

**INSTALLATION OF BRUCE BODE**  
**QUIMPER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP**  
**January 30, 2005, 7:00 p.m.**

**Prelude**                      Variations on well-known hymns

**Choral Introit**              *Spirit of Life*

**\* Processional Hymn**    *Rank by Rank Again We Stand*

Rank by rank, again we stand,  
from the four winds gathered hither.  
Loud the hallowed walls demand  
whence we come and how, and whither.  
From their stillness breaking clear,  
echoes wake to warn or cheer,  
higher truth from saint and seer  
call to us assembled here.

Ours the years' memorial store,  
honored days and names we reckon,  
days of comrades gone before,  
lives that speak and deeds that beckon.  
From the dreaming of the night  
to the labors of the day,  
shines their everlasting light,  
guiding us upon our way.

Though the path be hard and long,  
still we strive in expectation;  
join we now their ageless song  
one with them in aspiration.  
One in name, in honor one,  
guard we well the crown they won;  
what they dreamed be ours to do,  
hope their hopes, and seal them true.

**\* Call to Worship**              Rev. Elizabeth H. Stevens

**\* Choral Response**              *Spirit of Truth, of Life, of Power*

**QUUF Covenant Statement**    David Alvarez, representing the Search  
Committee

We are travelers. We meet for a moment in this sacred place to love, to share, to serve. Let us use compassion, curiosity, reverence, and respect while

seeking our truths. In this way we will support a just and joyful community, and this moment shall endure.

**Lighting the Chalice** Peng Stankus, representing QUUF Coming of Age youth

**Greetings** Janine Larsen

**Responsive Reading** Kathy Walker

LEADER: I call that church free which enters into covenant with the ultimate source of existence,

CONGREGATION: That sustaining and transforming power not made with human hands.

LEADER: It binds together families and generations, protecting against the idolatry of any human claim to absolute truth or authority.

CONGREGATION: This covenant is the charter and responsibility and joy of worship in the face of death as well as life.

LEADER: I call that church free which brings individuals into a caring, trusting fellowship,

CONGREGATION: That protects and nourishes their integrity and spiritual freedom; that yearns to belong to the church universal.

LEADER: It is open to insight and conscience from every source; it bursts through rigid tradition, giving rise to new and living language, to new and broader fellowship.

CONGREGATION: It is a pilgrim church, a servant church, on an adventure of the spirit.

LEADER: The goal is the prophethood and priesthood of all believers, the one for the liberty of prophesying, the other for the ministry of healing.

CONGREGATION: It aims to find unity in diversity under the promptings of the spirit "that bloweth where it listeth...and maketh all things new."

(James Luther Adams)

**Choral Anthem** *Choose Something Like a Star*  
(Words, Robert Frost; music, Randall Thompson; sung by the QUUF choir and guests)

**Offering** Rev. Deborah Raible

**Offertory** Voluntary on an old Flemish hymn (Peeters)

**Reading** Rev. Dr. James Kubal-Komoto

**Sermon** Rev. Amanda Aikman

**Act of Installation** Candy Drollinger

President of Congregation:

We gather this evening to install The Reverend Bruce Alan Bode as the minister of our congregation and to re-dedicate ourselves to the values and ideals of this religious fellowship and the association of Unitarian Universalist congregations of which it is a member.

Bruce, following the deliberations of our Ministerial Search Committee and a vote of the members of our congregation affirming their recommendation, we have chosen you as our minister. We have called you to live among us, to make our concerns your concerns, and to provide leadership in the maintaining and building of our religious community. We would have you speak your truth to us in freedom without fear or favor of persons or position, to minister to us alike in our joys and our sorrows, and to set forth, by word and deed, a rich life of the spirit. Do you accept the invitation of this congregation to be its minister?

Minister: I do.

President of Congregation:

In formal recognition of our election of The Reverend Bruce Alan Bode as our minister and his acceptance of the same, I ask the members of our congregation to stand and say the following with me:

Members:

We, the members of the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, do hereby install you, Bruce Alan Bode, as the minister of our congregation. We offer you a free pulpit, the cooperation of our hearts and hands, and our resolute good will as you take up your work among us.

Recognizing that the work of this congregation belongs to all of us, we pledge ourselves, so far as we are able, to live out the values and ideals of this religious fellowship: to walk with you in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in all ways of truth, known or to be known to us.

Minister:

With much pleasure and a deep sense of responsibility I take up my work among you. I pledge to speak my truth to you in love and to fulfill the several offices of the ministry, so far as I am able. I look forward to our future life together in the fulfillment of our mutual concerns. I ask for your sincerity of purpose, your good will and cooperative spirit, and your honesty in our work together. I trust that living in this spirit and seeking strength, grace, and goodness that is always larger than we presently know, together we can deepen and enrich not only on our lives but also the lives of the larger community whose lives ours touch.

**Prayer of Installation** Rev. Arthur Vaeni

\* **Hymn** *We Would Be One*

We would be one as now we join in singing  
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew  
to that high cause of greater understanding  
of who we are, and what in us is true.  
We would be one in living for each other  
to show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow  
a nobler world than we have known today.  
We would be one in searching for that meaning  
which binds our hearts and points us on our way.  
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,  
with love and justice, strive to make us free.

**Charge to the Minister** Rev. Drew Johnston

**Charge to the Congregation** Rev. Elizabeth Greene

**Welcome from the Jefferson County Ministerial Association** Rev. Bob Slater

**Concluding Remarks & Benediction** Rev. Bruce Bode

\* **Recessional Hymn** *It Sounds Along the Ages*

It sounds along the ages, soul answering to soul,  
it kindles on the pages of every Bible scroll,  
the psalmist heard and sang it, from martyr lips it broke,  
and prophet tongues outrang it, till sleeping nations woke.

From Sinai's cliffs it echoed, it breathed from Buddha's tree,  
it charmed in Athens' market, it hallowed Galilee;  
the hammer stroke of Luther, the Pilgrim's seaside prayer,  
the oracles of Concord one holy word declare.

It calls – and lo, new justice! It speaks – and lo, new truth!  
In ever nobler stature and unexhausted youth.  
Forever on resounding, and knowing nought of time,  
Our laws but catch the music of its eternal chime.

**Postlude** *Recessional* (Lars Andersson)

\* Please stand as you are able

Everyone is cordially invited to attend a reception for Rev. Bode immediately following the service in the social hall.

The offering this evening is being received for the Living Tradition Fund that provides need-based scholarships for ministers-in-training, for new minister financial assistance, and for grants for emergency assistance to ministers.

A very special thanks to the Board and members of the First Presbyterian Church of Port Townsend for their graciousness in making their church building available for this service.

### **QUUF Search Committee Members**

David Alvarez, Joseph Bednarik, Andy Driscoll, Kendra Golden, Bob Logan, Betty Oppenheimer, Lynn Taylor

### **QUUF Board of Trustees**

Candy Drollinger, president; Kendra Golden, vice-president; Paul Becker, secretary; Lynn Taylor, treasurer; Carolyn Latteier; Marcia Lewton; Neal Liden; Allen Thompson; Sarah Walker.

### **Participating in and Assisting with the Service**

Speakers:

Rev. Amanda Aikman, Consulting Minister, Olympic UU Fellowship, Port Angeles, WA

David Alvarez, QUUF Search Committee representative

Candy Drollinger, President, QUUF Board of Trustees

Rev. Elizabeth Greene, Minister, Boise UU Fellowship, Boise, ID; President of the PNWD Ministers' Association

Rev. Drew Johnston, Minister, Cedars UU Church, Bainbridge Island, WA

Rev. Dr. James Kubal-Komoto, Minister, Saltwater UU Church, Des Moines, WA

Jeanine Larsen, District Executive, UU Pacific Northwest District, Woodinville, WA

Rev. Deborah Raible, Minister Associated, University Unitarian Church, Seattle, WA; President-elect of the PNWD Ministers Association

Rev. Bob Slater, D. Min, Minister, First Presbyterian Church, Port Townsend, WA

Rev. Elizabeth H. Stevens, Minister, Kitsap UU Fellowship, Bremerton, WA

Rev. Arthur Vaeni, Minister, Olympia UU Congregation, Olympia, WA

Kathy Walker, Director of Religious Education, QUUF

Music: The QUUF choir and guests, directed by Marj Iuro

Organist: Marshall Stone

Installation Coordinating Team: Shary Irwin, chair; Carol Collins, Celeste Dybek, Debbie Neville, David Rymph, Judy Tough

Hosting the Clergy/DRE Dinner: Betty Oppenheimer and Laura Burn

Hosting the Reception: LaVaughn Snel, Barbara Boelling, Barbara Dyer, John Recht, Joanna England

Coordinating Home Hospitality: Carol Collins

Invitations: Carol Collins and Flossie Bode

Ushers: Celeste Dybek, coordinator; Don Dybek; Jim Golden; Karen Page; Marla Streater (adults). Sebastian Edgerton, Josh Kelety, Myles Kelety (youth).

Bulletin: Carol Collins

Flowers: Donna Logan and Holly Mayshark

### **Special Guests**

Lisa Ashley, DRE, , Cedars UU Church, Bainbridge Island, WA

Bruce Davis, Ministerial Candidate, Seattle, WA

Rev. Nan Geer, Minister, Free Church Unitarian, Blaine, WA

Sierra-Marie Gerfao, DRE, Olympia UU Congregation, Olympia, WA

Rev. Linda A. Hart, Minister, All Souls UU Community, Lacey, WA

Rev. Heather Lynn Hanson, Accredited Interim Minister, on sabbatical, Corvallis, OR

Rev. Roberta Haskin, Minister, Evergreen UU Fellowship, Marysville, WA

Rev. C. Leon Hopper, Minister Emeritus, East Shore Unitarian Church, Seattle, WA

Melinda L. Hughes, DRE, Kitsap UU Fellowship, Bremerton, WA

Rev. Elizabeth "Kit" Ketcham, Consulting Minister, UU Congregation of Whidbey Island & Vashon Island Unitarian Fellowship

Mary Knight, Candidate for Community Ministry, Michael Servetus UU Fellowship, Vancouver, WA

Rev. John Luopa, Senior Minister, University Unitarian Church, Seattle, WA

Rev. David Maynard, Consulting Minister, Eastrose Fellowship UU, Gresham, OR

Carol McKinley, Ministerial Candidate, Olympia, WA

Cathy Tauscher, DRE, Evergreen UU Fellowship, Marysville, WA

## **Concluding Remarks & Benediction – Bruce Bode**

### **Expression of thanks**

I'd like to begin by expressing my appreciation to my new colleagues here in the Pacific Northwest District who have taken the time and made the effort to come here this evening.

I've never before been on the receiving end of such a ceremony, and though such robed, formal occasions are not part of my first inclination, I have liked the energy that has belonged to this occasion and I thank you for making this a special evening for both myself and the congregation.

I want to express my appreciation to the staff members, particularly to those with whom I work most closely: Kathy Walker, Nancy Graham, and Marj Iuro, not only for their efforts in planning this service, but also for their kindness in welcoming a new minister into their lives and for their generosity in helping me to initially find my way here.

I want to thank the choir (and their extra friends), adorned in their new stoles created for this occasion, for their splendid rendering of Frost's, "Choose Something Like a Star."

I wish to thank the numerous members of this congregation who have worked in various ways to put this occasion together. Their names are listed in the Order of Service. Please take the opportunity to thank them.

I want to thank the Rev. Bob Slater and the Board and members of the First Presbyterian Church for making their building available to us for this occasion. You set an example for us of how to be together in community.

And, of course, I want to express my love and gratitude on this occasion to my family – to my wife, Flossie, who has been my main support throughout my ministry and is in many ways a co-laborer with me in my ministry. I don't know how we found each other, but we did, and I feel very fortunate, and am grateful.

We're pleased also that one of our two daughters, Libby, could be here this evening. For Flossie and me it's a wonderful thing that we could work in a place that is close to where she is going to school at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington.

I also want to express my appreciation to my parents. They had planned to be here this evening and were looking forward to it, but, unfortunately, have the flu as of this morning and could not make it. They live in Lynden, Washington, where I grew up, and it's an unexpected blessing for all of us that we could be

close to each other after having been on the other side of the country from each other for so many years.

### **The presence of the present**

In the Christian tradition, there are two basic understandings and approaches to the symbol of the Kingdom of the God. In the one approach, it is understood that the Kingdom of God is in the future. It is coming ... so spread the news, prepare your hearts, labor to be like it.

In the second approach, the Kingdom of God is understood to here already. Eternity is not a long time after this time; but, rather, it's here, it's now, it's the depth dimension of the present ... so open your eyes, wake up, and behold the glory.

In reality, I think the Kingdom of God is both of these, for life is always both being and becoming, present and future.

But, as one gets older, and as there are fewer years remaining than have already been lived, there's a tendency to look more for the Kingdom of God in the present. With some experience in life, and having seen that life can turn on a dime, and that all one has worked for and built up can burn in a heartbeat, there's a tendency to look more closely at what you have rather than what might be, and to recognize that if you don't catch it now, you may never catch it.

Thus, I come to you quite late in my ministerial career. I intend this as my last labor. Please don't take that as license, but do take it as an opportunity to be real.

For although being the lead minister of a congregation is something new for me and thus presents a new challenge, still I am more aware for myself at this time of making a circle, and of returning, to paraphrase poet T.S. Eliot, to the place where I started and getting to know it for the first time.

This Fellowship – yours and mine – will have some decisions to make in the near future about what our future should be. Some inspired discussion and debate may take place around that subject.

But through it all and however we decide to proceed, I would have us, first of all, open our eyes to what is already here and to what this religious fellowship already is. I would have us enjoy it; I would have us be grateful for its presence, its purpose, its value, its beauty, and its mystery.

I close our service with words from William Saroyan:

In the time of your life, live – so that in that good time

There shall be no ugliness or death  
For yourself or for any life that your life touches.

Seek goodness everywhere; when it is found  
Bring it out of its hiding-place  
And let it be free and unashamed.

Discover in all things that which shines and is beyond corruption.

Encourage virtue into whatever heart  
It may have been driven into secrecy and sorrow  
By the shame and terror of the world.

In the time of your life, live – so that in that wondrous time  
You shall not add to the misery and sorrow of the world,  
But shall smile instead to the infinite delight and mystery of it.