

By what toil and fatigue and patience and strife and the beautiful law of growth has all this been wrought? These things have not come of themselves. They could not have occurred except as the great movement for women has brought them out and about. They are part of the eternal order, and they have come to stay. Now all we need is to continue to speak the truth fearlessly, and we shall add to our number those who will turn the scale to the side of equal and full justice in all things. Lucy Stone [*Originally presented as a speech to the Congress of Women held in the Woman's Building at the World's Columbian Exposition (World's Fair), Chicago, 1893. This was Lucy Stone's last public speech, and she died a few months later at age 75.*]



Ellen will continue her ministry as a chaplain with Good Samaritan Hospice, offering compassionate spiritual care to individuals and families navigating serious illness, grief and transition. In addition, she will serve as a community minister, remaining rooted in this region and committed to accompanying with presence, hope, and love in times of joy, uncertainty, sorrow, and celebration.



**The Unitarian Universalist Congregations  
of Blacksburg and Lynchburg, Virginia  
welcome you to the**

**Service of Ordination of**

*Ellen Plummer*



**Saturday, May 30, 2026**

*The lamps are different, but the Light is the same. (Rumi)*

# Order of Service

<b>Smudge/Blessing</b>	Ms. Victoria Taylor, Worship Associate, UUC Blacksburg
<b>Gathering Music</b>	Mr. Jared Gibbs, piano Music Director, UUC Blacksburg
<b>Ring Bowl—Service Begins</b>	Ms. Victoria Taylor
<b>Procession Music Hymn #1017 We Are Building a New Way *</b>	Mr. Jared Gibbs * Music and Words in Teal Hymnal/screen
<b>Procession Marshal Religious Professionals</b>	Ms. Ally Dehoff, Co-founder, UU Young Adults, UUC Blacksburg, Internship Committee Member
<b>Welcome</b>	Rev. Pam Philips, UUC Blacksburg
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Rev. Pam Philips
<b>Chalice Lighting</b>	Rev. Pam Philips Ellen's nephews Joey Plummer, Jacob Plummer
<b>Musical Interlude</b>	Mr. Jared Gibbs
<b>Jewish Blessing</b>	Rabbi Maurice Applebaum (recorded) Clinical Pastoral Education Instructor
<b>Muslim Blessing</b>	Dr. Som Pourfarzaneh (recorded) Professor, Starr King School for the Ministry Center for Multireligious Studies Supervisor
<b>A Universalist Message</b>	Rev. Terre Balof, UUC Lynchburg Ministerial Internship Supervisor
<b>UU Blessing</b>	Ms. Alison Aguilar Lopez Gutierrez McLeod (recorded) Restorative Justice Educator, Co-chair, UUA Ministerial Formation Committee
<b>UU Blessing</b>	Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt (Zoom) Former President Starr King School for the Ministry
<b>Musical Interlude</b>	Mr. Jared Gibbs
<b>Invitation to Generosity</b>	Rev. Jen Raffensperger, UUC Roanoke Living Tradition Fund, UU Association
<b>Offertory Music Blackbird, The Beatles</b>	Mr. Brian Peters, Music Instructor, Vibraphone

<b>Accepting Our Gifts</b>	Rev. Jen Raffensperger
<b>Musical Offering Let Your Love Flow, L. Williams</b>	Dr. Jim Kern, UUC Blacksburg, Internship Committee Member
<b>Sermon The Beautiful Law of Growth</b>	Rev. Dr. Meg Richardson Professor, Starr King School for the Ministry, Advisor
<b>Musical Interlude</b>	Mr. Jared Gibbs
<b>Act of Ordination</b>	Mr. Chris Long, President, UUC Blacksburg Mr. Jim Billings, President, UUC Lynchburg
<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>	Ms. Marilyn Dupont, Ms. Jennifer Thomas, UUC Blacksburg Ms. Joan Lewis, UUC Lynchburg
<b>Laying on of Hands</b>	Rev. Pam Philips, Rev. Terre Balof, Rev. Lisa Vineyard
<b>Musical Offering Northfield Benediction, L. Meyer</b>	Ms. Cassie Kost, Ms. Jennifer Thomas (recorded) UUC Blacksburg
<b>Collegial Welcome</b>	Rev. John Buehrens Former UUA President, Internship Supervisor
<b>Charge to the Minister</b>	Rev. Lisa Vineyard Good Samaritan Hospice, Palliative, Home Health Internship Supervisor, Internship Committee Chair
<b>Charge to the Congregations</b>	Rev. Jamie McReynolds, UUC Blacksburg Internship Committee Member
<b>Benediction &amp; Extinguish the Chalice</b>	Rev. Dr. Ellen Plummer
<b>Recession Music Ellen Has Now Been Ordained! **</b>	Words by Mr. Patrick Feucht and Dr. Kim Feucht ** Music in Grey Hymnal, 361 Enter, Rejoice, and Come In ** Words on screen
<b>Recession Marshal</b>	Ms. Ally Dehoff

A/V: Lucas Machi

Greeters: Bobbie Littlefield, Carol Kern, Robin Cooley, Cynthia Luke, Laura Richardson,  
Lisa Evanylo, Akiko Nakata (online)

Flowers: Maggie Thomas

Recessional Song Leaders: Patrick Feucht, Kim Feucht