Service of the Living Tradition

Thursday, June Twenty-Second, Two Thousand Seventeen
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
Order of Service

Ingathering Music
“Fire of Commitment”

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
Rev. Dr. Bill Sinkford and Rev. Sofia Betancourt
Lighting the Memorial Candle
Prayer
Dr. Leon Spencer
Silence
Musical Response
“All Higher Ground” (Gabriel)
Offering for the Living Tradition Fund
“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  Suzanne Andrée Fast  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  Cathey Edwards
Mary Bohman  Joanna Fontaine Crawford  David Etherington
Ministers Completing Full-Time Service

Darrell Berger
Beverly Morrison Boke
Katie Lee Crane
Philip Douglas
Georganne Greene
Patt Herdklotz
Craig D. Hirshberg
Linda Hoddy
Kenneth Gordon Hurto
David A. Johnson
Maj-Britt Johnson
Linda Pashby Kaufman

Caroline Hoffberg Knowles
Gary Kowalski
Kurt A. Kuhwald
Maurice R. Landry
Jacqueline Anne Luck
Peter Luton
Bob MacDicken
Art McDonald
Melanie Morel-Ensminger
Silvio Nardoni
Wendy Pantoja
Lyn Plumb

Robin W. Renteria
Elizabeth Scheuerman
Jim Sherblom
Lynda Channa Smith
Susan Suchocki Brown
Gail Tapscott
Barbara Wells ten Hove
Jaco ten Hove
David Usher
Nan L. White
Beth Williams
Chip Wright

In Memoriam

Carol I. Brody
Julie Denny-Hughes
Mark H. Edmiston-Lange
J. McRee “Mac” Elrod
Jan Evans-Tiller
Neil W. Gerdes
John S. Gilbert

Charles W. Grady
Harold L. Hawkins
C. Leon Hopper, Jr.
Spencer Lavan
Suzanne M. Marsh
Gregory J. Martin

Cynthia L. Prescott
G. Robert Reed
Robert S. Slater
Robert R. Walsh
Cynthia J. Ward
Samuel A. Wright
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