

LOVE IN ACTION



*The Installation of Rev. Katie Romano Griffin as
Senior Minister at All Souls Unitarian Church, Indianapolis .*

October 29, 2022

Processional:

#361 Enter Rejoice and Come In (adapted)

Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your hearts ev'ryone. Open your hearts ev'ryone. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Don't be afraid of some change. Don't be afraid of some change. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

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Music for Gathering: Canción por una cabeza, Carlos Gardel

Welcome and Vision & Mission Reading: Jean Miller Board President

Greet Your UU Neighbor

Musical Offering:

"Adagietto pianissimo," from Suite de danzas criollas, Op. 15, Alberto Ginastera

Invocation: written by the Rev. Marta Valentín, Read by Julica Hermann de la Fuente

Chalice Lighting: led by Claudia Espinel, Sean Griffin, Phylis Griffin, Michele Jaffie, Larry Jaffie, Rev. Shell Redfern, Valerie Bannister

Today we light our chalice with these words, adapted from James Villa Blake, that have been spoken since 1903 at All Souls:

*Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law. To dwell together in peace, seek the truth in love and to help one another.
This is our covenant.*

Greetings from the UU Military Chaplain UUMA

Chapter: the Rev. David Pyle, Read by Rev. Katie

Greetings from UUI: the Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

Reflection from the Search Committee: Annie Rayhill, Emily Salinas, Jenny Yumibe, Jerry Hoover, Judy Lumbert, Tom Miller and Tom Sibert

Musical Offering: Ave Maria, Heitor Villa-Lobos

Time for All Ages: Weaving the Bridge of Community: Julica Hermann de la Fuente, and Sarah Cannon

Prayer: Elizabeth Valencia-Gutierrez, All Souls Community Multigenerational, Multicultural Community Ministry Partner

Musical Response: #123, Fuente de Amor/Spirit of Life

Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí. Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión. Sopla al volar, sube en la mar; Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida. Arráigame, libérame, Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Offering: Dr. Elías Ortega, President, Meadville Lombard Theological School

Offertory: Tu Voz, Shawn Kirchner, text by Pablo Neruda

*Cantas y a sol y a cielo
con tu canto tu voz
desgrana el cereal del día,
hablan los pinos con su lengua verde:
trinan todas las aves del invierno.
Singing unto the sun and sky
with your song,
your voice threshes the grain of the day,
the pines speak with their green tongues,
all the birds of winter trill.*

*El mar llena sus sótanos de pasos,
de campanas, de cadenas y gemidos,
tintinean metales, tintinean utensilios,
suenan las ruedas de la caravana.
The sea fills its cellars with footsteps,
with bells, chains, and groans-
metal and tools jangle,
wheels of the caravan creak.*

*Pero sólo tu voz escucho y sube
tu voz con vuelo y precisión de flecha,
baja tu voz con gravedad de lluvia,
tu voz esparce altísimas espadas,
vuelve tu voz cargada de violetas
y luego me acompaña por el cielo.*

*But I hear only your voice--
your voice rising with the
flight and precision of an
arrow,
your voice falling with the
gravity of rain,
your voice scattering the
highest swords,
and returning, laden with violets--
accompanying me through the heavens.*



Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Bill Sinkford

Musical Offering: “Danza de la moza donosa,” from Danzas argentinas, Alberto Ginastera

A few words from the FYMS Minister Group: Revs. Erin Walter, Kayla Parker, Nell Newton and Nic Cable

Charge from the Children and Youth: Sarah Cannon and the Children, Youth and Young Adults

Listen to children and youth as you would listen to adults

Be people who smile and laugh with us

Kids like to have fun, so make this a cool church

Be a bit friendly.

Not TOO friendly, Rev. Katie.

Sometimes you will need to hold your ground.

Be willing to tell us no,

But include us in the equation and the conversation

Hang out with us

Let us do musical instruments

Lead us in cleaning places that are really dirty, because there’s a lot of pollution

Make sure kids are invited to do important stuff: just because some of us are not middle schoolers doesn’t mean we can’t.

Rev. Katie, we think you’re really awesome, so we want you to keep being yourself as we grow together in mind, body, and spirit.

Charge from the Staff: Written and Led by Nasreen Khan

Rev. Katie Romano Griffin, we your staff **welcome you** into your Ministry here at All Souls. We charge you to engage in relationships with us informed by love, by connection, by compassion, by action, and by the shared work of transformation.

We ask that you always start from a place of curiosity, with the assumption of our good intentions, and practice transparency and trust with our communications and our confidences.

We invite you to join us in affirming the gifts each of us bring to our shared work, in giving generously of our gratitude and praise, and in the continual practice of being mindful of our potential impact on others.

We call you to action, in working towards resolution when we encounter conflict, in speaking with directness, honesty, and above all humility. We call you to follow through on your commitments to us, your commitments to this congregation, and your commitment to yourself and your own faith journey. Rev. Katie, in these next few minutes you will be installed as our minister.

We, your staff, join you in this journey of transformation, a journey where we offer you and each other the freedom to fail, the freedom to experiment, the freedom to dream, and the freedom to trust. Welcome!

Act of Installation: Jean Miller, Babette Miller, Annie Rayhill, Rev. Katie Romano Griffin *adapted from the Rev. Lindasuan Ulrich*

President: Within our Unitarian Universalist religious movement, no right is more precious to a free congregation than that of choosing their own minister. Likewise, no right is more precious to a Unitarian Universalist minister than choosing the congregation whose mission they will serve and whose people they will love.

Annie Rayhill, Search Committee Chair: This act of installation symbolizes the covenant between the people of All Souls Unitarian and the Rev. Katie Romano Griffin, the Called Senior Minister. Through these words, we celebrate and acknowledge our commitment to work together in mutual good faith and good will.

Vice President: Rev. Katie, mindful of our religious heritage and its vast promise, we look to you for spiritual leadership, ethical guidance, and religious insight. We ask you to preach prophetic and healing words in freedom and in love; act in the service of justice and compassion; offer a presence of radical welcome; and celebrate the mystery and wonder of life. We promise to work with you to build a shared ministry rooted in transformation, authenticity, wholeness, and humor. Help us be our best selves by calling us back to our mission and covenant. Keep reminding us of the enduring values we profess. Companion us as we advance justice in and beyond our community and engage with critical social and environmental issues. The hard work of ministering to a broken and beautiful world is ours to do together. Will you be with us as our settled minister?

Rev. Katie: I will.

President: Will the members of All Souls Indianapolis please rise in body, in voice, or in spirit?

Members: We, the members of the All Souls Indianapolis, do hereby install you, Rev. Katie Romano Griffin, as our Senior Minister. In our journey together, we aspire to practice kindness, nurture healthy relationships, and intentionally join ourselves in a multigenerational multicultural community. Therefore, we ask you to help us deepen our spiritual engagement, cultivate justice, care for each other, and build the Beloved Community of which we dream.

Rev. Katie: With great joy and gratitude in my heart, mindful of the deep responsibility of this role I accept this ministry. I enter into this shared ministry with the support of my colleagues, many of whom are present today, and go forward in covenant with colleagues past, present and future as I also move with you in covenant with members past, present and future. May we continue to move forward building new ways of being more just, more loving and more compassionate while remaining ever mindful that we are on a continuum of time inextricably linked in a network of mutuality.

President: Will Rev. Katie's family, friends, and colleagues please rise, as you are willing and able, and add your affirmation of the ministry that Rev. Katie and the congregation will share by laying hands on Rev. Katie as Rev. Shell leads us in a laying on of hands?

Affirmative Prayer: The Rev. Shell Redfern

President and Vice President: Let the people say "Amen."

All: Amen!

Presentation of the Installation Gift: The Search Committee

Hymn of Celebration: *Draw the Circle Wide*

Words: Gordon Light, **Music:** Mark A. Miller

Draw the circle,

draw the circle wide. Draw the circle,

draw the circle wide. No one stands alone, we'll live (stand) side by side. Draw the circle,

draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.

Let this be our song: no one stands alone. Living (Standing) side by side, draw the circle,

draw the circle wide.

Charge to the Minister: the Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper

Charge to the Congregation: the Rev. Abhi Janamanchi

Hymn: "Answering the Call of Love," by Jason Shelton

The promise of the Spirit:
faith, hope and love abide.
And so ev'ry soul
is blessed and made whole;
the truth in our hearts is our guide.

Chorus:

We are answering the call of love:
hands joined together as hearts beat as
one.

Emboldened by faith, we dare to pro-
claim

we are answering the call of love.

Sometimes we build a barrier
to keep love tightly bound.

Corrupted by fear,

unwilling to hear,

denying the beauty we've found.

Chorus

A bright new day is dawning
when love will not divide.

Reflections of grace

in ev'ry embrace,

fulfilling the vision divine.

Chorus

Benediction: Rev. Katie Romano Griffin

Recessional: "Libertango", Astor Piazzolla

Postlude: Greg Sanders

**Participants in order of appearance:
Thank you to everyone who donated and to
everyone who has volunteered to make this hap-
pen!**

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- ◆ Jean Miller, Board President
- ◆ Babette Miller, Board Vice President
- ◆ Rev. Marta Valentín, UUA Professional Development Director
- ◆ Claudia Espinel, Rev. Katie's Family
- ◆ Sean Griffin, Rev. Katie's Family
- ◆ Phylis Griffin, Rev. Katie's Family
- ◆ Michele Jaffie, Rev. Katie's Family
- ◆ Larry Jaffie, Rev. Katie's Family
- ◆ Rev. Shell Redfern, Science of Mind Minister, Rev. Katie's Family
- ◆ Valerie Banister, Rev. Katie's Family
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- ◆ Dr. Elías Ortega, President, Meadville Lombard Theological School
- ◆ Greg Sanders, All Souls Music Director Emeritus
- ◆ Sherry Hong, violin
- ◆ Clare Longendyke, piano
- ◆ The All Souls Choir
- ◆ Rev. Dr. Bill Sinkford, Senior Minister, All Souls DC
- ◆ Rev. Nic Cable, Minister, UUCI
- ◆ Nasreen Khan, Program and Communications Coordinator, All Souls
- ◆ Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper, Minister, Unitarian Church of Barnstable, MA
- ◆ Rev. Abhi Janamanchi, Senior Minister, Cedar Lane UU Church
- ◆ Thank you to the Rev. Lindasusan Ulrich for gifting the language for pieces of this service.

