



# Plymouth Church

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Rev. Dr. Deborah Lindsay  
Interim Senior Minister

Rev. Matthew Bauhof  
Associate Minister

James P. Riggs  
Minister of Music & The Arts

Leslie Szalay  
Director of Christian Education

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*"My house is a house of prayer for all people." (Isaiah 56:7) • An Open and Affirming Congregation*

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October 21, 2019

Dear Members and Friends of Plymouth Church:

As we announced during worship on October 13, Rev. Dr. Deborah Lindsay will be joining us to serve as our interim senior minister during our time of transition. On behalf of all the members of our interim search committee (Cindy Chapman, Russell Lamb, Mary Powell, and Brian Shields), we can say without hesitation that we're truly delighted she has agreed to join us. Reverend Lindsay's first service will be on November 10, 2019, and between now and then, she will be working with Matt, Jim, and all the staff to prepare for her arrival and the fast-approaching holiday seasons.

With a passion for pastoral care and preaching, Reverend Lindsay brings to us a wealth of faith, experience, enthusiasm, and energy. She "semi-retired," as she would say, in 2017 after spending twelve years at First Community Church, a 4,500-member UCC congregation in Columbus. There she served as Executive Minister and before that Minister of Spiritual Care. She received her master of divinity degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in 2008 and her doctorate of ministry from New York Theological Seminary in 2014, the latter reflecting her deep interest in interfaith studies (see [https://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/faith\\_and\\_values/2014/03/28/minister-explores-bonds-muslims-christians-share.html](https://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/faith_and_values/2014/03/28/minister-explores-bonds-muslims-christians-share.html)). She was ordained in 2008 by the Central Southeast Ohio Association, Ohio Conference, UCC, having come to ministry after working nearly twenty years as a network news anchor and reporter and later a communications consultant in Dayton and Columbus.

After speaking with Reverend Lindsay several times in the search process, and with our getting to know her and her getting to know Plymouth, it's hard to say who is more excited about her arrival. We hope you will join us in welcoming her in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please feel free to address any questions you might have about Reverend Lindsay, the search process, or the transition to us, the members of the interim search committee, or our pastoral transition team (Christine Bretz, Jeannie Clarkson, Lee Makela, Janet Neary, or Tracy Williams).

Yours in faith,

Gloria Sturghill, Council President

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