

THE  
**INSTALLATION**

OF REV. EMILY WRIGHT-MAGOON AS  
SETTLED MINISTER OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH  
OF MIDLAND, TEXAS





## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST INSTALLATION SERVICE

Installation services occur within the first year of a settled minister's time with a congregation. Rev. Emily Wright-Magoon began her ministry with UUCOM September 1, 2015 and was called by the congregation to be our settled minister on November 15, 2015. This Installation service celebrates not only the start of Rev. Wright-Magoon's ministry with this church, but also our shared ministry together, working to live out our mission and vision.

### CHURCH MISSION

Our Mission is an expression of how we hope to build the Beloved Community here in the Permian Basin. It is the lens through which all decisions are made:

- Welcoming Diversity
- Empowering Spiritual Growth
- Fostering the Interdependent Web
- Transforming Lives

### CHURCH STAFF

**Minister** – Rev. Emily Wright-Magoon  
**Music Directors** – Sonja and Scott Millichamp  
**Dir. Of Religious Education** – Barbara Handley  
**Office Administrator** – Jessica Stewart

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Prelude** – Permian Basin String Quartet

### Processional Hymn \*

“As Tranquil Streams” #145

As tranquil streams that meet and merge and flow  
as one to seek the sea, our kindred hearts and  
minds unite to build a church that shall be free–

Free from the bonds that bind the mind to narrow  
thought and lifeless creed; free from a social code  
that fails to serve the cause of human need:

A freedom that reveres the past, but trusts the  
dawning future more; and bids the soul, in search of  
truth, adventure boldly and explore.

Prophetic church, the future waits your liberating  
ministry; go forward in the power of love, proclaim  
the truth that makes us free.

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**Call to Worship** – Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie

**Chalice Lighting** – Shanda Unger, Victoria Duran  
and Carol Kullman

### Greetings

From the Unitarian Universalist Association,  
Southern Region – Rita Chamblin

From local clergy – Rev. Dennis Bade

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**Music** – “Be Thou My Vision” Sonja K. Millichamp  
Ancient Irish, trans. Mary E. Byrne  
Versed by Eleanor H. Hull

\* Please stand as you are willing and able

**Responsive Reading** – Barbara Handley

Don't leave your broken heart at the door:  
*Bring it to the altar of life.*

Don't leave your anger behind  
*It has high standards*  
*And the world needs vision.*

Bring them with you,  
*and your joy*  
*and your passion*

Bring your loving  
*and your courage*  
*and your conviction*

Bring your need for healing  
*and your powers to heal*

There is work to do  
*and we have all that we need to do it,*  
*right here in this room.*

– by Angela Herrera, adapted

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**Sermon** – Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie  
“Through a Mirror, Brightly”

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**Offering** – Rev. Aaron Stockwell

It is a tradition at UU installation services to accept  
an offering toward the Living Tradition Fund, which  
provides three types of support for ministry: need-  
based scholarships for theological students, new  
minister assistance to reduce educational debt,  
and grants to ministers for emergency assistance.

Please make checks payable to:  
*Unitarian Universalist Association*

**Offertory Music** – Permian Basin String Quartet  
String Quartet in C Major K 170  
III. Un poco adagio  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

**Act of Installation** – Sally Flores  
and Members of UUCOM

**President:** We gather to install Rev. Emily Wright-Magoon as minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland, Texas. In doing so, we rededicate ourselves to the values of this religious community and of the liberal religious tradition of which it is a part. For Unitarian Universalists, the relationship we here recognize lies between congregation and minister. We enter into a covenant, pledging mutual respect and collaboration, openness and trust.

Now, on this day, we install you, Emily, as our minister, to live and serve, to learn and love with us. Are you ready and willing to undertake the commitments of this ministry?

**Emily:** I am.

**President:** Will the members of the congregation please rise now and read responsively with me the words for the act of installation from the order of service.

*(Members' words in red italics)*

We cherish our congregation for its historical achievements, for those who founded and nurtured it

*and for those who again and again have faithfully transformed it when our mission called us to do so.*

We celebrate this congregation's call

*to welcome diversity, empower spiritual growth, foster the interdependent web, and transform lives.*

We cherish our church and our community for what it is

*and for what it may become through our united efforts.*

In accordance with the practice of our tradition,

*We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland do hereby install you, Emily Wright-Magoon, as our Minister.*

We would have you dwell among us, speaking your truth to us and listening to our truth;

*Growing with us in our understanding of love, courage, and faith; ministering to us alike in times of joy and sorrow;*

and leading us in our commitment to the life of principled action.

*We also acknowledge the call of shared ministry and pledge to you our support and collaboration.*

Emily, are you ready and willing to enter into this ministry among us?

**Emily:** I am! With a deep sense of gratitude, trusting in the transformative power of Love, and with your continuing support, I joyfully take up the ministry into which you have called me. May our time together promote justice, peace, and love, so as to show forth the promise of our faith.

And let the people say:

**All:** *Amen, Blessed Be, Namaste.*

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**Prayer of Installation and Laying on of Hands**

– Rev. Scottie McIntyre Johnson

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**Charge to the Congregation** – Rev. Lora Brandis

**Anthem** – The OK Chorale  
“One Voice” – Ruth Moody

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**Charge to the Minister** – Rev. Chuck Freeman

**Benediction \*** – Rev. Emily Wright-Magoon

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**Recessional Hymn \***

“We’ll Build a Land” #121

We’ll build a land where we bind up the broken.  
We’ll build a land where the captives go free,  
where the oil of gladness dissolves all mourning.  
Oh, we’ll build a promised land that can be.

*Chorus:*

Come build a land where sisters and brothers,  
anointed by God, may then create peace:  
where justice shall roll down like waters,  
and peace like an ever-flowing stream.

We’ll build a land where we bring the good tidings  
to all the afflicted and all those who mourn.  
And we’ll give them garlands instead of ashes.  
Oh, we’ll build a land where peace is born.

*Chorus*

We’ll be a land building up ancient cities,  
raising up devastations from old;  
restoring ruins of generations.  
Oh, we’ll build a land of people so bold.

*Chorus*

Come, build a land where the mantles of praises  
resound from spirits once faint and once weak;  
where like oaks of righteousness stand her people.  
Oh, come build the land, my people we seek.

*Chorus*

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**All are invited to a reception in the fellowship hall.**

*\* Please stand as you are willing and able*



## **WE ARE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS**

We are brave, curious, and compassionate thinkers and doers. We are diverse in faith, ethnicity, history and spirituality, but aligned in our desire to practice our faith and beliefs in tangible ways. We foster respectful communities hallmarked by action, love, and acceptance of all people.

We have radical roots and a history as self-motivated spiritual people: we think for ourselves and actively object to what we believe is wrong. We have a track record of standing on the side of people, love, justice, and peace.

**Our faith has always been motivated by  
a desire to contribute to the greater good.**

## PARTICIPANTS IN SERVICE

**Rev. Dennis Bade** is a retired United Methodist pastor who currently volunteers with many local organizations in Midland.

**Rita Chamblin** is a Unitarian Universalist elder from Lubbock, TX who is active in lay preaching and teaching, and has filled our pulpit here at UU Church of Midland multiple times. Her work with the UUA includes facilitating at the Dwight Brown Leadership Experience (DBLE) and leading in Braveheart, an online small group ministry that will become available next year.

**Victoria Duran** serves as a regular Worship Associate and joined UUCOM in 2011.

**Rev. Lora Brandis** serves Horizon Unitarian Universalist Church in Carrollton, TX as their newly-called, settled minister. Prior to that she served congregations in Idaho, Utah and California. In California she served on the UU Justice Ministry's immigration task force and participated in an interfaith partnership providing visitation to detainees at the Adelanto Detention Center. She is honored to mentor Emily while she is in preliminary fellowship.

**Sally Flores** is the current Board president of UU Church of Midland. Sally had never attended any church (except a few months of youth group in 7th grade) before she joined this one 12 years ago.

**Rev. Chuck Freeman** has been in the ministry since 1977 serving Church of Christ and Unitarian Universalist congregations. He is the founding minister of the Free Souls Church in Round Rock, Texas. Chuck is a founding member of the Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry and its Executive Director.

**Barbara Handley** currently serves as the Director of Religious Education and serves on the Membership and Care Committees. She is a birthright Unitarian Universalist and has been a member of UUCOM for thirty-four years.

**Rev. Scottie McIntyre Johnson** currently serves as minister of the San Marcos UU Fellowship in San Marcos, TX, and as a chaplain at UBarU Camp and Retreat Center. Prior to entering seminary, Scottie was an active

lay leader in the Southwest UU Conference and the UUA Southern Region, serving on the SWUUC Board of Trustees and as Dean of the Dwight Brown Leadership Experience for ten years.

**Carol Kullman** was a member of the Search Committee that brought Emily to UUCOM. She currently serves as Board Secretary and co-chair of the Membership Committee.

**Scott Millichamp** is Co-Director of Music at UUCOM, Lecturer of Music Theory and Aural Skills at UTPB, and Co-Principal horn of the MOSC.

**Sonja K. Millichamp** is Co-Director of Music at UUCOM and Co-Principal Horn of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale. She is happy to have found both a faith home and a uniquely rewarding musical outlet within this church.

**Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie** has served the UU congregation in Lewis Center, Ohio for twenty years. She is also Director of the UU House of Studies at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, a past UUA Trustee, and author of "Children of the Same God: Unitarianism in Historical Relationship to Judaism and Islam."

**Rev. Aaron Stockwell** has been serving as the Developmental Minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Brazos Valley in College Station, TX since August 2015. Previously, he was the Interim Director of Lifespan Religious Education at the First Parish in Lexington, MA.

**Shanda Unger** is a member of the worship associates and leads the Tree of Life Open Circle.

### **OK Chorale is the UU Church of Midland Choir.**

Directed by Sonja and Scott Millichamp.

Singers: **Margaret Assany, Maureena Benavides,**

**Sally Flores, Leonard Glascock, Lisa Jebesen.**

Accompaniment on the guitar by **Harry Nutter.**

**Permian Basin String Quartet** is an ensemble of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale | **John Madura,** violin | **Erin Weber,** violin | **Melissa Madura,** viola  
**David Thomas,** cello



## THANK YOU

**All of the above participants**

**Installation Committee** – Barbara Handley, Ann Hicks, Carol Kullman

**Hospitality** – Marion and John Kimberly, Ann Hicks

**Building, Grounds, and Garden** – Rico Ramirez, Emmy Ulmschneider, John Kullman, Leonard Glascock

**Board Members** – Sally Flores, Harry Nutter, Carol Kullman, Tom Hull, Tom Parks, Rico Ramirez,  
Jane Hellinghausen

**Search Committee** – Tom Parks (chair), Carol Kullman, Barbara Handley

**Designer** – Ethan Wright-Magoon

**Music Direction** – Sonja and Scott Millichamp

**Publicity** – Lisa Jebsen and Tom Parks

**Flowers** – Emily's family: Shelley Wright, Tom and Stephanie Timko, Chris Timko, Aaron Timko, Rachel Hickman

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Auburn, Maine** where Rev. Emily was ordained

**Members and Friends of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland**

*...for the time and effort that each of you and many others have given  
to make this Service of Installation and the journey of shared ministry, which it celebrates, a reality.*

— **Rev. Emily Wright-Magoon**



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