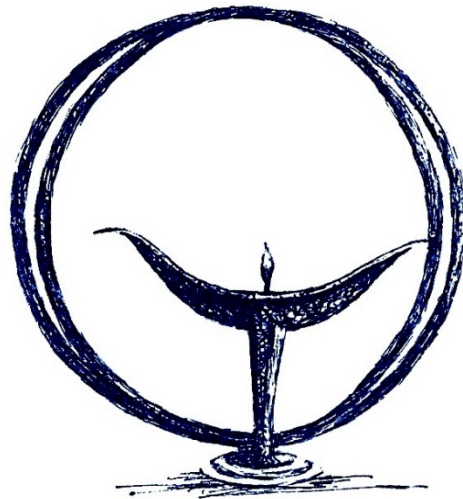


Service of Installation for
The Reverend Luke Stevens-Royer

as Minister of the First Unitarian Universalist Church
of Rochester, Minnesota

4:30 p.m. Sunday, October 15, 2017



*“Life has in it a re-creating force. Our destinies are in our own hands.
What thou lovest, thou becomest.”*

– The Rev. Eliza Tupper Wilkes, Minister
First Universalist Church, Rochester, Minnesota 1869-1873

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PRELUDE

Joe Mish, Rose Mish, Weston Holley, Jane Foote, Alex Higano

*** HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

Amy, Garth, Claire, Trygve Nelson

MUSIC

To This Day, by Jason Shelton

The Walden Hill Vocal Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

*** HYMN**

Welcome Table

Introduced by The Rev. Ruth MacKenzie,
The Rev. Ashley Horan, The Rev. Kelli Clement

READINGS

Homesteading, by Joyce Sutphen

The Rev. Jim Foti

An excerpt from The Rev. Eliza Tupper Wilkes

The Rev. Laura Smidzik

SERMON

Building a House of Possibility

The Rev. Victoria Safford

OFFERTORY

If Not Now, by Carrie Newcomer

Jane Foote

Today's offering will be given to the **Living Tradition Fund**, offering financial support to those preparing for, serving in, or retired from ministry. Checks can be made out to First UU Church with "LTF" in the memo line, or give online at giving.uua.org/ltf.

ACT OF INSTALLATION

Jerry Katzmann

Jerry Katzmann:

I invite the members of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Rochester, Minnesota, to please rise in body or spirit.

We gather this day to install the Reverend Luke Stevens-Royer as Minister of First Unitarian Universalist Church. We have called you to live among us and to lead among us in the paths of justice, compassion, and peace. Mindful of the great heritage of our living tradition, and the 150 years that our church has been a prophetic presence of love and justice on this prairie, we look to you for moral leadership, for religious insight, and for spiritual guidance. Do you accept the invitation of this church to its ministry?

The Rev. Luke Stevens-Royer:

With the Spirit's guidance, I do.

Members of First Unitarian Universalist Church:

We, the members of First Unitarian Universalist Church, hereby install you, the Reverend Luke Stevens-Royer, as Minister of our Church. For our part, we covenant to journey with you, with the cooperation of our hearts and hands, and our gladness and good will as you take up this ministry among us.

We offer you a free pulpit, so you may speak the truth, as you have come to know it, in love. We would have you act courageously, compassionately, and draw our circle of welcome wide, as we live into our shared hope for the world. We covenant to join with you as we nurture spirituality and practice justice.

The Rev. Luke Stevens-Royer:

In covenant with this congregation, its people and its purpose, I will join with you and lead in ministry. I will speak freely, intentionally, reverently, and act with courage and grace. With gratitude and gladness, I take up this ministry.

BLESSING OF SHARED MINISTRY

The Rev. Derek Harkins
The Rev. Justin Schroeder
The Rev. Ashley Horan

MUSIC Flight Song, by Kim Andre Arnesen

PRAYER The Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs

* **BENEDICTION** The Rev. Luke Stevens-Royer

* **HYMN** Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

GRATITUDE

Our thanks to the musicians for today's service:

Jane Foote, guitar and vocals; Rose Mish, violin; Weston Holley, banjo; Alex Higano, drums
Connie Schuelka, Co-Director of Music, piano and organ
Joe Mish, Co-Director of Music, cello
The Walden Hill Vocal Ensemble

Our thanks to the Installation Committee & Church Staff

and many volunteers for holding many details in preparation for today's service, reception, and hospitality:

Robin Taylor, Jean Hanson, Randy Crawford, Eric Egger, Barb Foss, Sue Wheeler, Margo Stich, Jerry Katzmann
Congregational Co-Administrator Jody Tharp, Director of Religious Education Joyce Rood
Coordinator of Congregational Life Melissa Egger, Youth Program Coordinator Derik Robertson

Our thanks to the participants in today's service:

Amy, Garth, Claire & Trygve Nelson	Members of First UU Church of Rochester
The Rev. Ruth MacKenzie	First Universalist Church, Minneapolis, MN
The Rev. Ashley Horan	Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance
The Rev. Kelli Clement	First Unitarian Society, Minneapolis, MN
The Rev. Jim Foti	First Unitarian Society, Minneapolis, MN
The Rev. Laura Smidzik	Michael Servetus Unitarian Society, Fridley, MN
The Rev. Victoria Safford	White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church, Mahtomedi, MN
Jerry Katzmann	President of the Board, First UU Church of Rochester
The Rev. Derek Harkins	Christ Lutheran Church, Minot, ND
The Rev. Justin Schroeder	First Universalist Church, Minneapolis, MN
The Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs	Unity Church–Unitarian, St. Paul, MN