



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH, 2006

The Ordination of Roger Charles Peltier

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote • The inherent worth and dignity of every person • Justice, equity and compassion in human relations • Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations • A free and responsible search for truth and meaning • The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large • The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all • Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part • The living tradition which we share draws from many sources • Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which grows and unfolds the life of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life • Words and deeds of prophetic women who challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice and compassion, and the transforming power of love • Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life • Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves • Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit • Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature • Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and sustains our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual support.

Dag Hammarskjold

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Claire Cerrato is Chair of the Board of Assessors at the First Parish in Framingham, Massachusetts.

The Reverend Kim Crawford Harvie is the Senior Minister of the Arlington Street Church, Boston, Massachusetts.

Migel Felipe is Director of Music at the Arlington Street Church, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Festival Choir is composed of volunteers from the participating churches who gather for the love of singing.

The Reverend John Gibbons is the Senior Minister of the First Parish in Bedford, Massachusetts.

John Hickey is Roger's beloved spouse.

Janette Lallier, a long-time friend, is a celebrated vocal artist and the Administrator for the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association.

Sharon McDonald is chair of the and member of the Field Education Committee of the First Parish in Bedford along with **Abby Hafer, Norm Heckman, Peggy Potter-Smith, and Nancy Willett.**

The Reverend Dr. Eugene Navias, Associate Minister Emeritus of the Arlington Street Church in Boston, is Chair and member of the ASC Ordination Committee along with **David DeAngelis, Joan Goodwin, and Vincent Licenziato.**

Shawn Newton, is a member of Roger's peer support group including: **Chris Bell, Peter Friedrichs, Marjorie Matty, and Paul Sawyer.**

The Reverend Stephanie Nichols is the Senior Minister of the First Parish in Framingham, Massachusetts.

Sarah Richards is Vice Moderator for the Arlington Street Church, Boston.

Andrew Shenton is Director of Music at the First Parish in Framingham, Massachusetts.

Arthur Smith is Chair of the Parish Committee at First Parish in Bedford, Massachusetts.

The Reverend Sylvia Stocker is the Assistant Minister of the First Parish in Bedford, Massachusetts.

Chris Ten Eyck, trumpet, is a member of the First Parish in Framingham, Massachusetts.

Stephen and David Wellcome, Sylvia's spouse and son, are constant supporters of Roger's ministry.

WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE

To **David DeAngelis, Joseph Reek** and all who contributed to the reception following this service.

To **Miguel Felipe, Andrew Shenton** and the **Festival Choir** for the beautiful music.

To **Peter Lowber** and **Philip Roberts** for being today's Ushers.

To **Vera O' Brien** for arranging today's childcare.

To **Janette Lallier** for great singing and for the gorgeous invitations.

To **Gene Navias** for the meaningful ceremonial words in the Act of Ordination.

To the **ASC Staff** for all of the arrangements they've made on my behalf—especially **Corey Spence** for a great Order of Service.

And to **John Hickey**, my **family, friends** and **colleagues** for your presence here today—you make my ministry possible!

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PRELUDE

Concerto in C minor, 1st movement
Chris Ten Eyck, trumpet

Benedetto Marcello

CHALICE LIGHTING

Sharon McDonald

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 298

Wake, Now, My Senses

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS

Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie

READING

Rev. Stephanie Nichols

**OFFERING FOR THE
LIVING TRADITION FUND**

Shawn Newton

OFFERTORY

How Lovely are the Messengers
from *Saint Paul*, Op. 36

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809 – 1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach the gospel of peace!
To all the nations is gone forth the sounds of their words;
throughout all lands their glad tidings.

ORDINATION SERMON

Rev. John Gibbons

ORDINATION HYMN 128

For All That Is Our Life

ACT OF ORDINATION

Rev. Dr. Eugene Navias
Sarah Richards, ASC
Arthur Smith, Bedford
Claire Cerrato, Framingham

Roger Charles Peltier has been honored by the three congregations with whom he has practiced ministry. The Governing Boards of all three congregations have voted to recommend ordination, and the congregation of the Arlington Street Church has fulfilled the legal requirement by voting unanimously as follows:

November 20th, 2005:

We, the Members, affirm that Arlington Street Church approves ordaining Roger Charles Peltier, on April 30th, 2006.

To celebrate that unity of action, we ask the members of all three congregations to rise and take part as you will in the act of ordination. Please rise as you are able.

Arthur Smith, Bedford: We gather today to ordain Roger Charles Peltier to the Unitarian Universalist ministry, and in a spirit of mutual concern to rededicate ourselves to the values of our religious communities and to the liberal religious tradition of which they are a part.

Claire Cerrato, Framingham: Through his contributions to the profession of ministry, Roger will enable us to affirm our belief in the importance of ministry, and to brighten our hopes and aspirations for the future. Our purpose in taking part in this ordination can only be realized if we as a people acknowledge our own continuing obligations of loyalty, truth, and love.

Sarah Richards, ASC: Are we ready to rededicate ourselves to these obligations?

Congregations: We are ready to rededicate ourselves to the obligations of loyalty, truth, and love, and to fulfill them to the best of our ability in the congregations of which we are members.

Sarah Richards, ASC: Roger Charles Peltier, we offer you ordination, a privilege bestowed upon us by the nature of our free church. Among us, and wherever you may be called to serve, we would have you bring the word of truth in freedom and in love, ministering alike to our joys and sorrows, setting forth no less by your example and by your presence, by precept of the principles of our free faith. Are you ready to take up the ministry as an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister?

Roger Charles Peltier: I am.

Congregations: We, the members of the Arlington Street Church, and with the support of members from the congregations of Bedford and Framingham, do hereby ordain you, Roger Charles Peltier, to the Unitarian Universalist ministry. We do pledge ourselves to walk with you in unity of spirit, in the bonds of peace, and in the ways of truth, service and love.

Roger Charles Peltier: It is with joy and appreciation that I now accept this ordination with a deep sense of obligation and opportunity. Ever mindful of its privileges and its responsibilities, I shall endeavor to take up the ministry to which you ordain me. I will keep alive the meanings of this service so that my ministry and my life will be enriched by the spirit and trust we have given one another.

ORDINATION PRAYER

Rev. Stephanie Nichols

**COMMUNITY BLESSING
AND LAYING ON OF HANDS**

Rev. Sylvia Stocker
and John J. Hickey

ANTHEM

Sky-born Music

Joe Utterback, text Ralph Waldo Emerson

As commissioned by the First Parish, Framingham, 2006

Janette Lallier, soloist

Let me go where'er I will,
I hear a sky-born music still:
It sounds from all things old,
It sounds from all things young,
From all that's fair, from all that's foul,
Peals out a cheerful song.

It is not only in the rose,
It is not only in the bird,
Not only where the rainbow glows,
Nor in the song of woman heard,
But in the darkest, meanest things
There always, always something sings.

'Tis not in the high stars alone,
Nor in the cup of budding flowers,
Nor in the redbreast's mellow tone,
Nor in the bow that smiles in showers,
But in the mud and scum of things
There always, always something sings.

CHARGE TO THE MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Eugene Navias

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN 114

Forward through the Ages

BENEDICTION

Rev. Roger C. Peltier

RAINBOW SALUTE

Stephen and David Wellcome

POSTLUDE

Allegro from *Suite in D minor*

J. S. Bach

A light, celebratory reception will follow the service. All are welcome.

ALLELUIA!

At ASC, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Religious Education classes are held during the 11:00 AM service downstairs in the Perkins Room. Infant care is provided in the nursery, right off the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to lead you and your children there. For further information about our Children's Religious Education program, please contact Vera OBrien, lifespan religious educator, through the church office or via e-mail.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

FM amplification headsets are available from the ushers. Please do not remove them from the sanctuary. **Accessible** entry is via the ramp on the Arlington Street alley at the right-hand side of the front doors to the Church. **Braille** hymnals are available! Please ask an usher for assistance.

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

To read all seven purposes and principles, as well as the six sources of our free faith, please turn a few pages into the hymnal, *Singing the Living Tradition*.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available from Alison Green Will, or at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The *Prudential Committee* is the elected governing board of ASC. The members are: Sherene Aram (co-chair), Emily Dunn, Wendy Ellertson, Carol Fisher, Charlene Galarneau, David McClain, Liz Regan, Brian Souza (co-chair), and Mark Watanabe. Officers of the Church are Herbert Gleason (moderator), Sarah Richards (vice-moderator), D. Richard Pooler (treasurer), and Carol Smith (clerk).

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