

**INSTALLATION SERVICE OF
THE REVEREND DOCTOR LINDA ANN HART**



**AS MINISTER OF
TAHOMA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017, 6:30 P.M.

**INSTALLATION SERVICE HELD AT
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
4818 PORTLAND AVENUE EAST, TACOMA, WA**



**TAHOMA
UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION**



A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

**Order of Service for the Installation of
The Reverend Doctor Linda Ann Hart
as Minister of Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Sunday, October 29, 2017, 6:30 p.m.**

GATHERING MUSIC

Mary Anne Lyman

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Rank by Rank"

*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.*

*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 everlasting light,
guiding us upon our way.*

*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.*

OPENING WORDS

CHALICE LIGHTING AND UNISON READING

*"We light this chalice in deep respect
for the mystery and holiness of life;
in honor and gratitude for those who have gone before;
with love and compassion for those who dwell among us;
and with hope and faith for the generations to come."*

Written by Reverend Ken Jones

WELCOME

Barbara Tripp

President, Tahoma UU Congregation Board of Trustees

READINGS

"God Say Yes to Me" by Kaylin Haught
Read by Reverend Patti Pomerantz
From "Inclusive Evangelism" by Robert Karnan
Read by Reverend Carol McKinley

HYMN

"Guide My Feet"

*Guide my feet while I run this race,
guide my feet while I run this race,
guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!*

*Hold my hand while I run this race,
hold my hand while I run this race,
hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!*

*Stand by me while I run this race,
stand by me while I run this race,
stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!*

*Search my heart while I run this race,
search my heart while I run this race,
search my heart while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!*

SERMON Reverend Elizabeth Stevens

ANTHEM “Yes” Words and Music by Valencia Hardy Lacy
Rafe Wadleigh, Conducting
Tahoma UU Congregation Choir

OFFERING Reverend Tandi Rogers
Offering will benefit the
UUA Living Tradition Fund that offers
financial support to UU ministers
and **Meadville Lombard Theological School**,
a UU seminary in Chicago.
Linda Hart is an alumna of Meadville Lombard,
and Ministerial Intern, Matt Aspin, is a current student.
Checks can be made payable to TUUC.

ACT OF INSTALLATION

Chris George, Board President, 2014
Bob Hays, Board President, 2015—2016
Scott Redman, Board President, 2016—2017
Barbara Tripp, Board President, 2017—2018

Chris George:

In the spring of 2014 when I was serving as the President of the Board of our congregation, we sought to hire a Developmental Minister to work with us for a three year contract. We were fortunate that the Reverend Linda Hart was recommended to us, and we were delighted to hire her to work with us. At her first service, she challenged us to laugh, to BE FANTASTIC, and to dance. She offered us stability, a calm center, and the benefit of her long service in ministry.

Bob Hays:

Working closely, the Board and Linda shifted the relationship between the congregation and its leadership. We built on the strength and love and talent that has long been a part of TUUC. We grew in communication and connection, exhaled a lot, and re-established trust and confidence in each other. We grew in numbers and depth.

Scott Redman:

As a congregation, we reflected together on what inspires us and what calls us into community. We explored our longings for our ourselves and our congregation and the wider world. Early this year, we came together to consider if we should call Linda to be our settled minister. Nearly two thirds of our members attended a congregational meeting and voted unanimously to extend a call. Happily, Linda accepted.

Barbara Tripp:

So we gather tonight to formally install the Reverend Linda Ann Hart as the settled minister of Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation. We undertake this act of covenant as a community of diverse people consenting together in mutual trust and esteem, that our commitment to lives of reasoned thought, generous action, moral discernment and reverent celebration may be sustained and strengthened in the bonds of ministry.

We ask of you leadership, insight, guidance, and inspiration; we offer you the resources and opportunities of this congregation, and the authority of this office among us. Is this a calling that you are prepared to undertake?

Reverend Hart:

With your help and goodwill, I am.

Barbara Tripp:

Will you preach to us in the love of truth and freedom, witness to us the possibilities of authentic and abundant life, and cherish the well-being of this institution to the best of your abilities?

Reverend Hart:

So far as in me lies, I will.

Barbara Tripp:

Then I would invite the members of the Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation to rise and say with me:

Members of Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation:

*Remembering with gratitude
the people who founded,
nurtured, and progressively transformed
the existence of this congregation,
and cherishing the noble history of its past;*

*Celebrating its continuing commitment
to the values and principles of our heritage –
The freedom of thought,
the dignity of persons,
the sufficiency of human experience –
And dedicating ourselves
once again to the bright promise
of the aspirations, ideals,
and loyalties of this community –*

*The creativity it fosters,
the comfort it offers,
the influence that it exerts
and might yet exert upon the world,*

*We, the members
of the Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation,
install you, Linda Ann Hart,
as the minister of this congregation,
and entrust a vital part of its leadership
into your hands.*

*As we are a free people,
we offer you a free pulpit,
and pledge ourselves to walk with you
in the way of truth
as it is known
or may yet be made known to us.*

*We ask you to dwell among us
in sympathy and affection,
counseling with us in joy and sorrow,
teaching us and our children,
and showing forth no less by your example
than by your words
the qualities of authentic life
and just community.*

*In this covenant of shared endeavor,
we promise you
the cooperation of our hearts and hands;
candor, charity and encouragement
in our expectations of you,
and our resolute good will
as we grow and change together.*

Reverend Hart:

Humbly aware of the privilege to which you call me,
and the trust with which you endow me,
I enter into this covenant,
and formally take up the duties of called ministry
within this congregation.

I do pledge myself, so far as in me lies,
worthily to maintain the freedom of this pulpit;

To speak the truth in love
without obligation to persons or position;
Diligently to fulfill the several offices
of worship, administration, and instruction,
according to the customs of this fellowship;
And in all things to promote authenticity and depth,
peace and love.

Dearly beloved, may the bright promise of this hour
be fulfilled in many years of fruitful ministry,
And may these pledges endure
as a source of blessing upon each of us,
and all those whose lives we shall touch.

Reverend Hart:

Will the friends and well-wishers here with us,
please rise as you are able, and join in the response:

Congregation:

*We meet today,
in the richness of memory
and the brightness of hope,
To seek the highest good we know,
And to give the truest pledge
of which the human spirit is capable;
Therefore, we stand together on holy ground.
Happy be this place,
and the community that abides here;
May its members receive sustenance
and challenge in this ministry,
And be gentle stewards of this leader's gifts.
Honored be this woman,
and the call to service that she answers today;
May she thrive among these people,
And minister to them
in faithful duty, in wisdom, and in joy.
Hallowed be the promises
spoken in this act of covenant;
May they endure and grow,
And may this congregation
so live and labor together
That it will shine as a beacon
to all who seek to know the fullness of life.*

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION Reverend Jim Anderson

CHARGE TO THE MINISTER Reverend James Kubal-Komoto

CHARGE TO THE MINISTER TUUC Children and Youth
Led by Nancy Slocum, Director of Religious Exploration

PRAYER Reverend Emily Brault

PRESENTATION OF THE STOLE Installation Planning Team
Jeanie Garrity, Chris George, Jan Lind, Chris Martin, and David Pettit

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Building a New Way"

*We are building a new way.
We are building a new way.
We are building a new way,
feeling stronger every day,
We are building a new way.*

*We are working to be free.
We are working to be free.
We are working to be free
hate and greed and jealousy.
We are working to be free.*

*We can feed our every need.
We can feed our every need.
We can feed our every need.
Start with love, that is the seed.
We can feed our every need.*

*Peace and freedom is our cry.
Peace and freedom is our cry.
Peace and freedom is our cry,
Without these this world will die.
Peace and freedom is our cry.*

BENEDICTION Reverend Linda Hart

Participants:

Peter Teets and Claire Hart are Linda's husband and daughter
Barbara Tripp is the President of the Board of Tahoma Unitarian Universalist
Congregation

The Reverend Patti Pomerantz is the Minister of Eastrose Fellowship, Unitarian
Universalist

The Reverend Carol McKinley is the Affiliated Community Minister of Olympia
Unitarian Universalist Congregation

The Reverend Elizabeth Stevens is the Minister of Unitarian Universalist Church
of the Palouse

The Reverend Tandi Rogers is an Affiliated Community Minister of Tahoma
Unitarian Universalist Congregation, and serves on the Pacific Western Region
of the UUA

Chris George is a former President of the Board of Trustees of Tahoma
Unitarian Universalist Congregation and the Chair of the Installation Planning
Team

Bob Hays is a former President of the Board of Trustees of Tahoma Unitarian
Universalist Congregation

Scott Redman is a former President of the Board of Trustees of Tahoma
Unitarian Universalist Congregation

The Reverend James Kubal-Komoto is the Regional Lead for the Pacific Western
Region of the UUA

The Reverend Emily Brault is a Chaplain at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in
Wilsonville, Oregon

Jeanie Garrity is a member of the Installation Planning Team

Jan Lind is a member of the Installation Planning Team

Chris Martin is the creator of Linda's stole and a member of the Installation
Planning Team

David Pettit is a member of the Installation Planning Team

The Reverend Emily Melchor serving as Marshal

Thanks to our musicians:

Mary Ann Lyman, member TUUC, pianist

Rafe Wadleigh, member TUUC, directing the anthem and playing bass

John Hargis, member TUUC, drums

Grant Gardner, member TUUC, playing guitar

Stephanie Anne Johnson, vocalist

Jim Costello, keyboard

Thanks to our staff:

Matt Aspin, Ministerial Intern

Nancy Slocum, Director of Religious Exploration

Susie Maharry, Director of Adult Religious Exploration

Libby Ball, Church Administrator