

*The Ordination of*  
***Emily Ann Hartnett Webb***  
*to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry*



*When I dare to be powerful—to use my strength in the service of my vision—then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid.*

—Audre Lorde

***First Unitarian Universalist  
Church of San Diego***

*March 29, 2014*



## ***Enter, Rejoice, and Come In!***

Enter, rejoice, and come in,  
Enter, rejoice, and come in—  
Today will be a joyful day!  
Enter, rejoice and come in!

*Ven, ven, alégrate hoy,*  
*Ven, ven, alégrate hoy—*  
*¡Es hoy un día muy feliz!*  
*¡Ven, ven, alégrate hoy!*

Open your hearts everyone,  
Open your hearts everyone—  
Today will be a joyful day!  
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- Prelude** “Variations on ‘Simple Gifts’” Ken Herman,  
—by Noel Goemanne Organist
- \* **Processional** #358 “Rank by Rank Again We Stand”  
Lynn Mendoza-Khan, Songleader;  
Matt Meyer, Percussion
- Welcome** Kristen Kuriga  
and Angela Garcia-Sims
- \* **Welcoming Hymn** “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In!”
- Invocation and Chalice Lighting** Rev. Cathleen Cox
- Greetings** Rev. Sarah Moldenhauer-Salazar  
and Rev. Tera Little
- Story for All Ages** “The Story of Jumping Mouse”  
Tania Márquez

*\* Please rise as your spirit and physical ability allow*

**Music**

“We Are the Ones”  
—by Bernice Johnson Reagon

JUUL Tones;  
Andrea Newall, Director

**Reading**

Adam Dyer

**Sermon**

“The Path of Joy”

Rev. Sarah Moldenhauer-Salazar

**Act of Ordination**

Mike Moreau, Board President,  
First UU San Diego

**Mike Moreau:** Emily, 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, and by the authority of a vote of the Board of Trustees of this congregation, we desire to ordain you to the Unitarian Universalist ministry. We—the Board and Congregation—offer you ordination, a privilege bestowed upon us by the nature of our free church. Among us, and wherever you may be called to serve, we would have you preach the word of truth in freedom and in love, ministering alike to the joys and sorrows of the people you serve, setting forth no less by your example than by your precept the principles of our free faith. Are you ready to enter upon this ministry?

**Emily:** I am ready and willing.

**Mike:** Will the members of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego please rise in body or spirit?

**\* Members of First UU San Diego:** We, the members of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego recognize your calling and do hereby ordain you, the Reverend Emily Ann Hartnett Webb, to the Unitarian Universalist ministry. Among us, and wherever you may be called to serve, we charge you to live by the principles of our shared faith, to minister to all those in joy and in sorrow and to speak your truth in love. We charge you to be a prophetic and healing voice in the midst of challenge and change. Remind us all of the enduring values we profess. May you do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

**Emily:** With humbleness and gratitude for the Love beyond all knowing, I accept this ministry to which you ordain me.

**Mike:** Will Emily's family, friends and colleagues who wish to add their love and encouragement to this ceremony please rise in body or spirit and join in affirmation of this ordination?

**\* Family, Friends and Colleagues:** Emily, with joy and pride, we affirm your ordination. We, who have known you in many ways as you prepared for this day, celebrate this ordination! We will continue to uphold you on your journey. May your ministry nourish you and become a source of healing in the world.

**Mike:** Let the people say, "Amen."

**All:** *Amen!*

**Presentation of Stole**

Rev. Dr. Deane Oliva,  
Charles and Susan Webb

**\* Prayer and Laying on of Hands**

"Sweet Spirit" —Traditional

Rev. Kathleen Owens

**Charge to the Minister**

Rev. Dr. Arvid Straube

**Charge to the Congregation**

Lauren Way

**Offertory**

Rev. Sharon Wylie

**Music**

“The Water is Wide”  
—arr. Darmon Meader

First UU Women’s Choir;  
Lynn Mendoza-Khan,  
Director

**The Right Hand of Fellowship**

Rev. Dr. Carolyn Owen-Towle

**\* Hymn**

#1028 “The Fire of Commitment”

**\* Benediction**

Rev. Emily Ann Hartnett Webb

**Recessional**

“Fugue in C Major”  
—by J. S. Bach

Ken Herman,  
Organist



*Spanish-language interpreter: Laura Farfán*

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