

Beloveds,

It has been such a joy to serve as your minister during the second part of 2025. I have greatly enjoyed getting to know you all and this vibrant congregation. UUCFW has so much to offer and every reason to be proud.

Something I've noticed that you are doing particularly well is responding to a rapidly changing landscape. Several times during my tenure, I have asked "Tell me about this congregation's traditions for [fill in the blank]." Without fail, the answer has been that I and/or the team I'm working with have a wide berth for doing what we think is best. This is incredible to find in congregational life. I commend you on your willingness to go with the flow. Perhaps my favorite example is my somatic nervous system regulation exercises that we've been exploring during Sunday services. I started off with some pretty far out there practices, and you were willing to give it a try. I love this about you, and I hope you retain this openness after our time together is through.

One piece of ongoing work that will be important for your future ministries is the continued process of defining and codifying your internal processes. Strong work has already been done in this area, and I know there are plans to continue. If I could ask one thing of you, is that everyone come together behind these efforts so that the leaders with the most responsibility for the process are supported and you can get it done so you can spend your leadership efforts on other things.

I am grateful for the time that we've had together, and look forward to what we will do in my remaining months with you. UUCFW is a beautiful, loving congregation, and I think any minister would be lucky to serve this congregation. You have my ongoing love and support, and will always occupy a special place in my heart.

Yours in faith,

Rev. Mandy