

## Bio of Rev. Joy Atkinson

Rev. Joy Atkinson received her Masters of Divinity from Starr King School for the Ministry in 1974. She also has an MA in English Literature and Teacher Education from Hunter College in the Bronx (1970) and an M.S. from Cal State East Bay in Counseling (1988). She has served Unitarian Universalist congregations for 25 years as a settled minister and for 14 years as an interim minister, mostly in California, including this congregation back in 2003 to 2004. She became an Accredited Interim Minister with the Unitarian Universalist Association in 2005.

Rev. Joy has enjoyed the opportunity to work as an Interim Minister with many different congregations that are in transition between settled ministers, which she believes is an especially fertile time in a congregation's life - an opportunity to explore the congregation's unique identity, strengths and challenges and to experiment with new ideas. She is happy to be back among us, and she will work with UUCM at  $\frac{3}{4}$  time for a year and a half to help us assess our congregation, and help us navigate through this latest ministerial transition.

Among Rev. Joy's hobbies and interests are amateur astronomy, choral singing, poetry, theater and travel - especially to archaeological sites. She most enjoys playing with her grandchildren, Joshua, nearly 6, and Nathan, 4, who live with their parents in Portland.