



Installation of

The Reverend Wendy von Zirpolo

*Unitarian Universalist Church
of Marblehead*

October 29, 2006

Order of Service

Prelude

Sonata in A Major

by Domenico Scarlatti

Karen Gahagan, piano

Words of Welcome

Paul Tremblay

Processional Hymn

Rank by Rank

#358, or see your insert

Introit

We Are...

by Ysaye M. Barnwell, 1991

Karen Gahagan and

UUCM Choir

Chalice Lighting

Molly Kobelenz

Mackenzie and Hannah Loewen

Maria and Amelia Ronchi

Invocation

Chris Greene

Rev. Mary Harrington

Rev. Charles Wilson

Story for All Ages

Rev. Jory Agate

Greetings from Marblehead

Minister Association

Rev. Andrew Stoessel

Greetings from

Northshore Minister's Cluster

Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

Greetings from

UU Women's Federation

Nancy Van Dyke

Greetings from

UU Minister's Association

Rev. Edmund Robinson

Offertory for Gulf Coast and Living Tradition Funds

Annette Marquis

Anthem

Wondrous Love

words by William Wolff

arranged by Jim Scott

Karen Gahagan and

UUCM Choir

Act of Installation	Mary Gardner
Charge to the Minister	Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie
Charge to the Congregation	Rev. Terasa Cooley
Banner Installation	Bill Smalley, Jim Dunlop, Chris Greene, Lisa Kirk, Cindy Loewen, Robin Ronchi, Jean Rostron
Blessing of Song <i>Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire</i>	Lisa Watkins
Blessing of Poetry <i>Summons</i> by Robert Francis	Rev. Wendy von Zirpolo
Sermon	Gini Courter
Closing Hymn <i>For All That is Our Life</i>	#128, or see your insert
Blessing of Prayer	Rev. Stephen M. Shick
Recessional Hymn <i>For All the Saints</i>	#103, or see your insert
Benediction	Rev. Wendy von Zirpolo
Postlude <i>In Joyful Praise</i> by Darrin Wolford	Karen Gahagan, piano

We are pleased to have in attendance two very special guests, the Reverend Jack Mendelsohn and Judith Frediani. Jack, Minister Emeritus at First Parish in Bedford, is a treasured UU Minister, author, visionary and guide. Judith, Director of Lifespan Faith Development at the UUA is an equally treasured gift to Unitarian Universalist religious education.

The reading today was introduced in the morning service by Gini Courter, leading into Rev. von Zirpolo's sermon, "Wake Me Up." The morning sermon, and this installation sermon, will be available at www.uumarblehead.org.

The Hymns are printed separately and can be found within your Order of Service.

Please join us for a reception in the Holyoke Room and Stetson Gallery.

Act of Installation

President: Would the members of the congregation please rise in body or spirit.

Members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Marblehead, what is your will?

All Members: We gather together in the strength and solidarity of our congregation. We cherish our congregation for its historic 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 joyfully embrace a diverse community of belief, create a sanctuary for growth and wholeness, and unite to bend the arc of justice to earth.

This is our religious home, one in which we entrust our spirits. We seek a minister to lead and serve us. We seek one who will journey with us, teaching and upholding our Unitarian Universalist values and traditions. We seek a minister who will share our concerns and stand with us in love and faith through joy and sorrow. We seek one who will lead with a prophetic voice, an ear for our own soul's yearnings and a call to share our message with the world. We are ready to call such a minister.

President: Rev. Wendy von Zirpolo what is your understanding of your call to ministry?

Minister: I have accepted my call and chosen ministry to faithfully lead religious communities, offer my gifts in the service of our larger Unitarian Universalist faith, and joyfully build with others spiritual homes of power, compassion, justice and a commitment to a lived faith in our world community.

President: On April 30, 2006, our congregation met in deliberation to decide whether to call Rev. Wendy von Zirpolo to the position of Parish Minister of our congregation. Our vote was unanimous. The vote of our children, unanimous as well. Today we prepare to enact that decision.

Members: We have called you, Reverend Wendy von Zirpolo, to be our minister. We call you to take up this free pulpit and to honor it with truth and treat its power with care. We call you to teach and guide us in humility and courage, to be present to us and with us in times of loss and grief, in times of solace, celebration, joy and pride. We call you to summon us to the larger context of our faith, the context that calls us to embody the values of Unitarian Universalism each day and in our whole lives. We call you to remind us of a world in need of our saving faith. We call you to collaboration within this community and with those we serve. We call you with hope for what we will create together.

Minister: We have spent much time coming to know one another and discovering how we might walk together in whole and holy ways. I freely offer you my gifts. I will serve this congregation faithfully. With your understanding and support, I answer your call with a joyful Yes.

President: Having each expressed our willingness, care and concern for this congregation, we now entrust to you, the Reverend Wendy von Zirpolo, the office of Parish Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Marblehead. May all that we together hold sacred and true rest upon you and this congregation in this new ministry.

Amen. And, let the people say Amen.

Members: Amen.

About the Participants

Rev. Wendy von Zirpolo extends her deepest gratitude to the many friends and colleagues who are here today in celebration of the continued ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Marblehead.

Paul Tremblay is the immediate past president of UUCM. He presided over the year of search including candidating week and the vote bringing Wendy and UUCM together in this ministry.

Karen Gahagan is the UUCM Music Director and pianist.

Molly Kobelenz is the UUCM Director of Religious Education.

Mackenzie and Hannah Loewen, and Maria and Amelia Ronchi are the young children of the Search Committee. Their presence here today pays tribute to the many hours families and friends were kept from Search Committee members and the depth of commitment each Search Committee member brought to their serious charge.

Chris Greene was a member of the Search Committee and also serves as one of the church historians. He crafted the invocation for the installation, placing this moment in the context of the many years of ministry, lay and ordained here at UUCM.

Rev. Mary Harrington was the minister at UUCM from August 1998 to July 2004 and has just retired from her Ministry at Winchester Unitarian Society.

Rev. Charles Wilson was the minister at UUCM from August 1990 to July 1998 and was voted Minister Emeritus in November 2003. He was also the Interim Minister from August 1982 to July 1983.

Rev. Jory Agate is the Minister of Religious Education at First Parish, Cambridge, MA and a dear friend of Wendy's. She is also a master quilter and made the lighthouse stole Wendy is wearing in many of our website pictures.

Rev. Andrew Stoessel is the current convener of the Marblehead Ministerial Association. He serves St. Michael's Episcopal Church of Marblehead.

Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell is the minister of Salem Unitarian Church and a member of the Northshore Unitarian Universalist Minister's Cluster.

Nancy Van Dyke is the current president of the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation.

Rev. Edmund Robinson is a member of the Mass Bay District Unitarian Universalist Minister's Association Executive Board. He is minister of First Church, Belmont, MA.

Annette Marquis is the District Executive of the Thomas Jefferson District of the UUA. She was an early responder to the relief effort in the Gulf Coast and accompanied Wendy on her first trip to Mississippi and New Orleans to deliver supplies.

Mary Gardner is current President of UUCM and the Executive Committee.

Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie is the minister of Arlington Street Unitarian Universalist Church in Boston, MA.

Rev. Terasa Cooley is the District Executive of the Mass Bay District of the UUA.

Jim Dunlop, Chris Greene, Lisa Kirk, Cindy Loewen, Robin Ronchi, Jean Rostron and Bill Smalley were the fabulous members of the Search Committee. Bill served as chair.

Lisa Watkins is a UUCM member and also sings for the Boston Symphony Orchestra. She also currently serves on the UUCM Board as secretary and on the Executive Committee.

Gini Courter is the Moderator of the UUA. The moderator's chief role is presiding at General Assemblies and at meetings of the Board of Trustees. It is the UUA's highest volunteer position. Gini and Wendy have traveled to the Gulf Coast on two relief trips, most recently traveled to New Orleans to be with the three area Unitarian Universalist congregations and community partners as they marked the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

Rev. Stephen M. Shick is the interim minister at Portland, ME. He served at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Haverhill, MA where Wendy was religious educator and ministerial intern.

Many thanks are due to all the hearts and hands that contributed to making this a special day at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Marblehead. Particular thanks go out to the members of the Installation Committee, Sandra Broughton, Ellen Gariepy and the Search Committee; the Chairs of the Building and Grounds Committee, Lisa Gery and Mike Gery; Linda Enrico for design of the Invitations and Program; Jean Rostron and Walt Rostron for the banner, and to Walt for the use of his painting of the church. Additional thanks to UUCM's wonderful staff, Administrator Lyssa Andersson, Music Director Karen Gahagan, Religious Educator Molly Kobelenz and Sexton Eduardo Camelo.

Thanks as well to the hands and hearts who poured hours into making UUCM shine for this occasion and to the spectacular UUCM Choir for blessing this occasion with the gift of song. Most special thanks due to the Chair of the Installation Committee, Bill Smalley for hours of work, attention to detail and care for helping us all celebrate this wonderful moment in UUCM history!

UUCM Ministers

Edward Holyoke	1716 - 1737
Simon Bradstreet	1738 - 1771
Isaac Story	1771 - 1802
Hezekiah May	1803 - 1808
John Bartlett	1811 - 1849
Benjamin Huntoon	1849 - 1855
Samuel R. Calthrope	1860 - 1864
James H. Wiggin	1866 - 1868
William B. Buxton	1868 - 1872
Benjamin H. Bailey	1873 - 1884
James K. Applebee	1886 - 1890
John B. Barnhill	1891 - 1892
Henry C. McDougall	1893 - 1899
Albert Walkley	1902 - 1905
Alfred D. K. Shurtleff	1917 - 1918
Edward H. Cotton	1922 - 1936
G. Ernest Lynch, Jr.	1936 - 1939
Prescott B. Wintersteen	1939 - 1942
Thomas M. Mark	1942 - 1943
William S. Nichols	1943 - 1946
John W. Eager	1946 - 1947
W. Hollis Teagarden	1948 - 1954
David P. Osborn	1954 - 1957
Hugh W. Weston	1958 - 1962
George K. Beach	1963 - 1967
Clyde Dodger (interim)	1968 - 1968
Robert L. Hill	1969 - 1978
J. David Scheyer	1979 - 1982
Charles L. Wilson (interim)	1982 - 1983
Ellen Brandenburg (interim)	1983 - 1984
Elizabeth L. Leavitt	1984 - 1987
John R. Jablonski (interim)	1988 - 1990
Charles L. Wilson	1990 - 1998
Mary J. Harrington	1998 - 2004
Rosemarie Smurzynski (interim)	2004 - 2005
Paul L'Herrou (interim)	2005 - 2006
Wendy von Zirpolo	2006 -