

ORDINATION
OF
SCOTT SAMMLER-MICHAEL



BY THE ORDAINING
CONGREGATION:

THE UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
OF HARFORD COUNTY

SATURDAY JUNE FOURTEENTH,
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT
AT TWO IN THE AFTERNOON

UUFHC, CHURCHVILLE, MARYLAND

*"Wake now, my vision of ministry clear; brighten my pathway with
radiance here; mingle my calling with all who will share; work toward a
planet transformed by our care."*

*---"Wake Now My Senses"
from the "Singing the Living Tradition" hymnal*



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Gather In Drumming

LuAnn Hall

Processional Hymn

Rank by Rank Again We Stand

No. 358

Verse 1

*Rank by rank again we stand,
from the four winds gathered hither,
Loud the hallowed walls demand whence we come and how,
and whither. From their stillness breaking clear,
echoes wake to warn or cheer;
higher truth from saint and seer call to us assembled here.*

Verse 2

*Ours the years' memorial store,
honored days and names we reckon,
days of comrades gone before,
lives that speak and deeds that beckon.
From the dreaming of the night to the labors of the day,
shines their ever-lasting light, guiding us upon our way.*

Verse 3

*Though the path be hard and long,
still we strive in expectation;
join we now their ageless song one with them in aspiration.
One in name, in honor one, guard we well the crown they won;
what they dreamed be ours to do,
hope their hopes, and seal them true.*

Words of Welcome Glenn Rogers, President, Executive Board, UUHC

Greetings

Unitarian Universalist Association – Charles Wooldridge

Joseph Priestley District – Patricia Hall Infante

Community Greetings – Leonard Wheeler

Chalice Lighting

Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael

Anthem *Love is the Spirit of This Church* UUS and UUFHC Choirs
words by James Vila Blake C. Nelson Fritts, Conductor
music by Betty Jo Angebrannndt

Sermon *Servants of Life* The Rev. David Bumbaugh

Time of Silence

Words for the Offering The Rev. Paige Getty
Today's offering benefits the Living Tradition Fund

Offertory *I Know My Place Is Here* Daniel N. Michael

Act of Ordination Glenn Rogers, President UUFHC Board

Glenn

In our free church tradition, congregations have the authority and the privilege to ordain a person to the ministry. Ordination is for a lifetime. It is a meaningful and joyous occasion when we come together to recognize one who has chosen ministry as his or her life's work, and we intentionally affirm such choice with open hearts. It is a special privilege for our congregation to exercise our authority to ordain Scott Sammler-Michael, who has worshipped with us, given countless hours of volunteer support and shared with us his journey of theological formation in Seminary. In February 2008, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Harford County voted to ordain Scott Sammler-Michael to the Unitarian Universalist ministry. Scott is the first

person this congregation has ordained in its fifty-three year history. It is with great pride that we gather for this sacred purpose today.

Scott, would you please come forward. Would members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Harford County please rise as you are able. Scott, are you ready and willing to undertake the commitments of Unitarian Universalist Ministry?

Scott

Yes, I stand ready and willing.

Members of the Congregation

We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Harford County affirm your calling to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry. We pledge ourselves to walk beside you in a spirit of mutuality, for we recognize that each of us contributes to the fullness and meaning of our faith. We ask you to dedicate yourself to embody the principles of our shared faith with mindfulness and joy, and to continue celebrating the wonder and mystery of life. May you inspire others to live the ways of truth, justice and love both by your words and your example. May you answer this call by challenging others to usher their best gifts into being. May you carry on to help shape this liberal religious tradition. We do hereby ordain you, Scott Sammler-Michael, to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry.

Scott

With abiding hope and a deep sense of faith I humbly accept this ministry into which you ordain me. I pledge to minister with the full outstretching of my spirit ~ to serve humbly, to live with integrity, and to always honor this place where I was first called minister. As but one traveler in our common search for truth I pledge to cultivate the curiosity and doubt that composes true faith. I pledge to court mystery, speak the truth with love, and nurture the interdependence connecting all life. As such I promise to fulfill the duties and uphold the honor of our Unitarian

*Universalist Ministry. With gratitude, grace, and within
community I shall live this call throughout my days.*

Glenn

Will all who have gathered here today please rise as you are able.

All

*We, the gathered congregation, family and friends, recognize and
affirm you Scott Sammler-Michael as an ordained minister. Go
forth with our blessing.*

Greetings from Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church

Jim Girard and Dick Robison

Presentation of Gift

The Rev. Lisa Ward and Marcie Tabone

Hymn

Bring Many Names

No. 23

Verse 1

*Bring many names, beautiful and good; celebrate in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God; hail and hosanna, bring many
names.*

Verse 2

*Strong mother God, working night and day, planning all the wonders of
creation, setting each equation, genius at play; hail and hosanna, strong
mother God!*

Verse 3

*Warm father God, hugging every child, feeling all the strains of human
living, caring and forgiving till we're reconciled; hail and hosanna,
warm father God!*

(continued verses)

Verse 4

Old, aching God, grey with endless care, calmly piercing evil's new disguises, glad of new surprises, wiser than despair; hail and hosanna, old, aching God!

Verse 5

Young, growing God, eager still to know, willing to be changed by what you've started, quick to be delighted, singing as you go; hail and hosanna, young, growing God!

Verse 6

Great, living God, never fully known, joyful darkness far beyond our seeing, closer yet than breathing, everlasting home: hail and hosanna, great, living God!

Charge to the Congregation

Patricia Infante

Anthem

All Things are Connected

UUS and UUFHC Choirs

Charge to the Minister

The Rev. Sarah Lammert

Right Hand of Fellowship

The Rev. Lisa Ward

Song

By My Side

Daniel N. Michael and Katie Hutchinson

Laying on of Hands

The Rev. Dennis J. Daniel
and The Rev. Sydney Kay Wilde

Prayer

The Rev. Nina Grey

Verse 1

*Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;
feel the deep power of being in all; keep, with the web of creation your
vow, giving, receiving as love shows us how.*

Verse 2

*Wake, now, my reason, reach out to the new; join with each pilgrim who
quests for the true; honor the beauty and wisdom of time; suffer thy limit,
and praise the sublime.*

Verse 3

*Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry; voices of suffering fill the
wide sky; take as your neighbor both stranger and friend, praying the
striving their hardship to end.*

Verse 4

*Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide; join with all people
whose rights are denied; take not for granted a privileged place; God's
love embraces the whole human race.*

Verse 5

*Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear; brighten my pathway with
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Benediction

The Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael

Postlude

Ragtime Piano

Richard Schroeder

*Everyone is cordially invited to a reception immediately following the
service.*

Full Hearted Thanks to Today's Participants (in order of appearance):

LuAnn Hall, drummer, member of UUFHC

Glenn Rogers, President, Executive Board, UUFHC

Charles (Chuck) Wooldridge, UUA Trustee for the Joseph Priestley District

Patricia Hall Infante, Director for Growth and Extension for the Joseph Priestley District

Leonard Wheeler, serving the Maryland Governor's Judicial Nominating Committee and the Harford County Board of Elections

The Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael, Minister, Unitarian Universalists of Sterling, VA

The UUS and UUFHC Choirs is a combined choir of the Unitarian Universalists of Sterling and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Harford County

C. Nelson Fritts, conductor, member of UUFHC

The Rev. David Bumbaugh, Professor of Ministry, Meadville Lombard Theological School, IL

The Rev. Paige Getty, Minister, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

Daniel N. Michael, singer/song writer and brother of Scott Sammler-Michael

Jim Girard and **Dick Robison**, members of the Ministerial Search Task Force for the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, VA

Marcie Tabone, Volunteer Coordinator and member of UUFHC

The Rev. Sarah Lammert, Senior Minister, The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, NJ

The Rev. Lisa Ward, Minister, UUFHC

Katie Hutchinson, member, UUFHC

The Rev. Dennis J. Daniel and the Rev. Sydney Kay Wilde, co-Ministers, Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston, VA

The Rev. Nina Grey, Senior Minister, First Unitarian Church of Chicago, IL

The UUFHC Ordination Committee: Marcie Tabone, Chair, Glenn Rogers, Deb Cruise, Gina Van Dusen

