

## ***The Baobab Tree***

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

~ Petra Thombs, 2021



## ***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

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

**ORDER of SERVICE**  
**THE ORDINATION OF PETRA THOMBS**  
**MAY 23, 2021**

**Prelude** **Spirit of the Mountain Singers**

**Opening Prayer** **Chief Dwaine Perry**  
**& Grandmother Clara Soaring Hawk**  
*Prayer in Munsee Language and Land Acknowledgment*

**Call to Worship** **Rev. Carol Huston**  
*Acknowledging all visitors and explaining the  
 process and purpose of ordination.*

**Remembrance** **John Roleke**

- Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson
- Father H. James Roleke
- And 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*      **3 Young Kings**  
(Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=39fY8EbUoCo>)

**Reading** **Rev. Annie Allen**  
Excerpt from *Cornrows, Kwanzaa and Confusion* by  
Margaret Bowens Wheatley

<b>Musical Selection</b>	<i>At the base of the Baobab Tree</i> <i>arranged Chico Mendoza</i>	<b>Dr. Eileen DeFreece</b>
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**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*