The Church of the Red Rocks United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Faith Community



A Service of Installation for The Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

> January 19, 2025 at 2:30 PM 54 Bowstring Drive Sedona, AZ 86336

Program

WELCOME & GREETING

Rev. Dr. Margaret Gramley

CRR Moderator

PRELUDE

"To God Be the Glory"

arr. Tim Rumsey

NAU Brass Quintet

Bryson Noble, trumpet • Leodan Parra, trumpet • Will Kerr, horn • Jonah Sablan, trombone • Carl Mencke, trombone

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gene Moore
Sara Crosby-Hartman

Co-Chair Search Committee

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Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

Lead a life worthy of God' call with humility, gentleness, and patience...

bearing with one another in love to maintain the unity of the Spirit.

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gifts.

Some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for ministry, for the building of the body of Christ.

Through our worship here today, through this act of installation, and through our lives ...

may we exercise these gifts to the glory of God!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Are Welcome"

Marty Haugen

GIFT OF PEACE

Natalia Márquez-Sterling

Daughter

Following the teachings of Jesus, we are to live our faith in peace with peaceful words

In peace we establish relationships with each other and the broader community.

Let us be part of God's peace by saying to one another, "Peace be with you."

And also, with you.

Please offer words of peace to those nearest you.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Rev. Dr. George Ault CRR Pastor Emeritus
Rabbi Alicia Magal Jewish Community of Sedona

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:1-5, 11-13

Carlos Márquez-Sterling

Son

MESSAGE FROM THE INTERFAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Anthony M. Johnson Sedona Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

GIFT OF MUSIC

Brad Nix & Jon Paige

Fanfare and Concerto on "The Church's One Foundation"

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:18-22

Karina Márquez-Sterling

Daughter

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Spirit of the Living God"

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST PREACHER

Sara Johnson Search Committee

SERMON "All Are Called"

Rev. Leslie Etheredge

GIFT OF MUSIC "To Follow Jesus" arr. Stacey Nordmeyer

Mia Murray, soloist

MOMENT FOR GENEROSITY

Pam Stabenfeldt Search Committee
The loose offering collected today will be equally distributed to Hope
House, Manzanita Outreach and the Southwest Conference UCC.
Envelopes are in the pews. Thank you.

OFFERTORY MUSIC "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" arr. Mark Hayes
NAU Brass Quintet & Alec Wilkes, piano

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Christ, Holy Ghost. Amen.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Creating and eternal God, your abundant love provided for us when we least expected anyone to care. Allow for this same spirit of abundant generosity to follow these gifts, so wherever they may go, people will be inspired to give and serve without fear of going without. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Service Of Installation

GREETING FROM UCC SW CONFERENCE

Rev. Dr. Altonnette D. Hawkins Brendan Mahoney Conference Minister SWC Moderator

RESPONSE

We look to Jesus, the Christ, who taught us a new way to understand our Creator, a new way to live in peace, and a new way of loving our neighbor. Full of God's grace and love, as a community of faith, these are the challenges we rise to meet.

PRESENTATION

From the Local Church

Rev.Dr. Margaret Gramley

CRR Moderator

From the SW Conference

Rev. Dr. Derrick Elliott

Associate Conference Minister

Rev. Dr. Gloria Smith

Associate Conference Minister

EXHORTATION

THE COVENANT OF THE CHURCH

We, the members of The Church of the Red Rocks, United Church of Christ, receive the Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with him in the ministry of the gospel and to give him due honor and support. This is a sign of our mutual ministry Christ's name.

THE COVENANT OF THE SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

We, the members of the Southwest Conference United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and the pastor and teacher of The Church of the Red Rocks, United Church of Christ, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Rev. Dr. Derrick Elliot

DECLARATION

HYMN OF PRAISE "How Great Thou Art"

Carli Grijalva III, soloist

First verse as a solo and in Spanish.

Please join singing the following verses in English.

WORDS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND GRATITUDE

"Signed, Sealed and Delivered" Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Song of Thanksgiving" arr. Douglas Wagner
NAU Brass Quintet & Alec Wilkes, piano

Please join us for a light reception in honor of the Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

About our new Settled Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling



Dr. Márquez-Sterling has been an ordained pastor in the UCC since 1997. As the youngest son of Cuban immigrants, he grew up in Puerto Rico, and served in the U.S. Navy for six years. His educational journey has earned him

four degrees: a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Public Administration from Florida International University, a Master of Divinity from the Florida Center for Theological Studies, and a Doctorate in Ministry from Chicago Theological Seminary.

During his time as a public-school teacher (1987 - 1995) Guillermo discerned his call into the ministry and served as a youth pastor for over ten years. He is a published author, who states the best version of himself happens when he is deeply embedded in the creative process of a writing project.

Guillermo is passionate about social justice and looks forward to building the "Beloved Community" at The Church of the Red Rocks, the fourth church at which he has received a call to serve. He and his wife of 37 years, Maria, have three grown children, and actively care for their aging mothers. Together, they are enjoying their new life in Sedona and being part of the church community.

About our Guest Preacher, Rev. Leslie Etheredge



The Rev. Etheredge is a native of Birmingham, Alabama, a graduate of Auburn University with a BA in Education, University of Alabama with a master's degree in counseling, and Memphis Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity. She has a professional friendship with Dr. Márquez-Sterling from their time in Florida as ministers. They

share mutual concerns for creating communities of faith that seek justice for all. She is the mother of three adult children and seven grandchildren, and is a fan devoted to Auburn University.

About the SW Conference and its Minister - UCC



The Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ (SWC) is the regional body that provides support and services to UCC congregations and clergy in Arizona, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas. It equips congregations and clergy for excellent ministry. The SWC is led by the Rev. Dr.

Altonnette D. Hawkins, fondly known as Dr. Toni. She is the first African American to serve as Conference Minister of the SWC.

The two Associate Ministers for the SWC are Rev. Dr. Derrick Elliott and Rev. Dr. Gloria Smith. Together they seek to provide support for clergy, ministry leaders, and the local church.