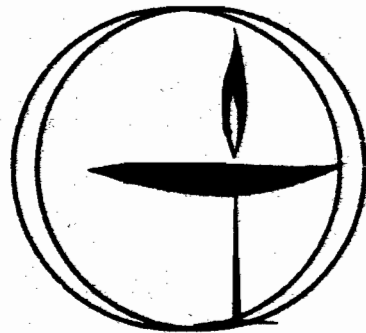


Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
of Columbia



Service of  
Installation of the

Reverend Gertrude V. Lindener

Columbia, Missouri

October 26, 1980

PRELUDE *Prelude in F# Major* ..... CHOPIN  
Sarah W. Bess, piano

OPENING WORDS AND INVOCATION

Rev. Moray Loring Glass

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* ..... FOSDICK

God of grace and God of glory	Cure thy children's warring madness
On thy people pour thy power;	Bend our pride to thy control;
Crown thine ancient church's story;	Shame our wanton, selfish gladness
Bring its bud to glorious flower.	Rich in things, and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,	Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour.	Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet in lofty places;  
Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with the highest graces  
In the fight to set all free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
That we fail not us nor thee.

READINGS

Rabbi Paul Saiger

SOLO *How Beautiful Upon the Mountains* ..... HARKER  
Lorna Nash, contralto  
Sarah W. Bess, accompanist

SERMON "Unitarian Universalist Traditions and Values"  
Rev. Gene Reeves

THE ACT OF INSTALLATION

Frances Waters, Chairperson

Chairperson: In our churches the act of installation symbolizes a covenant between the people of the congregation and the minister they have chosen. The relationship established is based on mutual confidence and respect and undertaken by mutual consent. Having chosen Gertrude V. Lindener as our minister, and having received her acceptance, let us then covenant with her to work together for the spiritual wholeness of us all.

(Congregation stands)

Congregation: We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbia, do hereby install you, Gertrude V. Lindener, as Minister of our church. We would have you dwell among us, preaching truth in

freedom; assisting us in the understanding of love and beauty; ministering to us in times of joy and sorrow alike; and leading us, as you have the opportunity, into the fuller knowledge of truth and the greater service of love. We do pledge ourselves, so far as in us lies, to walk with you in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in all the ways of truth, known or to be made known to us.

Minister: Members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbia, according to your desire and mindful of its privileges and responsibilities, I take up the ministry of this church. I pledge myself, so far as in me lies, to speak the truth in love both publicly and privately without fear of persons; diligently to fulfill the several offices of worship, instruction, and administration, according to the customs and needs of our fellowship; and in all things so to act as to show forth the way of truth and love among this people and all others.

Unison: Now therefore, let us reaffirm our bond of community and our mutual endeavor to cultivate the ways of reason, freedom, and spiritual maturity amongst ourselves and with all people.

## MEDITATION

David Leuthold

## THE CHARGE TO THE MINISTER

Henry Bent

## THE CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Sylvia Falconer

## RECESSIONAL HYMN *We are the Earth Upright and Proud* ..... PATTON

We are the earth upright and proud, in us the earth is knowing.  
Its winds are music in our mouths, in us its rivers flowing.  
The sun is our hearth fire, warm with the earth's desire,  
And with its purpose strong, We sing earth's pilgrim song;  
In us the earth is growing.

Come lift your voices, fill the skies with your exultant singing.  
Now dedicate your minds and hearts, beauty and order bringing.  
Our labor is our strength, our love will win at length;  
Our minds will find the ways, to live in peace and praise;  
Our day is just beginning.

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Gertrude Lindener

MUSICAL RESPONSE    *Benediction Song* ..... BESS  
                                 Sarah W. Bess, piano

Let us share a benediction lovingly before we part.

POSTLUDE    *Prelude in E Major* ..... CHOPIN  
                                 Sarah W. Bess, piano

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Following the service you are invited to a reception to greet Mrs. Lindener and the honored guests, hear words of greeting from the community, and find refreshments.

Greetings will be offered by:

- Rep. Harold Reisch, *from the civic community.*
- Bill Bondeson, *from the academic community.*
- Liz Schmidt, *President, Interfaith Council, from the religious community.*
- Rev. Max D. Gaebler, *from the Unitarian Universalist Association.*

Assisting in the service:

- Henry Bent, *Chairman of the Planning Committee and Member of the Board of Directors.*
- Sarah W. Bess, *pianist.*
- Rev. Sylvia Falconer, *Minister, First Unitarian Church of Alton.*
- Rev. Moray Loring Glass, *Minister of Education, First Baptist Church.*
- Peter Hasselriis, *song leader.*
- David Leuthold, *immediate past Chairman.*
- Lorna Nash, *contralto soloist.*
- Rev. Dr. Gene Reeves, *Dean, Meadville/Lombard Theological School, Chicago.*
- Rabbi Paul Saiger, *Hillel Foundation.*
- Frances Waters, *Chairperson.*
- Stephanie Anderson, Douglas Robertson, Gwyn Weathers, *candlelighters.*

We are grateful to those who have given of their time and talents in the preparation for and conduct of this joyous and solemn event in the life of our fellowship. Special thanks go to Clotilde Moller, who coordinated the arrangements for this evening; Sally Brown, for the decorations; Melinda Farhangi, for the reception arrangements; and Ralph Bedell and members of the Ministerial Search Committee for making this occasion possible.

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