

A close-up photograph of a golden trumpet, focusing on the bell and the valve mechanism. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the metallic sheen and intricate details of the instrument. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue.

*Service of the
Living
Tradition*

The Unitarian Universalist Association

Thursday, June Twenty-Second, Two Thousand Seventeen

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Order of Service

Ingathering Music
“Fire of Commitment”

DeReau Farrar, Director
All

Prelude
“Shout Out Loud”

Welcome The Rev. Sarah Lammert and Jessica York

Calling Forth in Celebration

Ministers Receiving Preliminary Fellowship	Jesse King
Credentialed Religious Educators	Dr. Jenice View
Certified Music Leaders	Anne Watson Born
Ministers Receiving Final Fellowship	Jesse King
Those Completing Full-Time Service	The Rev. W. Jim Eller

Invocation Ella Boyer

Opening Hymn All
“Rank by Rank Again We Stand”

Chalice Lighting Elizabeth A. Terry

Introit
“These Hands”

Remembering Those Who Have Died Interim UUA Co-Presidents

Introduction	
Roll Call	Rev. Dr. Bill Sinkford and Rev. Sofia Betancourt
Lighting the Memorial Candle	
Prayer	Dr. Leon Spencer
Silence	
Musical Response	
“Higher Ground” (Gabriel)	

Offering for the Living Tradition Fund

Denny Davidoff

“Higher Ground” (Wonder)

Reading

The Rev. Cheryl M. Walker

“Another Mountain”

Musical Underscore

“For Every Mountain”

Reading Response

“Done Made My Vow to the Lord”

Sermon

The Rev. Cheryl M. Walker

A Name, A Difference

Sermon Response

“I’ve Got a New Name”

Closing Hymn

All

“For All That Is Our Life”

Benediction

The Rev. Cheryl M. Walker

Recessional

Ministers Receiving Preliminary Fellowship

Elizabeth Marie Assenza	Suzanne Andrée Fast	Andrew Pakula
Tracie Barrett-Welser	Seanan Fong	Pamela Philips
Joseph Boyd	Lara Jeanne Fuchs	Ruth Rinehart
Nic Cable	Ilene Kaur Tompkins-Gillispie	Meghann Robern
Sarah Caine	Sara Goodman	Blanca Rodriguez
Rachel Rudd Christensen	Jo Green	Karen Lee Scrivo
Jessica Amber Clay	Katie Romano Griffin	Rebecca Sheble-Hall
David Clements	Anthony Jenkins	Rina Shere
Lois Cole	Karen G. Johnston	Oscar Sinclair
Hillary Collins-Gilpatrick	Alice King	Justine Sullivan
Julie Diane Conrady	Katy Kroll Swanson	Sam Teitel
Rebecca C. "Beckett" Coppola	Shay MacKay	Jamila Tharp
Dylan Thomas Doyle Debelis	Maria McCabe	Hannah Roberts Villnave
Kimberley Grace Debus	Holly K. Mueller	Erin Walter
Emily DeTar Birt	Aaron Norris	Eileen Riley Wiviott
Pratima Dharm	Sage Alexis Olnick	Susan L. Yarbrough
Monica Dobbins	Wendy Edith Page	

Credentialed Religious Educators

Starr Austin	Juliet Donaldson	Richard Roberts
Anna Bethea	Indigo Lewis	Dawn Star Sarahs-Borchelt
Michelle Bishop	Ann Richards	Robin Slaw
Jamaine L. Cripe		

Credentialed Religious Educators Completing Full-Time Service

Greta Porter

Certified Music Leaders

Wendy Fisher	Markus Grae-Hauck	Bailey Whiteman
Matthew Frisk	Jed M. Levine	

Credentialed Music Leaders (Portfolio Path)

Brian Moon Kellie Walker Hart

Ministers Receiving Final Fellowship

Scott Aaseng	Karla Brockie	Charlie Dieterich
Eric Benjamin Kealoha Banner	Sue Browning	Jen Dillinger
Amy K. Beltaine	Lucy Bunch	Vilius Rudra Dundzila
Laura Bogle	Joe Cleveland	Cathy Edwards
Mary Bohman	Joanna Fontaine Crawford	David Etherington

Barnaby J. Feder	Russ Menk	David Schwartz
Erin Gingrich	Craig M. Nowak	Jason Seymour
Elizabeth A. Harding	Samaya Oakley	Amy Petrie Shaw
Eric Hausman	Gaye Williams Ortiz	Christina Shu
Ashley Horan	Duffy Peet	Linda Simmons
Norman Horofker	Nancy Bird Pellegrini	Aija Ruth Simpson
Jennifer Ann Kelleher	Laura Randall	Leela Sinha
Cecilia Kingman	Myriam Renaud	Meg Soens
Sarah Elizabeth Lenzi	Dennis Reynolds	Marcia Louise Stanard
Rachel Corrie Iverson Lonberg	Darcy Alicia Roake	Luke Stevens-Royer
Ruth MacKenzie	Kristen Rohm	Andrew L. Weber
Suzan Emine Alpay McCrystal	Nathan Ryan	Anastassia Greer Zinke
Patrick McLaughlin		

Ministers Completing Full-Time Service

Darrell Berger	Caroline Hoffberg Knowles	Robin W. Renteria
Beverly Morrison Boke	Gary Kowalski	Elizabeth Scheuerman
Katie Lee Crane	Kurt A. Kuhwald	Jim Sherblom
Philip Douglas	Maurice R. Landry	Lynda Channa Smith
Georganne Greene	Jacqueline Anne Luck	Susan Suchocki Brown
Patt Herdklotz	Peter Luton	Gail Tapscott
Craig D. Hirshberg	Bob MacDicken	Barbara Wells ten Hove
Linda Hoddy	Art McDonald	Jaco ten Hove
Kenneth Gordon Hurto	Melanie Morel-Ensminger	David Usher
David A. Johnson	Silvio Nardoni	Nan L. White
Maj-Britt Johnson	Wendy Pantoja	Beth Williams
Linda Pashby Kaufman	Lyn Plumb	Chip Wright

In Memoriam

Carol I. Brody	Charles W. Grady	Cynthia L. Prescott
Julie Denny-Hughes	Harold L. Hawkins	G. Robert Reed
Mark H. Edmiston-Lange	C. Leon Hopper, Jr.	Robert S. Slater
J. McRee "Mac" Elrod	Spencer Lavan	Robert R. Walsh
Jan Evans-Tiller	Suzanne M. Marsh	Cynthia J. Ward
Neil W. Gerdes	Gregory J. Martin	Samuel A. Wright
John S. Gilbert		

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 status at the master or credentialed level; and certified music leaders. We also remember and honor those professional religious leaders who have died between May 16, 2016 and May 15, 2017.

The offering received today supports the Living Tradition Fund, which provides scholarships, debt-reduction grants, and financial assistance in times of need to seminarians, ministers, religious professionals, other congregational staff, and retired ministers and their loved ones.

The preacher for our service is The Rev. Cheryl M. Walker. The Reverend Cheryl Walker has served as the pastor of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington since 2009. Prior to going to Wilmington, she served four years as the Assistant Minister at the Unitarian Church of All Souls in New York City.

Rev. Walker currently serves as the President of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association.

She holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Springfield College and a master of divinity from The Union Theological Seminary of New York. A native New Yorker, she currently resides in Wilmington, North Carolina, with her partner Elizabeth and their cat Hazel.

The service is prepared under the auspices of the Unitarian Universalist Association Ministries and Faith Development Staff Group.

Officiants for the service include:

The Reverend Sarah Lammert, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Unitarian Universalist Association

Jessica York, Interim Director of Ministries and Faith Development, Unitarian Universalist Association

Jesse King, Chair, Ministerial Fellowship Committee

Dr. Jenice View, Member, Religious Education Credentialing Committee

Anne Watson Born, Chair, Music Leadership Certification Committee

The Reverend W. Jim Eller, President, Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association

Ella Boyer (Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Oberlin, Ohio) will attend Carleton College in the fall, where she is considering studying religion and anthropology.

Rev. Dr. Bill Sinkford, Rev. Sofia Betancourt, and Dr. Leon Spencer, Interim Co-Presidents, Unitarian Universalist Association

Representing the families of professional religious leaders who have died during the past year are Dorothy Hopper and Rachel Hopper Tucker, surviving family of Rev. C. Leon Hopper, Jr.

Our chalice lighter is Elizabeth A. Terry, Congregational Giving Specialist, Unitarian Universalist Association

Welcoming the Honorees onto the platform:

The Rev. Cheryl M. Walker, President, Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association

Shawn McCann, President, Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network and Credentialed Music Leader

Cathy Seggel, President, Liberal Religious Educators Association and Credentialed Religious Educator, Master Level

Music for the Service:

Our music director is DeReau Farrar. DeReau joined First Unitarian Church of Portland (Oregon) in July 2016 as Acting Director of Music. He was named permanent Director of Music in March 2017. Originally from Southern California, he served as Director of Music for the UU Community Church of Santa Monica, Choir Director for First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, Artistic Director of Selah Gospel Choir—an interfaith community gospel choir, Voice and Choir Teacher for New Roads High School, and Musical Director for the classic theater company, A Noise Within.

Additionally, DeReau worked in Los Angeles as a freelance music director, vocal contractor, consultant, and arranger, and has a background as a classical singer. Recent films DeReau has worked on include *All the Way* (2016) as vocal coach and *Get Out* (2017) as chorus director for the main theme. He serves on both the Board and Conference Planning Committee of the UU Musicians Network.

The Singers of the Living Tradition Choir is composed of Unitarian Universalist professional religious leaders and members of the Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network.

Music and Readings

“Fire of Commitment”

#1028 *Singing the Journey*

Words: Mary Katherine Morn and
Jason Shelton; Music: Jason Shelton

“Shout Out Loud”

Words & Music: Ryan Anthony
Massaro

“Rank By Rank”

Words: John Huntley Skrine, Recast
by Carl G. Seaburg, New verse by
Kendyl Gibbons; Music: Walford
Davies.

“These Hands”

Dave Gunning & George Canyon

“Higher Ground”

Words: Charles H. Gabriel; Music:
Johnson Oatman, Jr.

“Higher Ground”

By Stevie Wonder

“Another Mountain”

Abiodun Oyewole

“For Every Mountain”

By Kurt Carr

“Done Made My Vow to the Lord”

Words: Traditional; Music: African
American spiritual

“I’ve Got a New Name”

#141 *Singing the Living Tradition*

Words: Traditional; Music: African
American spiritual

“For All That Is Our Life”

#128 *Singing the Living Tradition*

Words: Bruce Findlow; Music:
Patrick L. Rickey