

The Baobab Tree

At the base of the Baobab Tree
is where we build community.
Hmmmmmm, hmmmmmm!
The elders bring us to this place
to heal our wounds and grow in grace.
Hmmmmmm, hmmmmmm!
This tree holds flowing waters
to quench all sons and daughters.
Hmmmmmm, hmmmmmm!
At the root of the Baobab Tree
we come to create unity.
Hmmmmmm, hmmmmmm!
It's known to people far and wide
Tree of Life is Africa's pride!
Hmmmmmm, hmmmmmm! hmmmm!

~ Petra Thombs, 2021



My gratitude to everyone who has encouraged and supported me on this journey.



The Ordination of Petra Thombs



*"If we strive to build community, the strength
we gather will be our salvation."*

~ Marjorie Bowens Wheatley

**MAY 23, 2021
4:00pm**

Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation
at White Plains
468 Rosedale Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605

ORDER of SERVICE
THE ORDINATION OF PETRA THOMBS
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Prelude	Spirit of the Mountain Singers	
Opening Prayer	Chief Dwaine Perry & Grandmother Clara Soaring Hawk	<i>Prayer in Munsee Language and Land Acknowledgment</i>
Call to Worship	Rev. Carol Huston	<i>Acknowledging all visitors and explaining the process and purpose of ordination.</i>
Remembrance	John Roleke	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rev. Dr. Hope JohnsonFather H. James RolekeAnd all those lost in the Global Pandemic.	
Chalice Lighting #416	The Thombs Family	
Hymn	When Will the Kingdom Come	CUUC Choir
Responsive Reading #664	Benjamin Thombs	
Anthem	Lift Every Voice and Sing (Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=39fY8EbUoCo)	3 Young Kings
Reading	Rev. Annie Allen Excerpt from <i>Cornrows, Kwanzaa and Confusion</i> by Margaret Bowens Wheatley	
Musical Selection	At the base of the Baobab Tree arranged Chico Mendoza	Dr. Eileen DeFreece

Sermon **Rev. Dr. Clyde Grubbs**
The Ministry of Working for the Beloved Community

Act of Ordination **Joseph Majsak,**
President, CUUC Board of Trustees

Charge to the Minister **Rev. ReBecca Sala**

Offering **Rev. Carol Huston**
Today's offering will be shared between the Ramapough Lenape Nation and the Unitarian Universalist Association's Living Tradition Fund. Checks may be written to CUUC with Ramapough or LTF in the memo.

Hymn *Down to the River to Pray* **Inspire**

Right Hand of Fellowship **Rev. Dr. Nate Walker**

Recessional Hymn *Turn the World Around* **CUUC Choir**

Benediction **Reverend Petra Thombs**

Chalice Extinguishing #456 **Benjamin Thombs**

Postlude *Funga* **SanKofa Ensemble**

Reception Immediately Following Service