



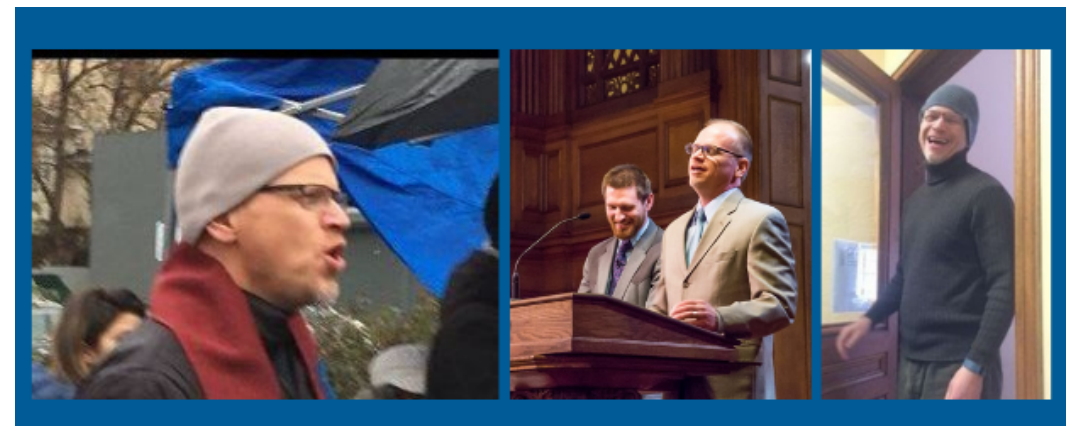
**NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 10:30am**  
We celebrate our intern minister of the last  
two years,  
**Mrs. Latifah Griffin-Rogers!**




**USG - Unitarian Society of Germantown**  
*Building Beloved Community with Compassion, Service and Empowerment*

**Sunday, June 5, 2022**

**Celebrating Twenty Years  
of Rev. Kent Matthies' Ministry at USG**



*A Soul Generated by Love*



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### FROM OUR MINISTER

Dear Friends,

Greetings and welcome to the new church year! In the time since I was with you in May, I have greatly anticipated this settled ministry. Many of us have exciting goals and dreams for our mutual enterprise here at the Unitarian Society of Germantown.

I have successfully moved into my new apartment in the Art Museum neighborhood. The logistics of moving day were quite interesting. The high point was getting my couch into the second floor apartment. No matter how much lifting, spinning and turning, it would not fit through the front door. Eventually we realized that we had no alternative but to call in three more professional movers to our team. With two ropes seven people lifted the couch 25 feet into the air in order to reach my deck. At one point the rail of the deck was creaking under the pressure and seven of us were pulling as hard as possible. We eventually got it up and over the rail, onto the deck, and in the apartment.

The movers, the landlady and I all threw our hands in the air, cheered, yelled and gave high fives. We laughed about how worried we had been that the couch might not make it. A few of us had worried that we were going to break the rail of the deck. In the end the risky behavior was worth it. My couch is not a luxury piece of furniture, but it sure looks and feels good in my living room.

It seems to me that this experience with the couch might be similar to the experiences we are about to have in our religious community. We certainly will encounter obstacles. At times we will need creativity and the willingness to take some risks. It is a given that at times we will have to flex our muscles with heavy lifting. I have lots of faith that many times we will succeed, shout out in victory and give each other hugs of celebration. If we had any guarantee that our shared ministry would only be simple and easy, it probably would not be a worthy endeavor.

This religious community is a tremendous endeavor. Your history and current efforts to bring hope and love to each other and the broader community should be a source of pride. I am honored to start on this leg of the journey.

In faith,  
Kent

Lyrics to *Bright New Day*  
by Emily Joy Goldberg

There’s a lot of joy in this morning,  
There’s a lot of joy in this morning today,  
There’s a lot of joy in this morning,  
And I think it’s gonna be a bright new day!

(Chorus)  
Bright new day, bright new day,  
I know it’s gonna be a bright new day.  
Bright new day, bright new day,  
I know it’s gonna be a bright new day!

There’s a lot of hope in this morning,  
There’s a lot of hope in this morning today,  
There’s a lot of hope in this morning,  
And I think it’s gonna be a bright new day!

(chorus)

There’s a lot of peace in this morning,  
There’s a lot of peace in this morning today,  
There’s a lot of peace in this morning,  
And I think it’s gonna be a bright new day!

(chorus)

There’s a lot of love in this morning,  
There’s a lot of love in this morning today,  
There’s a lot of love in this morning,  
And I think it’s gonna be a bright new day!

(chorus)

**THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP**  
*We thank all the folks who do a little or a lot to make every Sunday at USG meaningful, beautiful, and welcoming. So many people contribute. Below are some of those people.*

Intern Minister: Mrs. Latifah Griffin-Rogers  
Worship Associates: Lois Murphy and Tom Ott  
Visiting Music Coordinator: Barbara Browne  
Guest Musicians: Gary King, Raji Malik, Emily Joy Goldberg, Kam Leiby  
Choir: Norman Matlock, Donya Coldwell, Andrea Parry, Rudy Sprinkle, Jim Salom, Jody Hill, Sarah DiGioia, Ya-Chi Tsao, Jacob Fisher, Sarah Frazier  
Sound Technician: Bob Williford  
Camera Operator: Eric Foster  
Ushers: Sandy Capps, Jerry Caruso, Steve Conrad, Christine Sanni, Jen Bellot, Lynne Kalish, Julie Morrison  
Welcome Table: Maggie Chapman  
Zoom Team: Treva Burger  
Sexton: Mike Rogers

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Sunday, June 5, 2022**  
**A Celebration of Rev. Kent Matthies’ Twenty Years at USG**

INGATHERING MUSIC	<i>Isabella’s Lullaby</i> by Takahiro Obata	Kam Leiby
INGATHERING SLIDESHOW		The 2002 Minister Search Committee
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT		Worship Associate Lois Murphy
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Lois Murphy
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT		Jenn Leiby
RINGING OF TIBETAN PRAYER BOWL		Intern Minister Latifah Griffin-Rogers
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Celebrating Blessings</i> by Rev. Suzelle Lynch	
CHALICE LIGHTING		
INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE: A STORY FOR ALL AGES Narrated by Lois Murphy and Tom Ott		
THE FIRST GIFT	<i>Caring and Compassion</i>	Sarah West
MUSIC	<i>A Change is Gonna Come</i> by Sam Cooke	Gary King and Raji Malik
THE SECOND GIFT	<i>Dedication to Social Justice</i>	Sen. Art Haywood Dennis Brunn
THE THIRD GIFT	<i>Spirituality &amp; Worship Arts</i>	Debbie Ward
POEM	<i>The Unitarian Society of Germantown</i> by Kathleen Sheeder Bonanno	Lois Murphy
OFFERTORY	<i>Song of Peace</i>   <i>Iculo Lokuthula</i> Music, Jean Sibelius; Lyrics, Lloyd Stone, arr. Gary Fry	Choir Barbara Browne, piano
THE FOURTH GIFT	<i>Empowered Leadership</i>	Andrea Parry & Jenn Leiby
MUSIC	<i>Lean on Me</i> by Bill Withers	Gary King and Raji Malik
THE FIFTH GIFT	<i>A Daily Tone of Kind, Good Cheer</i>	Mike Rogers
MUSIC	<i>Bright New Day</i> by Emily Joy Goldberg	Emily Joy Goldberg
PRESENTATION		Janet Haas
THE SIXTH GIFT	<i>Passing on a Legacy</i>	Latifah Griffin-Rogers & Others
ENDING THE STORY ~ Tom Ott		
MUSIC	<i>One Love</i> by Bob Marley, arr. Mark Brymer	Choir & Barbara Browne, piano
PASS THE PEACE		Lois Murphy

*All attending on Zoom are invited to remain for fellowship in a Breakout Room.*  
*All in person are invited to remain for the Potluck Celebration.*  
*Food will be set out in the Edna Jones Assembly Room where you can watch a slideshow of 20 Years, created by Carolyn Cotton.*  
*We ask you to please take your plate outside to enjoy and leave the few tables in the Jones Room for elders and those with limited mobility.*  
*As always, remain mindful of observing USG’s Covid-safety protocols of social distancing.*