-Baroque Style

Clif Hardin, Composer
Beth Syverson, Pianist

**Affirmation of Ministers Attaining Final Fellowship,
Credentialed Religious Educators, Master and Credentialed Levels, and
Credentialed Music Leaders**

The Reverend Jory Agate
The Reverend Beth Williams
Ms. Jan Devor
Dr. Keith Arnold
Ms. Elizabeth Norton

Litany of Affirmation

Rev. Agate: You have been tried and tested. Your call has been challenged. Your contributions to congregation and community have been examined, appraised, and measured. And you have succeeded.

All: We give thanks for your devotion and celebrate your success.

Ms. Devor: The UUA credentialing committees have scrutinized you and found you worthy. Your expertise and skill have been evaluated, accepted, and appreciated by those you have served.

All: We affirm your calling and rejoice in your achievement.

Dr. Arnold: As you stand before us tonight we name you and proclaim our confirmation of your full credentials as Unitarian Universalist ministers in Final Fellowship, Master and Credentialed Level Religious Educators, and Credentialed Music Leaders.

All: We give thanks for your leadership and pray these blessings will be yours: growing excellence, deepening satisfaction, and profound awareness of the Spirit of Life and love surrounding and upholding you always. Amen.

**Welcoming Ministers Entering
Preliminary Fellowship**

The Reverend David A. Pettee
The Reverend Wayne Arnason
The Reverend Rob Eller-Isaacs

Litany of Welcome

Rev. Pettee: From the early stirring in your heart, that first faint echo of a calling to something larger than you ever imagined you could become, here you stand before this congregation representing all Unitarian Universalist congregations.

All: On behalf of the Living Tradition we share, we welcome you as religious leaders.

Rev. Arnason: You have journeyed far, studied hard, learned more than you could have anticipated, and had experiences that have strengthened that echo into a full commitment. From aspirant to candidate to minister, you stand before us transformed. And yet, you are only just beginning. The true test of your calling lies before you.

All: We honor your achievement and recognize your calling. As you journey on, may

your sense of holy purpose grow as your ministry continues to mold and shape you.

Rev. Eller-Isaacs: We have recognized you and called you by name, and when you are ordained, we will rejoice as we place the title, Reverend, before your name. As is often said in Unitarian Universalist child dedications:

All: *“May you wear this name in honor, in peace, and in courage such that all the days of your life, those who look upon your name will find it good.” May your ministry be blessed and a blessing to many. Amen.*

Hymn

“Be Ours a Religion”

Words by Theodore Parker
Music by Thomas Benjamin
Singing the Journey, #1058

Benediction

The Reverend Dr. John Weston

Recessional

“For All The Saints”

Words by William Walsham How
Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams
Singing the Living Tradition, #103

Postlude

Notes on the Service

The annual Service of the Living Tradition recognizes ministers who have been granted preliminary fellowship, achieved final fellowship or completed full-time service, religious educators who have achieved or are retiring from credentialed religious educator, master or credentialed level status, and credentialed music leaders. We also remember and honor those professional religious leaders who have died between May 15, 2009, and May 15, 2010.

Reminders: Please remember to turn off your cell phone and refrain from applause for individuals being recognized.

The offering received today supports the Living Tradition Fund which provides Unitarian Universalist seminarians and ministers with scholarships, debt reduction grants, and financial assistance in times of need.

The preacher for our service is the Reverend Paige Getty. A graduate of Wesleyan College and Harvard Divinity School, the Reverend Paige Getty received preliminary fellowship and was ordained in 2000. She did student ministry in San Diego, California; was interim minister in Overland Park, Kansas, in 2002-03; and has served the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, Maryland, since 2003. She and her spouse, Graham, have two young children.

The service is prepared and led by the Ministry and Professional Leadership Staff Group of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Others leading the service include:

- The Reverend Peter Morales, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations
- Ms. Anne Bancroft, President of the Liberal Religious Educators Association
- The Reverend Makanah Morriss, President of the Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association
- Ms. Jan Devor, Chairperson of the Religious Education Credentialing Committee
- Dr. Keith Arnold, President of the Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network
- Ms. Elizabeth Norton, Member, Music Leadership Credentialing Committee
- The Reverend Wayne Arnason, Chairperson of the Ministerial Fellowship Committee
- The Reverend Robert Eller-Isaacs, President of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association

Representing the families of ministers who have died during the past year is The Reverend Diana Heath, surviving spouse of the Reverend Dr. William J. Metzger.

Music for the Service is provided by:

- Ms. Beth Syverson, Director of Music, Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church of Costa Mesa, California - music director for this service.
- Leon Dunkley, Pianist, is Director of Congregational Life, Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul, Minnesota, and is a recent graduate of the Starr King School for the Ministry.
- Dana Decker, Bassist, and David Stanoch, Drummer, members of the General

Assembly Band.

- The Singers of the Living Tradition choir is composed of Unitarian Universalist ministers and religious leaders and their family members.

We acknowledge the services of Rebecca Justiniano and Laura Shirley, American Sign Language interpreters for the Service of the Living Tradition.

MINISTERS DECEASED

James Marshall Bank	Jean Lois Witman Gilpatrick	Marjorie Newlin Leaming
James Madison Barr III	Polly Laughland Guild	William J. Metzger
Carl Bierman	Grant F. Haskell	Suzanne Pike Meyer
John Nichols Booth	Kenneth C. Hawkes	H. Kyle Nagel
Harry Kern Brobst	Stephen Davies Howard	Judith Brown Osgood
Robert William Brownlie	Timothy Ward Jensen	Arnold Farrow Westwood
Forrest Church	Walter Royal "Roy" Jones, Jr.	Robert Sumner Wolley
Joseph Ira Craig		

MINISTERS COMPLETING FULL-TIME MINISTRIES

Nancy J. Anderson	Margaret Andrews Hart	Michelle Therese Tonozzi
Walter R. Braman	Roberta M. Haskin	Sue M. Turner
Jeremy John Brigham	Doris Leenhouts Hunter	Ralph A. Tyksinski
Carolyn R. Brown	Alice Buchanan Lane	Enid A. Virago
Frank Watson Carpenter	Marguerite D. Lovett	William Morley Weir
Barbara Child	James H. Macomber	Allen Wells
Mary Louise DeWolf	Anne Marsh	John H. Weston
Jim Eller	Johanna L. Nichols	Wade Wheelock
Robert H. Flanders	Lucy Hitchcock Seck	John Lester Young
Ruth Jacquot Gnagey	Henry Richards Ticknor	

MINISTERS RECEIVING FINAL FELLOWSHIP

Pam Allen-Thompson	Keith Wayne Goheen	Bruce Robin Russell-Jayne
Jade D'Aquilarive "JD" Benson	Becky Gunn	ReBecca Ames Sala
Emilie C. Boggis	Patricia Guthmann Haresch	Kent Hemmen Saleska
Lyn Stangland Cameron	Martha Hodges	Marcia Welsh Schekel
Meghan Conrad Cefalu	Nancy Holden	Ann Marie Schranz
David W. Chandler	Evan Keely	Craig D. Schwalenberg
Brian Henry Covell	James C. (Jay) Leach	Paul Sprecher
Bonnie McClish Dlott	Tamara Lebak	Heather Starr
David W. Farrington	Dorothy E. (Dottie) Mathews	Leona K. Stucky-Abbott
Debra Joanne Faulk	Carol McKinley	Barbara R. Threet
Claire Elizabeth	Roger Brian Mohr	Felicia Mary Urbanski
Feingold Thoryn	William Joseph Neely	Wendy von Zirpolo
Julie Forest	Peter Worthington Hart Newport	Cheryl M. Walker
Peter A. Friedrichs	Jane Altman Page	Pamela Telos Whitfield
Mary McKinnon Ganz	Stephen E. Phinney	Wendy Williams

Debra A. Garfinkel

Diane Olenick Rollert

Connie Yost

CREDENTIALLED RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR—MASTER LEVEL

Bobbie J. Poole

Tandi K. Rogers

CREDENTIALLED RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR

Sparrow F. Alden

Irene Praeger

Jeanette Ruyle

CREDENTIALLED MUSIC LEADER

Sharon Louise Dunn Douglas

Mary Ann H. East

MINISTERS RECEIVING PRELIMINARY FELLOWSHIP

Elaine Aron

Eric Hausman

Nathan Mesnikoff

Rebecca Benefiel Bijur

Angela Marie Herrera

Catherine M. Norris

Carol Bodeau

Lori Gorgas Hlaban

Shelley Page

Lora Brandis

Seanan R. Holland

Steven A. Protzman

Sarah Gettie Burks

Jeannie F. Hufstedler

David Glenn Pyle

Russell A. Burnette

Carie Johnsen

Renee Zimelis Ruchotzke

Peggy Clarke

Eric Charles Kaminetzky

Teresa Lynn Schwartz

Jill Ardith Cowie

William Kennedy

Christina Sillari

Terry Ann Davis

Michelle LaGrave

Tracy Springberry

Eric David Dawson

Michael Leuchtenberger

Robin Noelle Tanner

Kathryn L. Ellis

Dana Lightsey

Bruce Carey Taylor

Carmen M. Emerson

Elizabeth Marsh

Timothy Temerson

Mary Patricia Foran

John C. McCarthy

Beverly V. Waring

Lynne Diane Garner

Suzan Emine Alpay McCrystal

Pamela Wat

Erin M. Gingrich

Julia Russell McKay

Kate Wilkinson

Julia Hamilton

Kent C. McKusick

K. Antonia Won

Leah Hart-Landsberg

Brandon Scott McNeill