

*Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign*



*"Ministry is a quality of relationship within and among human beings that beckons forth hidden possibilities." (Gordon McKeeman)*

*Celebration of Shared Ministry  
&  
Installation of  
Reverend Florence Elizabeth Caplow*

*November 10, 2018*

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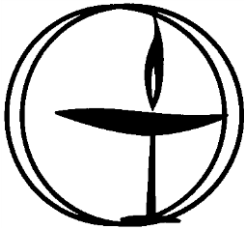
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*Rose Window, Color Me!*

## **During or after the service.....**

What did you like the most in the service? Why?

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Many ministers are wearing *stoles* (long pieces of colorful cloth). Is there one you like? If you want, you can draw and color it here.

## **Welcome**

We are so glad you are part of this celebration! We invite you to enjoy the music, indulge in a little coloring (no matter what your age - colored pencils are available from the ushers), explore the questions in this program, or chat with your neighbor. Definitely introduce yourself to your neighbor!

If you are seated in the Fellowship Hall, please enjoy the complimentary snacks and coffee. These are just for those who are willing to sit in the Fellowship Hall and experience the service via live-stream.

You should have a card in this program with the same question that the speakers in the sermon will be exploring. We would love your answers too! Please write your dreams and hand to an usher at the end of the service.

Immediately after the service, we will be walking down to the United Methodist Church for our vegetarian lunch and reception. If you need a ride, please ask an usher so we can make sure you are able to get to our reception comfortably.

**If you need a large print Order of Service, or audio enhancement, please speak with an usher.**

*"At the root of shared ministry is the belief that all people, not just clergy, are called to share their gifts and serve one another in religious community." (Barbara Child)*

**Don't forget to fill out the card with your own answer to the question, "My dream for this congregation is..." and give it to the ushers at the end of the service.**

# Program for Celebration of Shared Ministry

MUSIC FOR GATHERING    Medley of UU Hymns  
*Matthew Gladden, pianist*

WELCOME TO OUR SANCTUARY! *Jenny Hunt*  
*Chair of UUCUC Board of Trustees*

PROCESSIONAL    We Shall Come Together Now    (Maggie Wheeler)  
*UUCUC Choir*

CALL TO CELEBRATION *Reverend Patrice Curtis*

\*UNISON CHALICE LIGHTING *UUCUC 2016-17*  
*Ministerial Search Committee*

This flame represents the glowing coal of our congregation –  
putting love into action by:  
Sharing ministry  
Being warm and welcoming  
Working and playing together  
Supporting one another through difficult times  
Participating in social justice work  
Reaching out to the community with love.

\*SINGING OUR DREAM    We Would Be One (Hymn #318)

We would be one as now we join in singing  
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew  
to that high cause of greater understanding  
of who we are, and what in us is true.  
We would be one in living for each other  
to show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow  
a nobler world than we have known today.  
We would be one in searching for that meaning  
which bends our hearts and points us on our way.  
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,  
with love and justice, strive to make us free.

\* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

# Questions to Think, Write, or Talk About

## Before the service....

Why did you want to come to this celebration?

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What does the word "installation" bring to mind? Why might this be called an "installation"?

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What do you think of this quote? What might it mean for us?  
"Together, the minister and congregation can create a dynamic partnership that neither could generate alone." (Virginia Kushnick)

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BLESSINGS FROM THE WIDER COMMUNITY

*Nancy Combs-Morgan, Mid-America UUA*

*Reverend Linda Siddall, Unity Minister and Founder of the Sisters in Faith Leadership*

*Reverend Michael Crosby, First Mennonite Church and Interfaith Alliance*

*Felecia Pailin Freeman, First United Methodist Church of Urbana*



PRAYER AND INVOCATION

*Reverend Nica Eaton-Guinn*

\*SINGING OUR TRUTH As Tranquil Streams (Hymn #145)

As tranquil streams that meet and merge and flow as one to seek the sea,  
our kindred hearts and minds unite to build a church that shall be free -

Free from the bonds that bind the mind to narrow thought and lifeless  
creed;  
free from a social code that fails to serve the cause of human need:

A freedom that reveres the past, but trusts the dawning future more;  
and bids the soul, in search of truth, adventure boldly and explore.

Prophetic church, the future waits your liberating ministry;  
go forward in the power of love, proclaim the truth that makes us free.

*This hymn was written to honor the coming together of Unitarianism and Universalism  
and was sung as the final votes were cast to create the Unitarian Universalist Association.*

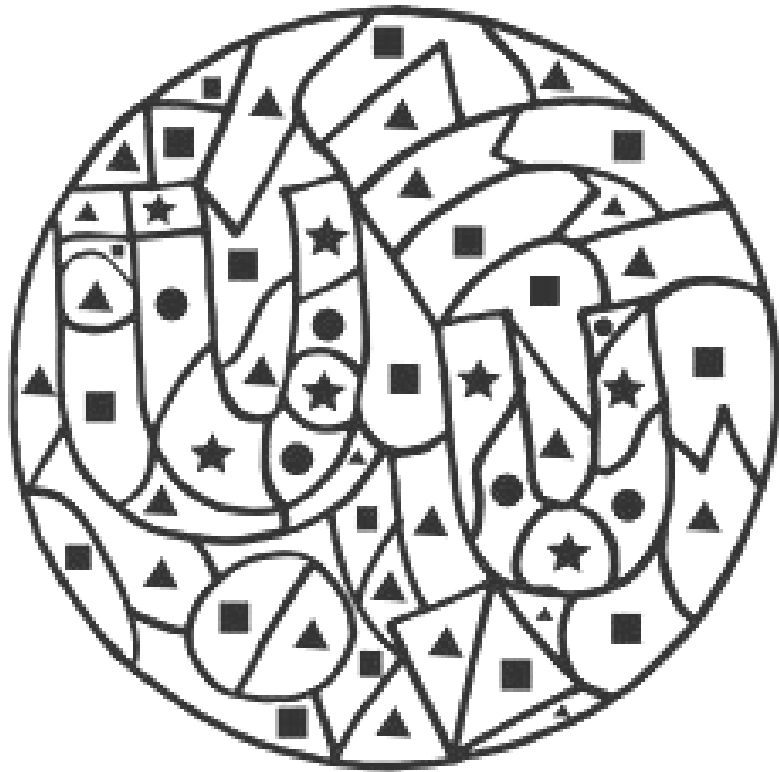
REFLECTIONS ON PAST & FUTURE *Reverends Axel and Elaine Gebrmann  
Former UUCUC ministers*

OFFERING WORDS *Reverend Jackie Clement*

*Our offering today will be shared between the Living Tradition Fund and DRUUMM  
(Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries)*

OFFERTORY Room at the Table *(Carrie Newcomer)  
Amy Hassinger and Jamie Davis  
& UUCUC Band*

COLOR THE ★ DARK  
COLOR THE ● DARK  
COLOR THE ■ LIGHT  
COLOR THE ▲ LIGHT



Color Me!

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

SERMON “Shared Ministry, Our Dreams”  
*Umeeta Sadarangani*  
*Tesla Burack*  
*Scott Godlew*  
*Celia Barbieri*  
*Kristina Khan*  
*Walt McMabon*  
*Shamim Nanozi*  
*Sally Babbitt*  
*Lara Breeze-Troyer*

\*SINGING OUR INTENTION Love Prepare Me  
(Randy Scruggs & John Thompson)

Love prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Now made holy, loved right through.  
With thanksgiving  
We are a living sanctuary for you.



ABOUT INSTALLATION

*Reverend Michael Brown*

ACT OF INSTALLATION

*Please see Page 8 for the responsive words for the Act of Installation*

CHOIR ANTHEM I’m Gonna Walk It With You

(Brian Claflin & Ellie Grace)

*This was sung at the service before the congregational vote to call Rev. Caplow, on May 6, 2017*

EXPRESSIONS OF MUTUAL GRATITUDE

CHARGE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

*Diedra Cobb*

CHARGE TO MINISTER *Reverend Martin Wolfe for Reverend James Ford*

CHARGE TO CONGREGATION *Reverend Nancy Palmer Jones*

\*BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING CHALICE

*Reverend Florence Caplow*

*\* Please rise in body or spirit.*

## Appreciations

- ❖ A heartfelt thank you to the First United Methodist Church of Urbana for opening their Fellowship Hall to us as a gift, when we realized we would have too many people at the reception for our Fellowship Hall. We are so grateful!
- ❖ A special thank you to Hilary Rosen, who organized the installation of Rev. Nica Eaton-Guinn at the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and provided guidance, resources, and coaching to the installation team.
- ❖ A particular thank you to Sam Beshers, who took on the leadership of the Installation Team.
- ❖ A major thank you to David and Claudia Gross, who volunteered to host a Friday night dinner for all the visiting ministers from out of town, as well as for Rev. Caplow’s family and friends and the installation team.
- ❖ Also deep thanks to those who offered their homes to host visiting ministers: Deanna Hence, Walt McMahan, and David and Claudia Gross.
- ❖ Big kudos to Blake Weaver for allowing us to use his parking lot!
- ❖ Thank you to Bill and Barb Childers for offering branches from their farm for our flower arrangements.
- ❖ And thank you to the many, many people who made this event possible.

*“Whenever there is a meeting that summons us to our better selves, wherever our lostness is found, our fragments are reunited, our wounds begin healing, our spine straightens, and our muscles grow strong for the walk, there is ministry.” (Gordon McKeeman)*

The Many Hands That Made This Celebration Possible  
(it takes a village...shared ministry at its best!)

Installation Planning Team

Kelly Halcom, Volunteer Coordinator  
Kathleen Robbins, Budget  
Sam Beshers, Lead and Service Planning  
Jim Hannum, Publicity and Invitations  
Thom Bohlen, Publicity and Invitations  
Chris Hannauer, Live Streaming  
Florence Caplow, Service Planning  
Sandy Hannum, Reception  
Trisha Locke, Decorations  
Walt McMahan, Hosting  
David Gross, Hosting and Marshal  
Claudia Gross, Hosting  
Amanda Owings, Planning

Other Volunteers

Matthew Burack  
Randy Banning  
Jerry Carden  
Jody Hanger  
Kristy Higgs  
Dave Sutton  
Mona Shannon  
Terri Fredrick  
Becky Densmore  
Alice Englebretsen  
Ellen Jacobsen-Isserman  
Max Kummerow  
Andy Robinson  
Gail Tittle  
Karla Peterson  
Kyle Kroha  
Margaret Krol  
Priscilla Kron  
Jerry Frye  
Umeeta Sadarangani  
Marilyn Ryan  
Amy Robison  
Elly Peirson  
Cindy Loui

Linda Collinsworth  
Julie Zilles  
Virginia Brubaker  
Karen Retzer  
Ursula Reuter-Carlson  
Gail Cohen  
Peggy Patten  
Debra Karplus  
Jenna Zeidler  
Chris Carlson  
Barbara Hudgings  
Melissa Schoeplein  
Mary Barrineau  
Karen Folk  
Mike Folk  
Nancy Dietrich  
Russ Rybicki  
Erich Adickes  
Betsy Hunter  
Elizabeth Field  
Sylvia McDermott  
Brian McDermott  
Tom McDermott  
Sally Babbitt  
Marcy Joncich  
Barbara Jauhola  
Snaps Ginger  
...and many more – apologies if  
you are not named here!

Staff

Rosalyn Maziarka  
Sherry Bohlen  
Kate Barton  
Michele Grove  
Shornor Vineyard  
Stephanie Cobb (not present)  
Kelsey Libert (not present)  
Matthew Gladden  
Matt Sheppard  
Emily McKown (not present)

\*RECESSIONAL/SINGING OUR COMMITMENT

“Fire of Commitment” (#1028)

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear  
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits into faith set free from fear.

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze  
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way  
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,  
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,  
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze  
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way  
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,  
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,  
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze  
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way  
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,  
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

*Please allow the ministers to leave the sanctuary first.*

*We will walk together to the First Methodist Church, two blocks to the east on the corner  
of Green and Vine Streets.*

*Thank you for being with us!*



*“Ministry is not meant to be delivered to a passive and docile  
community of believers. Ministry arises from within the community  
itself.” (James and Evelyn Whitehead)*

## ACT OF INSTALLATION

**Jenny Hunt, Chair of UUCUC Board:** We gather today to rededicate ourselves to the mission and values of this congregation and our Unitarian Universalist faith, and to celebrate our shared ministry with each other and with Reverend Florence Caplow. We celebrate this congregation's call to nurture spiritually courageous people who transform the world through justice and compassion.

Ours is a free church, in which the act of installation celebrates a covenant freely made between members of the congregation and the minister whom we have chosen and who has chosen us. In the living tradition of Unitarian Universalism, the authority and privilege of calling ministers has always rested solely with the congregation. The relationship between minister and congregation is one of trust and mutual dedication to the principles of our faith. We have called you to be among us, to make our concerns your concerns, and to lead us by nurturing us to be spiritually courageous, wholehearted people.

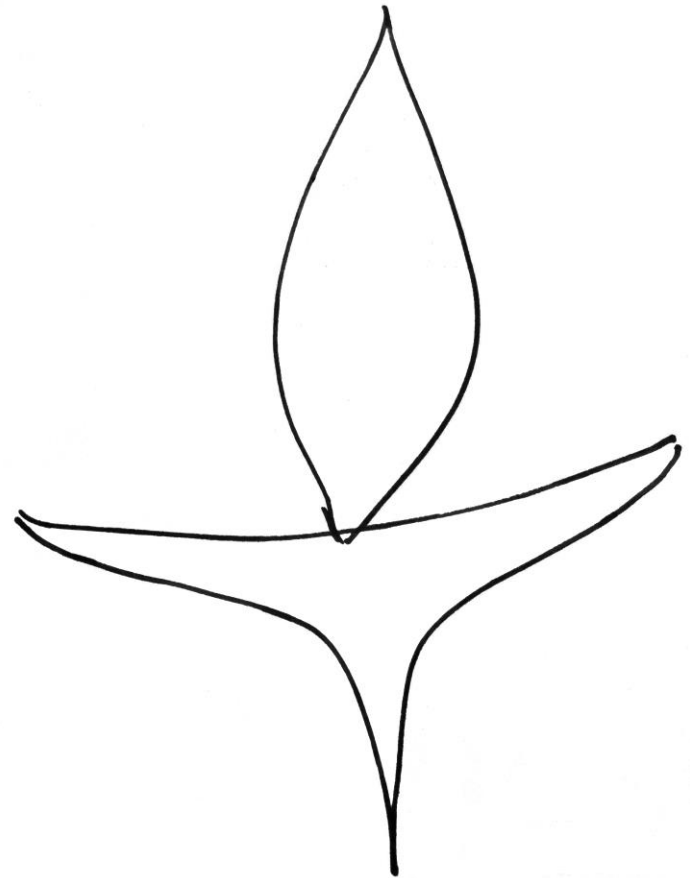
We have already recognized and benefited from your calling to the ministry. Now, on this day, we formally install you as our settled minister. Reverend Caplow, are you ready and willing to undertake the sacred commitments of this ministry?

**Reverend Caplow:** I am. I am honored to be called to this congregation. I vow to serve this church with my whole being, always seeking the congregation's highest good. It is my great privilege to walk together with you all in the path of love and justice, sharing ministry with you.

**Members and Friends of UUCUC (please rise):** We feel a strong sense of commitment and responsibility for maintaining our beloved community. We enthusiastically embrace a ministry of service and engagement and ask you to encourage us in these difficult times. Will you sustain us, inspire us, and help us on this journey together?

**Reverend Caplow:** I will, to the best of my ability. As we walk together, the vision we share will light the path before us.

**Children and Youth (please rise):** Will you laugh with us, comfort us, grow with us, and learn from us?



Color Me!

*Chalice by Umeeta Sadarangani*



## Today's Speakers & Participants

**Sally Babbitt** • Member of UUCUC

**Celia Barbieri** • Member of UUCUC and YRUU

**Lara Breeze-Troyer** - Member of UUCUC and the Interim RE Advisory Group

**Rev. Michael Brown** • Minister, UU Church of Peoria, Illinois

**Tesla Burack** • Child of UUCUC friends Terri Fredrick and Matthew Burack

**Rev. Jackie Clement** • UU Minister

**Diedra Cobb** • Member of UUCUC

**Nancy Combs-Morgan, CRE-ML** • Congregational Life Consultant, Mid-America Region of the UUA

**Rev. Patrice Curtis** • Minister, Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater

**Rev. Nica Eaton-Guinn** • Minister, Conejo Valley UU Fellowship

**Rev. James Ford** • Retired UU; Zen priest and teacher (not present)

**Felecia Pailin Freeman** • Urbana First Methodist Church

**Rev. Axel Gehrman** • Minister, UU Church of the Monterey Peninsula;  
Former minister, UUCUC

**Rev. Elaine Gehrman** • Minister, UU Church of the Monterey Peninsula;  
Former minister, UUCUC

**Jenny Hunt** • Chair, UUCUC Board of Trustees

**Walt McMahon** • Member of UUCUC

**Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones** • Minister, First Unitarian Church of San Jose

**Rev. Linda Siddall** • Unity Minister; President of Sisters in Faith Leadership

**Rev. Martin Wolfe** • Minister, Abraham Lincoln UU Church

**Members of the 2016-17 UUCUC Ministerial Search Committee:**

Sam Beshers, Jerry Carden, Kelly Halcomb, Sandy Hannum, Brian McDermott, Amanda Owings, Umeeta Sadarangani

**Reverend Caplow:** This is your spiritual home. I will appreciate you, care for you, learn from you, and encourage you, as will we all here.

**Staff (please rise):** We strive to create an environment of respect and growth, and to strengthen the tremendous leadership of the lay members here. Will you support us, encourage us, work together with us, and appreciate our vision and leadership?

**Reverend Caplow:** I will work alongside you, sharing the weight of professional leadership in this faith community. To the best of my ability I will strive to encourage and support you in your work and in your journey here, as we strive to create a strong and resilient staff.

**Ministerial Colleagues (please rise):** We know that ministry can be isolating and challenging. Will you remember your relationships with colleagues, giving and receiving the camaraderie and support we offer?

**Reverend Caplow:** I am grateful for your circle of support, and your love and caring. I pledge to be present with you as your colleague and friend and listen when you call me back into covenant and community.

**Family and Friends (please rise):** We love you and want to support you. That is why we are here today. Will you balance and take care of relationships and your own spirit in the midst of the intensity of ministerial life?

**Reverend Caplow:** I am grateful for your love and nurturing. I pledge to remember your request to take care of my own spirit and my beloved relationships.

**Reverend Caplow:** UUCUC members, friends and staff, children and youth, family, friends and colleagues, I ask in return that you share with me your joys and your sorrows, your strengths and your longings. Will you recognize my humanity and my limitations, and strive to speak your truth in love to me and to one another?

**All Those Gathered:** We will.

**Jenny Hunt:** Will all the voting members of Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana Champaign please rise and join me in the act of installation?

**Members of UUCUC:** We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana Champaign, do hereby install you, The Reverend Florence Caplow, as the Minister of our congregation. We call you to dwell among us, speaking the truth in freedom and love, ministering to us in our joys and sorrows, expressing the wonder and mystery of life, and encouraging each of us to fulfill our unique ministries. We would have you lead us into a deeper connection with everything holy and into a wider commitment to justice and compassion. We will support you as we support one another. We pledge ourselves to walk with you in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in the ways of truth and love, sharing the ministry of this congregation with you, that together, we might be a blessing to the world. (Members remain standing.)

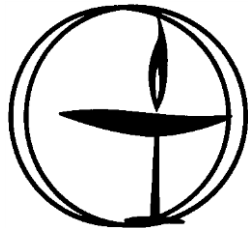
**Reverend Caplow:** With great joy and a deep sense of responsibility, I take up the ministry to which you, the Members of UUCUC, have called me. I promise to serve you and our Unitarian Universalist living tradition to the best of my abilities. Committed to right relations, I will cherish and cultivate the ways of reason, compassion, and service among you. May we together be a blessing to one another and to the world.

**Jenny Hunt:** Will all who wish to add their love and encouragement to this ceremony please rise in body or spirit and join in affirmation of this installation?

**All Gathered:** In the beauty of this autumn morning, we witness an unrepeatable moment. We, the gathered congregation of friends, family, and colleagues, recognize and affirm you as the minister of this congregation. We rejoice with you on this occasion and offer you our continuing prayers, friendship and support. May your ministry be a blessing to this congregation and to the world.

**Jenny Hunt:** And let the people say Amen and Blessed Be!

**All Gathered:** Amen and Blessed Be!



## Today's Music and Musicians

Music Director: Matt Sheppard  
Accompanist: Matthew Gladden  
Song Leader: Elizabeth Field

### Prelude

*Medley of UU Hymns*

Performed by Matthew Gladden, Piano

### Processional

*We Shall Come Together Now*

Words and Music by Maggie Wheeler

Sung by the UUCUC Choir

### Offertory

*Room at the Table*

Words and Music by Carrie Newcomer

Sung by Amy Hassinger and Jamie Davis

Band: Matthew Gladden, drums; Jim Hannum; guitar;

Sandy Hannum, percussion; Todd Kinney, bass guitar;

Joe Omo-Osagie, drums; Sam Beshers, guitar

### Choir Anthem

*I'm Gonna Walk It With You*

Words and Music by Brian Clafin and Ellie Grace

Sung by the UUCUC Choir

### UUCUC Choir

Claire Barker, Kathy Richards, Jody Hanger, Cynthia Hoyle, Dana Antonelli, Elizabeth Field, Pamela Van Wyk, Tanja Hodges, Marsha Clinard, Sarah Wisseman, Sara Wagner, Holly Jordan, Millie Davis, Katriena Knight, Sandy Finnerty, Joanne Vician, Tegan Stynoski, Tom England, Sam Beshers, Steve Troyer, Jim Hannum, Frank Knowles, Charlie Wisseman, Jerry Carden, Jerry Frye, John Grunau, Tim Livingston, Scott Rohde, Sean Bartell, Madeline Lofrano, Citlali Madrigal, Lauren Locke, Nora Troyer, Tesla Burack

*"All are called to serve, all are gifts. Let us partake in this journey together." (Patti Lawrence)*