



The Ordination of Meg McGuire
April 16, 2023

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by the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco
and the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, Ohio



Prelude *What Wondrous Love* Early American Melody, arr. D Wood/ G Young
 Ciacona in d minor Johann Pachelbel
 Reiko Oda Lane, organ

Welcome Debra Boyd, John McCrystal, Judy Payne, Luanne Schulte

*Processional Hymn 131 *Love Will Guide Us* OLYMPIA

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Megan Visser

Unison Chalice Lighting Rev. Margot Campbell-Gross

We light this chalice for the light of truth,
the warmth of love,
and the fire of commitment.
We light this symbol of our faith
as we gather together.

Message for All Ages "The Penny Story" by Rev. Kay Jorgensen Carmen Barsody

Music *How Can I Keep from Singing?* Arr. by Ron Staheli
 Choir, Mark Sumner, director; Nancy Munn, soprano

Reading "Trough" by Judy Sorum Brown Tovis Page

Organ Interlude

Reading "For Nothing is Fixed" by James Baldwin (excerpted from *Nothing Personal*) Amanda Hayes

Homily "Terms of Service"

Rev. Dr. Marco Belletini

Organ Interlude

Spoken and Silent Meditation

Rev. Pat de Jong

Music *Keep Your Heart Wide Open*

Lea Morris
First UU Chalice Choir

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Dr. John Buehrens

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Offertory Music *Blessed Motion*

Annie Zylstra
Choir, Mark Sumner, director; Morgen Warner, soprano

Members

By the authority of our living tradition, we joyfully ordain you into the Unitarian Universalist ministry. Wherever you may be called to serve, we charge you to speak the truth with humility and courage; to serve with integrity and accountability; to support others in healing and growth; and to do your part to transform the world in service of love and liberation. However your ministry unfolds, we pledge our support. May you continue to learn, grow and live into this call for the rest of your days.

Family, Friends, Colleagues

Meg, we have journeyed with you on your path to this moment, and we will continue to be sources of love and support for you. With joy and pride, we witness and affirm your ordination today, and offer our blessings upon your ministry. May your ministry bring forth fuller life for you and all you serve.

Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Ordination

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Presentation of Stoles

Jan Phillips and Rochelle Fortier Nwadibia

Organ Interlude

Charge to the Minister

Rev. Lindi Ramsden

Charge to the Congregations

Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt

Music *We Must Dream Aloud*UUSF Minister Emeritus, Dr. Alexander Post
Choir, Mark Sumner, director

Hand of Fellowship

Rev. Suzan McCrystal

Unison Chalice Extinguishing

Rev. Kelli McNeal

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of vision.

As we go forth, let us heal and transform ourselves and our world through reason and love.

*Hymn 1028

Fire of Commitment

Jason Shelton

*Benediction

Rev. Meg McGuire

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Attendees in San Francisco are invited to join for a reception immediately following the service.
Attendees in Columbus are invited to join for celebratory cake and punch following worship on May 7th.

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created by **Deb Baillieul and Laurel Sprigg** in honor of this occasion.

Love Will Guide Us

$\text{♩} = 60$

1. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope in-
 2. If you can - not sing like an - gels, if you
 3. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope in-

side us will lead the way on the
 can - not speak be - fore thou - sands, you can
 side us will lead the way on the

road from greed to giv - ing. Love will
 give from deep with - in you. You can
 road from greed to giv - ing. Love will

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OLYMPIA
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You are like no other being
What you can give no other can give
To the future of our precious children
To the future of the world where we live
REFRAIN

Hear the song of deep within you
Heed the song of peace in your heart
Spring's new beginning will lead to harvest,
Love will guide us on our way.
REFRAIN

With joy and energy ♩ = 150

Chord symbols: Eb, Bb/D, Cm7, Eb/Bb, Ab, Bb, Ab/Bb, Eb, Bb/D, Cm7, Bb, Ab, Eb/G, Fm7, Bb, Eb, Bb/D.

Lyrics:

1. From the light of days re - mem - bered burns a
 (2. From the) stor - ies of our liv - ing rings a
 (3. From the) dreams of youth - ful vis - ion comes a

bea - con bright and clear Guid - ing hands and hearts and
 song both brave and free Call - ing pil - grims still to
 new, pro - phet - ic voice Which de - mands a deep - er

Note: The use of percussion is highly recommended.

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FIRE OF COMMITMENT, 8.7.8.7 with refrain

Cm7 Eb/Bb Db Ab Bbsus Bb Ab Bb
 spir - its In - to faith set free from fear.
 wit - ness to the life of lib - er - ty When the
 jus - tice built by our cour - a - geous choice

Cm Bb Ab Eb/G Fm7 Eb/G
 fire of com - mit - ment sets our mind and soul a -

Ab Bbsus Bb Cm Eb/G Ab Eb
 blaze When our hun - ger and our pas - sion meet to

Db Ab Bbsus Bb Bb7 Cm Bb
 call us on our way When we live with deep as -

A^b E^b/G $Fm7$ E^b/G A^b B^b_{sus} B^b

sur - ance of the flame that burns with - in Then our

Cm E^b/G A^b E^b/G $Fm7$ B^b B^b_{sus}

pro - mise finds ful - fill - ment and our fu - ture can be -

E^b B^b/D $Cm7$ E^b/B^b A^b B^b

gin.

E^b A^b/B^b $E^b(add9)$

1, 2
 2. From the
 3. From the