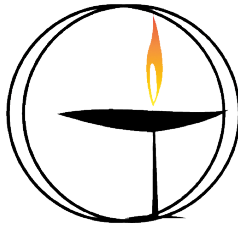


# **The First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco Celebration of Ordination**

Sunday, January 26, 2020  
6:00 pm



## **Millie Phillips**



## Ordination of Millie Phillips January 26, 2020

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“Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it.  
Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” - Howard Thurman

Prelude Reiko Oda Lane, organ  
*Wondrous Love* from “The Southern Harmony”, 1835 arr. Dale Wood

⊕ Ministerial Processional (congregation standing) Dr. Mark Sumner, Music Director  
*Bread and Roses*: words James Oppenheimer; music Mimi Fariña

Call to Celebration Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister

Chalice Lighting Rev. Alyson Jacks, Associate Minister and Stephen Schwichow

Reflection Stephen Schwichow, Ordination Committee Chair

Reflection Rev. Cat Cox

Music Randy Moore Trio  
*Blue Monk* by Thelonious Monk (Randy Moore, Keith Saunders, Richard Saunders)

Reflection Rev. Dr. Dorsey Blake

⊕ HYMN (congregation standing)  
*My Life Flows on in Endless Song, #108* in “*Singing the Living Tradition.*”

Sermon

Rev. Margot Campbell Gross, Minister Emerita

Music

Eric Hamilton, guitar

*Madroños* by Federico Moreno Torroba

Act of Ordination

Carrie Steere-Salazar, Board of Trustees Moderator

**Carrie:** Will the members of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco please rise in body or spirit? Millie Phillips, recognizing your sense of obligation to serve the cause of liberal religion and having received the recommendation of the Ministerial Fellowship Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, and by the authority of a vote of this congregation, we desire to ordain you to the Unitarian Universalist ministry. We offer you ordination, a privilege bestowed upon us by the nature of our free faith. Among us, and wherever you may be called to serve, we would have you preach in freedom and in love, ministering alike to joy and sorrow, modeling the values of our free faith by your example. Are you ready to serve in this ministry?

**Millie:** I am.

**Carrie:** Will the members of this congregation please join me in saying the words of ordination?

**Congregational Members of UUSF:** We, the members of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco, do hereby ordain you, Millie Phillips, to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry. Wherever you are called to minister, we would have you use your gifts in the service of justice and compassion. We pledge ourselves to journey with you in unity of the spirit, in the bond of peace, and in all the ways of truth and love.

**Carrie:** Will Millie's family, friends, colleagues and all those gathered here please rise in body or in spirit to bear witness to this act of ordination? Please join your voices with me now.

**All Gathered:** Millie, you have touched our lives in many ways. You have celebrated with us in times of joy. You have accompanied us in times of sorrow. You have given us your love and your friendship. We are proud of you, as we too enter into the spirit of your ordination. We pledge to journey with you and support you in this ministry, your life's work.

**Millie:** With a deep sense of gratitude and humility, mindful of its privileges and responsibilities, I take up the ministry to which you ordain me. I pledge to use my gifts in the service of love and justice in the wider world.

Investiture: Ordination Committee

(Stephen Schwichow, Dr. Amy Kelly, Eric Langhirt, Jan and Howard Oringer, Melvin Starks, Judith Stoddard)

Charge to the Minister

Rev. Christopher Bell

Right Hand of Fellowship

Rev. Christopher Bell and Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Music

*Come Sunday* by Duke Ellington

Randy Moore Trio

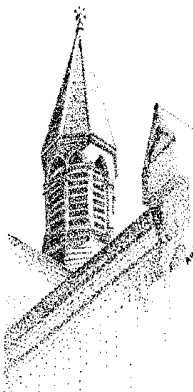
Benediction

Rev. Millie Phillips

⊕ HYMN (congregation standing)

*Wake, Now, My Senses, #298 in "Singing the Living Tradition."*

**Please join us for the reception in the Thomas Starr King Room.**



**We welcome the presence of children and babies during the worship service.  
We also have childcare available for ages 0-6 for those who wish to use it.  
Feel free to ask the ushers if you need assistance in locating the childcare room.**

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⊕ Please rise in body or spirit

# PARTICIPANTS

**Rev. Christopher Bell**, Senior Minister  
UU Congregation, Santa Rosa

**Rev. Dr. Dorsey O. Blake**, Presiding Minister  
The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples

**Rev. Cat Cox**, Spiritual Director  
past president of the UU Society for Community Ministries

**Rev. Margot Campbell Gross**, Minister Emerita  
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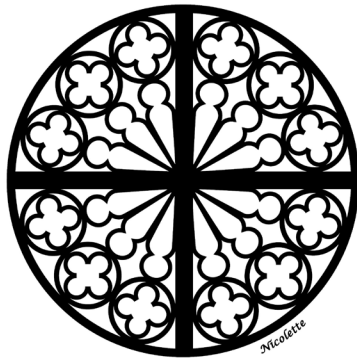
Dr. Amy Kelly

**Musicians**

Eric Hamilton, guitarist  
Randy Moore, drummer  
Reiko Oda Lane, organ  
Richard Saunders, bass  
Keith Saunders, pianist

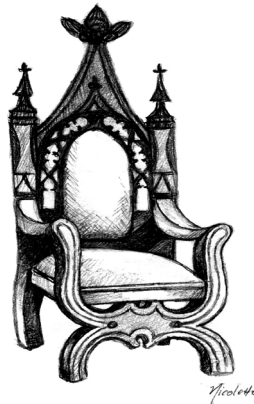
Dr. Mark Sumner, Music Director

Choir of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



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