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— *Love and Peace, Jack*

### **Program Participants**

- Gary Smart ..... Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Society  
Diane Holliman ..... President, Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta  
Lauren Bacino ..... Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Society  
The Reverend Mary Louise DeWolf ..... Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
of Marion County  
Doug Fraser ..... Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta  
The Reverend Amy McKenzie .. Minister, Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee  
Molly Scholz ..... Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta  
Linda Mowers ..... Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Society  
Katie Smart ..... Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Society  
Bud Murphy ..... Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Society  
The Reverend Suzanne Nazian ..... Minister, Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
of Venice  
Carol Willis ..... Board of Directors, Florida District Unitarian Universalist Association  
Carlos Fraticelli ..... Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville  
The Reverend John Young ..... Minister, Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville  
Marilyn Smart ..... Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Society  
Kathy Ford ..... Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Society  
The Reverend Harold Hawkins ..... Minister, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
of Panama City

# The Ordination of Jack Ford

## to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry

by the  
Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Society  
and the  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta



*"When Ministry Chooses You"*

December 8, 2001 • 4:00 PM

Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta  
1951 East Park Avenue • Valdosta, Georgia

# Order of the Service of Ordination

December 8, 2001

PRELUDE ..... Gary Smart

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "All Creatures of the Earth and Sky" ..... Congregation

WELCOME AND CALL TO CELEBRATION ..... Diane Holliman, President  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta

CHALICE LIGHTING ..... Lauren Bacino

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Congregation

*From all that dwell below the skies,  
Let faith and hope and love arise,  
Let beauty, truth and good be sung,  
Through every land by every tongue.*

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 TRADITION ..... Linda Mowers

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Bright Morning Stars" ..... Gary and Katie Smart

ACT OF ORDINATION ..... Bud Murphy, President  
Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Society

GREETINGS:

Florida Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association.. The Reverend Suzanne Nazian  
Florida District Unitarian Universalist Association ..... Carol Willis  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville ..... Carlos Fraticelli

CHARGE TO THE MINISTER ..... The Reverend John Young

SPECIAL MUSIC: "To You" by Langston Hughes,  
composed by Gary Smart ..... Gary 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" ..... Congregation

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.