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- and to my dear wife Kathy, daughter Lauren, and son John, who minister to me and give me purpose.

— Love and Peace, Jack

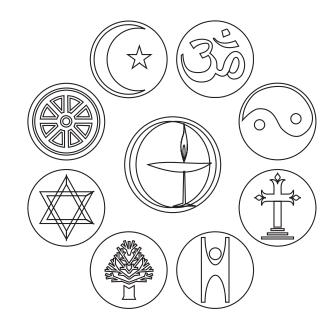
Program Participants

Diane Holliman Lauren Bacino	Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Socieoty President, Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Society Wolf
The Reverend Amy McKenzie Molly Scholz Linda Mowers Katie Smart Bud Murphy	of Marion County
Carlos Fraticelli The Reverend John Young Marilyn Smart Kathy Ford	tors, Florida District Unitarian Universalist Association

The Ordination of Jack Ford

to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry

by the
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and the
Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta



"When Ministry Chooses You"

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Order of the Service of Ordination

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PRELUDE		
PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "All Creatures of the Earth and Sky"		
WELCOME AND CALL TO CELEBRATION Diane Holliman, President Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta		
CHALICE LIGHTING Lauren Bacino		
CALL TO WORSHIP		
READING: "We Meet On Holy Ground" The Reverend Mary Louise DeWolf		
SPECIAL MUSIC: "Love Song" from Elton John Doug Fraser & Molly Scholz Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta		
SERMON: "When Ministry Chooses You" The Reverend Amy McKenzie		
OFFERTORY FOR THE LIVING TRADITIONLinda Mowers		
OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Bright Morning Stars"		
ACT OF ORDINATIONBud Murphy, President Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Society		
GREETINGS: Florida Unitarian Universalist Ministers AssociationThe Reverend Suzanne Nazian Florida District Unitarian Universalist Association		
CHARGE TO THE MINISTER The Reverend John Young		
SPECIAL MUSIC: "To You" by Langston Hughes, composed by Gary SmartGary and Marilyn Smart Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Society		

PRESENTATION OF THE STOLE	Kathy Ford
EXTENDING THE HAND OF FELLOWSHIP	The Reverend Harold Hawkins
LAYING ON OF HANDS	The Reverend Suzanne Nazian
BENEDICTION	The Reverend Jack Ford
RECESSIONAL HYMN: "We Would Be One"	
POSTLUDE	Gary Smart

The Act of Ordination

Bud Murphy: Dear friends and family, and members of the sponsoring congregations, we have come to ordain Jack Ford into the ministry. This is both a solemn responsibility and a wonderful time of celebration. Will everyone please rise as you are able?

Jack Ford, we recognize your calling and desire to serve the cause of liberal religion. We honor the recommendation of the Ministerial Fellowship Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Association, who accepted you into fellowship on May 4, 2001. By the authority of a vote of both congregations, we desire to ordain you to the Unitarian Universalist ministry. This is a privilege bestowed upon us by the nature of our free church. Wherever you are called to serve, we would have you preach the word of truth in freedom and in love, ministering to our joys and sorrows, setting forth by your example and your words the principles of our free faith. Are you ready to enter into this ministry?

Jack Ford: I am.

Congregation members: We, the members of the Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Society and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta, hereby ordain you, Jack Ford, to the Unitarian Universalist ministry. We pledge ourselves to walk with you in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in the ways of truth and love.

Family and Friends: Jack Ford, you have touched our lives in many ways. You have supported us in our sorrows and laughed with us in our joys. We too celebrate with you, and enter into the spirit of your ordination.

Jack Ford: With a deep sense of obligation and opportunity, mindful of its privileges and responsibilities, I take up the ministry to which you ordain me.