

Waking the Vision, Beloved Community

Prelude Better Git It in Your Soul – Charles Mingus
Jared Gibbs, piano

Processional Hymn 298 Wake, Now, My Senses

Welcome Isabel Berney and Frank Napolitano
Chair & Member, Ministerial Search Committee

Chalice Lighting Rev. Christine Brownlie

Congregational Affirmation

Unison Reading: Love is the doctrine of our faith, the quest for truth is its sacrament, and the call to justice is its prayer. This is our great covenant: to gather in peace and acceptance, to seek knowledge in the light of freedom and reason, to serve the needs of others in the spirit of compassion, seeking always to live in harmony with the interdependent web of life.

Invocation Rev. Lydia Ferrante-Roseberry

Musical Interlude

Children and Youth Covenant with Minister
“All Our Parts to Play” Rev. Heather Rion Starr

Anthem 1014 Standing on the Side of Love – Jason Shelton
UUC Choir; Ella Kromin, Choir Director

Greetings Gracia Walker, Southeast District Board Trustee

Blessing Rev. Marti Keller

Acknowledging Family Circle Peter K-L Olandt

Reading Rev. Cathy Rion Starr

Musical Interlude

Meditation Rev. Jamie McReynolds

Offering Dick Luke (see insert)

Unison Reading: We come together in peace and friendship. We support this Congregation with our gifts of time, talent, and money. We make these gifts to strengthen ourselves, our religious community, and to spread the good word of liberal religion throughout the New River Valley and beyond.

Offertory

Hymn 1064 Blue Boat Home

Sermon From Social Animal to Community Creature
Rev. Lydia Ferrante-Roseberry

Act of Installation

Laureen Blakemore, President of the Board

Gift from the Congregation

Molly Lazar, Jane Keppel-Benson, Isabel Berney
Members, Ministerial Search Committee & Committee on Ministries

Charge to the Minister Rev. Lydia Ferrante-Roseberry

Charge to the Congregation Rev. Lindi Ramsden

Recessional Hymn 1028 The Fire of Commitment

Extinguishing the Chalice and Benediction
Rev. Dara K-L Olandt

Postlude The Fire of Commitment
Jared Gibbs, piano; Leon Kok, violin

Participants in Today's Service:

Rev. Chris Brownlie is Minister Emerita of UUC, Blacksburg. She served the congregation from 1999-2011. She is currently teaching *Survey of World Religions* at Radford University. Dara appreciates Chris as a UU colleague in the New River Valley.

Rev. Lydia Ferrante-Roseberry is Minister of the Boulder Valley UU Fellowship in Lafayette, CO. She is former Vice President of the UU Ministers' Association. Lydia was Dara's Supervising Minister when Dara was completing her ministerial internship between 2009-2010. Dara is grateful for Lydia's creative, joyful ministry.

Rev. Jamie McReynolds is a Community Minister living in Charlottesville, VA. He is currently serving in a non-profit setting while attending Thomas Jefferson Memorial UU Church. Jamie and Dara met at Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, CA. Dara is pleased to see Jamie on this coast and glad to be serving in the same region.

Rev. Lindi Ramsden is former Senior Minister and Executive Director of the UU Legislative Ministry of California (UULM). She is also the former Senior Minister of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose. Lindi is currently caring for an elderly parent and working on a film called "Thirsty for Justice" focused on the human right to water. Lindi inspires Dara to lead with a justice-centered vision of ministry.

Rev. Cathy Rion Starr is Minister of Social Justice at All Souls Unitarian Church, Washington, DC, and former consulting minister at the Mid-Columbia UU Fellowship in Hood River, OR. Cathy is also mother to a young one, Robin. Cathy and Dara taught classes together at Starr King School for the Ministry and are longtime seminary buddies.

Rev. Heather Rion Starr is contributor to the "Quest for Meaning" blog, and former Minister of the Unitarian Universalists of Central Oregon in Bend, OR. Heather is also mother to a young one, Robin. Heather resides in Washington, DC. Dara is delighted that she is close enough to visit.

Rev. Marti Keller is Community Minister with the UU Women's Federation, and co-editor of a forthcoming book from Skinner House Press, "Jewish Voices in Unitarian Universalism." Marti served as Associate Minister at the UU Congregation of Atlanta, President of the UU Women's Federation (UUWF) and of UUs for Jewish Awareness (UUJA). Dara values Marti's wisdom and humor.

Gracia Basham is a member of the UUA Southeast District Board of Trustees. She is a Lay Preacher at UU Church of the Highlands, Meadowview, VA.

About Rev. Dara K-L Olandt: UUC called Rev. Dara in April 2013. Dara's ministry at UUC began in August. Dara lived for over 17 years in the San Francisco Bay Area where she met her husband, Peter Olandt, in seminary. Previously, Dara served as consulting minister at the UU Fellowship of Visalia, CA, Minister of Religious Education at the UU Congregation of Marin, and as an interfaith organizer with the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice in Oakland, CA. Prior to ministry, Dara was a community arts educator and radio journalist.

Waking the Vision, Beloved Community Installation of Rev. Dara K-L Olandt Settled Minister

November 10, 2013

10:00 AM

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Blacksburg, VA



Today's Offering:

Today's offering is shared between "Just Catalyze" a new UUC Special Fund and the *Standing on the Side of Love* Campaign. "Just Catalyze" is a special fund supporting skills-based education and justice leadership opportunities for UUC members and friends. Kick-starting UU structural justice organizing efforts in our community, this fund supports UUC's emerging vision to become a leader for structural social justice in the New River Valley. *Standing on the Side of Love* is an interfaith public advocacy campaign sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association. Through community activism, social networking and media outreach, *Standing on the Side of Love* provides resources for UU justice organizing and witness across the country.

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The Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Blacksburg, where I am joyful to begin a partnership in ministry.

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Act of Installation

Congregational President: We gather this afternoon to install Dara K-L Olandt as the second minister of this congregation and, in a spirit of mutual concern, to rededicate ourselves to the values of this religious community and the liberal religious tradition of which it is a part. Dara, at the conclusion of the formal search process, following 11 years of settled ministry and two years of interim, we have called you. We have called you to live among us, to make our concerns your concerns, and to lead us, as you are enabled, in the paths of compassion, spiritual growth, justice-seeking and generosity. Mindful of the great traditions of our heritage and this congregation, and mindful of its vast promise, we look to you for moral clarity, for religious insight, and for spiritual leadership. We would have you speak the truth to us in freedom without fear of favor of persons or position, to minister to us alike in our joys and in our sorrows, to lead with bold hope and vision, with humor and wisdom, and to set forth, by both words and deeds, an upstanding way of life. Do you accept the invitation of this congregation to its ministry?

Minister: I do.

Congregational President: In formal recognition of our election of Dara K-L Olandt and of her acceptance, I ask the members of this congregation to rise and say with me:

Members: We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Blacksburg, do hereby install you, Dara K-L Olandt, as minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Blacksburg. For our part, we choose the work of compassion and honesty. We offer you a free pulpit, the cooperation of our hearts and hands, and our resolute good will as we submerge ourselves in the tasks of ministry together.

Minister: It is with joy and a deep sense of responsibility I take up the ministry to which you have called me. I pledge myself, so far as the power in me lies, to maintain the freedom of the pulpit, to speak the truth in love both publicly and privately, to approach our ministry together with creativity, to listen and discern direction together with you, and to do well this work that is real: worship, religious education, counsel, service, and administration for the renewal and consecration of life, and to promote compassion, hope, humor and generosity among all people.

