

## BUILDING DEDICATION CEREMONY

led by Rev. Dr. David Breeden

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So many people to thank for being involved in our Capital Campaign and the construction project to refurbish this building dedicated in 1951.

If you will stand up when I call your name . . .

Thanks to Greg Giles, Chair of the Capital Campaign.

Steering Committee and Project Management Team, Allan Callander.

Phil Duran, current Board of Trustees Chair, and Mike Illes, former Board Chair.

Linnea Asp, Chair of the Fundraising Committee.

Cyndi Wong and Paul Davies—who have since moved to Hawaii but are here today—on the Fundraising Committee

We honor the memory of Susan Barton, who has passed, for all her work.

Bill Karns, chair of the Communications Team.

Marc Johnson, Chair of the Stewardship Committee.

The Project Management Team and Building and Grounds Committee—George Hutchinson. Bruce Nelson. Greg Mansfield.

And Tim Roehl, our Facilities Manager

Would everyone stand up who served on the

The Capital Campaign Steering Committee

The Fundraising Team

The Communications Team

The Project Management Team

The Foundation

The A Team–aesthetics  
The Building & Grounds Committee  
The FUS Board  
The FUS Staff

Fortunately, we've had too many donors to mention!

Would everyone stand up please and join in the responsive reading on the insert in your order of service:

Dedication (Incorporating the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism, the proposed Eighth Principle, and the Statement of Purpose of FUS in 1881)

Rev. David: To the Aspirations of First Unitarian Society

All: **We dedicate ourselves and this building.**

Rev. David: To the inherent worth and dignity of every person

All: **We dedicate ourselves and this building.**

Rev. David: To justice, equity and compassion in human relations

All: **We dedicate ourselves and this building.**

Rev. David: To acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth

All: **We dedicate ourselves and this building.**

Rev. David: To a free and responsible search for truth and meaning

All: **We dedicate ourselves and this building.**

Rev. David: To the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large

All: **We dedicate ourselves and this building.**

Rev. David: To the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all

All: **We dedicate ourselves and this building.**

Rev. David: To respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

All: **We dedicate ourselves and this building.**

Rev. David: To building a diverse multicultural community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions  
All: **We dedicate ourselves and this building.**

Rev. David: To the celebration of theological difference; to mutual helpfulness; to intellectual, religious, and moral study, and to the achievement of a just society  
All: **We dedicate ourselves and this building.**

Please be seated . . . .

The insert in your order of service contains the words of the Rev. Carl Storm at the Cornerstone Ceremony for our present building in May of 1951:

“Today we do more than we know. The future alone will disclose the depth of the deed. But what we do we do in full belief that it is worthwhile, and if we are faithful in our trust and steady in our purpose, the future will not be ashamed of our efforts.

Today we re-dedicate this building to our vision and values. Here we are a congregation built on Humanist principles. We know we *do not* stand on the shoulders of giants. We stand *with* those who have gone before, people like ourselves –flawed, opinionated, committed, dedicated.

May those who come after us know that *they* are not be standing on the shoulders of giants either. We are human beings, flawed, opinionated, committed, and dedicated.

But may those who come after us know that *we* did *our* best with what we had and what we know. We believe the human spirit can overcome human problems. This building and its people are dedicated to that task.

So may it be.