

A photograph of a stained glass window with a central panel featuring a red flame inside a yellow circle. The window is set in a dark frame with other panes on either side.

THE UU FELLOWSHIP
OF HUNTINGTON, NY
WELCOMES YOU TO THE

ORDINATION of GRETA JO SEIDOHHL

A photograph of a stained glass window with multiple panes, set in a dark frame.

MARCH 20TH, 2021
4PM ET VIA ZOOM



ORDER OF SERVICE

Gathering Music

"All Are Welcome" by Marty Haugen
performed by Joe Jencks

Tech Welcome

Rev. Emily Conger

Processional

Religious Professional Processional
"Fire of Commitment" by UUFH Choir

Call to Worship

Rev. Kelly Dignan

Chalice Lighting

Angela & Jeffrey Dohl

Blessings from Family

Erik "Erty" & Ellery Jean Seidohl

Opening Music

"I am Willing" by Holly Near
performed by Joe Jencks

Homily

"It is Good to be Together"
Rev. Tandi Rogers

Musical Response

Flame In the Darkness
written & performed by Joe Jencks

Invitation to Offering

Honoring the Living Tradition Fund &
Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism
Rev. Molly Brewer



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"We Shall be Known" by Ma Muse
performed by UUFH Choir

Meaning of Ordination

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Jim Monnier
Angela & Jeffrey Dohl
Erty Seidohl

Blessing from Fountain Street

Rev. Christopher Roe &
Rev. Matthew Cockrum

Music Meditation

"All Will Be Well"
written & performed by Joe Jencks

Quilted Blessing & Prayer

Rev. Beckett Coppola

Invitation to Circle of Colleagues

Rev. Darrick Jackson

Musical Response

Instrumental
performed by Joe Jencks

Charge to the Minister

Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson &
Rev. Kim Mason



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Charge to the People

Rev. Dr. Sofía Betancourt

Musical Response

"Come with Me" written & performed by Joe Jencks

Selfie Moment

Everyone!

Benediction

Rev. Greta Jo Seidohl

Sung Benediction

"I Wish You Peace" written & performed by Joe Jencks

ABOUT THE OFFERING :

In honor of this occasion - with recognition of the interconnected nature of ministry and our larger faith - you are invited to make an offering to two important organizations within Unitarian Universalism:

Black Lives of Unitarian Universalist is:

- expanding the power & capacity of Black UUs within our faith
- providing support, information & resources for Black Unitarian Universalists
- Justice-making and liberation through our faith



The Living Tradition Fund provides support for:

- need-based scholarships for theological students (after 1 year of study)
- new minister assistance to reduce the burden of educational debt
- emergency assistance religious professional



Donate to BLUU: blacklivesuu.org/donate

Donate to LTF: giving.uua.org/LTF

(Or Venmo @Greta-Seidohl to donate to both on your behalf*)

*not tax deductible

ACT OF ORDINATION

President of UUFH, Jim Monnier:

In the living tradition of Unitarian Universalism, the authority to confer ordination lies wholly with individual congregations. It is an especially profound and joyous occasion for a congregation to recognize one who has answered the call to ministry as their life's work. The act of ordination bestows the authority of religious leadership, the title of Reverend, and the privilege to wear a stole.

Today, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington gather to ordain Greta Josephine Seidohl to the Unitarian Universalist ministry. Greta, you came to UUFH for your internship over three years ago, already on your path to ministry. Here, you immersed yourself further in our shared faith tradition, and found opportunities for leadership and service. You have undergone the deep work of preparation for ministry and have allowed it to open your heart to the sacred possibilities of life. Recognizing your call to serve this faith, and having received the recommendation of the Ministerial Fellowship Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Association, by the authority of a vote of this congregation, we wish to offer you ordination.

Greta, are you ready to accept the responsibilities, the joys, the privileges and the burdens of ordained ministry in this Unitarian Universalist tradition?

Ordinand, Greta Jo Seidohl: I am!

Jim Monnier:

As the congregation that partnered with Greta in her formation, witnessed her claiming of her gifts, and her ministerial authority, will the members of UUFH, please get ready to affirm this ordination,

With this rite, we acknowledge our own calling to be engaged and active partners in our covenantal tradition: to be in relationship with others, to be in community in times of ease and in times of difficulty.

We affirm our own commitment to the shared ministry of our Unitarian Universalist faith, our community, and our world. Members, please unmute yourselves now to answer this question. Are we prepared now to renew these responsibilities and confer ordination upon Greta?

All Members of UUFH: We Are!

Jim Monnier:

By the authority granted by our living tradition, we, the members of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington, joyfully ordain you, the Reverend Greta Josephine Seidohl, into the Unitarian Universalist ministry.

May you minister from your whole self: heart and mind, body and spirit. Wherever you may be called to serve, we charge you to speak the truth to power in freedom and love, to reveal sacred spaces of mystery, wonder and awe, to foster connection and community, to journey with and hold others in their joys and sorrows, to inspire others to live boldly and authentically, and to work for justice each day to heal our broken world through love.

We pledge to support you throughout your ministry in all the ways that we can.

Rev. Greta Jo:

With deep joy and gratitude, I humbly accept the Unitarian Universalist ministry to which you ordain me. Mindful of the immense privileges and responsibilities of ministry, I dedicate myself to this work.

I pledge myself to nurture compassion, hope, and joy, to bear witness to the pain and promise of life, to work to create wholeness and justice in our world, to lovingly remind us of the enduring values we profess, to embody the living tradition of our faith, and to always be guided by a powerful Love that exceeds all expectations.

I also gratefully acknowledge that, like those before me and those who will come after, I cannot do it alone. We journey together. I ask for your love and support as I take up this ministry.

Jim Monnier:

Will all others assembled here please add your love and encouragement to this ordination in the chat stream?

Greta, we affirm you and send you forth as a minister in our tradition, knowing that we commission you to bring insight, care, inspiration, and a call to action to all whose lives you touch as you nurture our spirits and help heal the world. As you go forth, know that our support goes with you wherever you may go.

Will those gathered please unmute and join a final response of celebration?

EVERYONE: Amen! Yay! Yippee!

MUSIC NOTES & LYRICS

All Are Welcome - Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions;
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of all shall end divisions
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God embodied
Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Hope the feast that frees us
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach
And live the word they've known
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face
Let us bring an end to fear and danger
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where all are named
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
As words within the word
Built of tears and cries and laughter
Prayers of faith and songs of grace
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

#1028 - Fire of Commitment:

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

Chorus:

*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.

Chorus

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

Chorus

I am Willing - Holly Near

I am open and I am willing
To be hopeless would seem so strange
It dishonors those who go before us
So lift me up to the light of change

There is hurting in my family
There is sorrow in my town
There is panic in the nation
There is wailing the whole world round

May the children see more clearly
May the elders be more wise
May the winds of change caress us
Even though it burns our eyes

Give me a mighty oak to hold my confusion
Give me a desert to hold my fears
Give me a sunset to hold my wonder
Give me an ocean to hold my tears

Flame in the Darkness - Joe Jencks

There's a flame in the darkness
Burning deep within our hearts
In the love that grows between us
This is where the journey starts
There is hope in the stillness
There is solace in our friends
In the love that grows between us
This is where the isolation ends

Come full circle in a moment
Hold no shame in what you feel
This old world will keep on turning
And our broken hearts will heal

When the rain falls around you
Like your solitary tear
In the love that flows between us
Know that thunder holds no fear

In the struggle you hold sacred
When the arrows pierce you through
In the love that flows between us
May your courage be renewed

There is music in each silence
There is promise in each day
In the love that holds between us
May we always find our way

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Burning deep within our hearts
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This is where the journey starts

There is hope in the stillness
There is solace in our friends
In the love that holds between us
The sacred journey never ends

We Shall Be Known - Ma Muse

We shall be known by the company we keep
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now, and what a time to be alive
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love
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All Will Be Well - Joe Jencks

All will be well
All will be well
All manner of things will be well
Wherever life may call you
Wherever you may dwell
All will be well
All will be well

You find your purpose
In service to a light
That emanates from each and every
Being that is life
We see the gifts
That blossom in your care
And the people who are nourished by your love

We gather here
To witness and affirm
The harmony of spirit
And of heart
Manifest within you
Brought forth from deepest hope
To be a force of healing in this world

May you go forth
To mend what has been broken
To feed those who are hungry
To quench the ones who thirst
For a world of compassion
For mercy that abounds
And a place to dwell in sacred gentleness

Come with Me - Joe Jencks

I feel the current raging around me
Try to summon up my strength once more
I am weary on this journey
Afraid I will not reach that distant shore

There is a kindness in your smile
And gentleness within your speech
You reassure me your love surrounds me
And I know safety is at last within my reach

I cry for help feel like I'm sinking
There is no one near me I can see
But there you are in the water with me
You take my hand and guide me graciously

It's an illusion we carry with us
As we wade on through the waters of our lives
That we must be strong and hold our own here
But a helping hand will save us by and by

Chorus

Will you come with me on this journey
With every breath we take keep reaching for the dawn
I know alone that I will falter
But with a good friend near me I will carry on

I Wish You Peace - Joe Jencks

I wish you peace
And every blessing on your journey
As you learn to cherish each and every day
May your tears be those of healing
May your laughter bring you joy
And may true love be your companion on the way

Supporting the Arts in the time of COVID-19

*Much like ministry, the arts - including music - are a calling,
and a key instrument in healing hearts and building a more beautiful world.*

*The pandemic has turned the arts industries upside down
and put the livelihoods of musicians in jeopardy.
Yet their work remains ever important. If you enjoyed any of the music today,
I encourage you to explore these wonderful artists more:*

joejencks.com

hollynear.com

martyhaugen.com

mamuse.org

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

in order of appearance



Rev. Emily Conger

Rev. Emily is a minister for Longmont UU Presence & Nourish: UU Dinner Church Consultants. Greta Jo met Rev. Emily when they were both attending the UU Church of Boulder CO. Rev. Emily supported Greta Jo's discernment to enter seminary and convinced her to check out Meadville - for which Greta Jo is ever grateful. More recently, she grateful to share the giggles and reality checks that make up parenthood!



Joe Jencks

Joe Jencks is an international touring musician, award-winning songwriter & celebrated vocalist. Joe is a personal friend of Greta Jo's. Both he and his music remind Greta Jo to keep her heart open and her connections deep. He writes and sings the best earworms around!

You can learn more about Joe & his music at: <https://www.joejencks.com/>



Rev. Kelly Dignan

Rev. Kelly Dignan is a Spiritual Director & Justice Chaplain based in Denver, CO. Rev. Kelly was Greta Jo's minister when she lived in CO and a key mentor in the development of her UU identity, theology, and during her formation.



Rev. Tandi Rogers

Rev. Tandi Rodgers is a Learning Strategist at the Unitarian Universalist Association & a professor of Greta Jo's at Meadville Lombard Theological School. Greta Jo continues to be inspired by Tandi's passion for making our shared covenantal faith tangible and for finding the beauty of transformation in the midst of conflicts, large and small. Most recently they've bonded over the wonderfulness of being an Enneagram 7!



Rev. Molly Brewer

Rev. Molly Brewer is the Youth Ministry Coordinator at First Unitarian Church of Rochester, NY. Rev. Molly is a colleague and friend of Greta Jo's from their time together at Meadville Lombard. Rev. Molly challenges Greta to expand her work for liberation & understanding of self. And fae will always remind Greta Jo's when her extroversion is on high!



Rev. Jude Geiger

Rev. Jude Geiger is the minister at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington. Rev. Jude was Greta Jo's internship supervisor and mentor. His example of multigenerational ministry, commitment to shared ministry, and denominational involvement continues to inspire Greta Jo's own work. She will also always treasure their geekery-filled conversations!

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Rev. Christopher Roe

Rev. Christopher Roe is the Executive Minister at Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids, MI. With a background in critical pedagogy, social justice, and religious education, he inspires Greta Jo with his quiet service towards building a better tomorrow. And his piano skills are heavenly!



Rev. Matthew Cockrum

Rev. Matthew Cockrum is the Minister for Spiritual Care and Practice at Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids, MI. His willingness to engage life's challenge with an embodied compassion challenges Greta Jo to slow down and breathe deep. As an example, Greta Jo particularly loves that he knits during meetings!



Rev. Beckett Coppola

Rev. Beckett Coppola is the minister at Kingston Unitarian Fellowship, Ontario. Rev. Beckett is a personal friend of Greta Jo's. Her thirst for continued growth and devotion to companioning others towards the beloved community is a beautiful reminder of the deeply personal impact of ministry. Not to mention she is a fantastic foodie!



Rev. Darrick Jackson

Rev. Darrick Jackson is the Director of Ministries for Lifelong Learning at Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association. Rev. Darrick was a professor, mentor, confidant, and friend through Greta Jo's formation experience. With a listening heart and a commitment to supporting life long formation, he was instrumental helping Greta Jo thrive in seminary and beyond. They also share a mutual love of Star Trek!



Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson

Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson is the Minister of Religious Education at First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee. Rev. Kimberlee has devoted her life to nurturing all ages and aspects of our faith. She has encouraged Greta Jo to hold history and possibility with care and curiosity. She has also been an needed conversation partner in both joy and sorrow.



Rev. Kim Mason

Rev. Kim Mason is the Minister at First Unitarian Church of St. Louis. Rev. Kim's commitment to living our faith (and our best selves) out loud and proud is an inspiration to Greta Jo. Her friendship is both a comfort and a challenge. The Revs. Kim, Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson, and Greta Jo are the Meadville triad that never was - a sandwich of support and sisterhood!

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Rev. Dr. Sofía Betancourt

Rev. Sofia Betancourt is the Associate Professor of UU Theologies and Ethics at Starr King School for the Ministry – as well as the Former Co-President of the UUA. Rev. Sofia has inspired many in our faith community, including Greta Jo, to give concrete language to our share and individual theology, while also putting into action our faith's commitment to liberation. Greta Jo's is also in awe of her amazing fiber art skills!



Erik "Ertý" & Ellery Jean Seidohl

Ertý is a software engineer who loves to share the joy of programming and makes stained glass in his spare time. He and Greta Jo met in 2006 and married in 2014. Their child, Ellery Jean, is opinionated and full of giggles with a love of all things furry and feathered. The magnitude of their support through Greta Jo's journey into ministry cannot be quantified – and neither can her gratitude.



Jim Monnier

Jim Monnier is the Board President of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington. Greta Jo had the privilege to work alongside him as he served on the board during her internship. She is also inspired by his devoted work for Habitat for Humanity.



Lauren Noll

Lauren is the Fellowship Administrator for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington. Her education and background are in communications, design and art. She has many fond childhood memories of attending UU services in Pomona, New York and is thrilled to be back in a UU environment.

ALL MY GRATITUDE!

In seminary, we were often asked to reflect "who loved you into ministry."

This includes those who participated in this service, those who attended, those who sent their blessings from afar, ancestors, and more. I am humbled to know that the list of those who have loved me to this milestone is deep and wide beyond my knowing – and that I could never adequately thank each of you – consider this a meager attempt! Thank you, from the depths of my heart and the far reaches of my spirit. I cannot, and will not, do the Hard & Holy work of ministry alone. I am honored to take up this mantle *alongside* you.

With Love – The Reverend Greta Jo Seidohl