

A Message from Ministerial Candidate Reverend Keir Walton who will be joining us on Sunday, August 30



Dear Beloved Vacavillians,

Grace and peace to you.

My name is Reverend Keir Walton, and I have the honor of joining you on **Sunday, August 30th**, as a candidate for the position of Senior Minister. I am grateful for the opportunity to worship with you, share a message of inspiration, and, most importantly, get to know the wonderful people who make this spiritual community so special.

As I prepare for my visit, I have been reflecting on a journey that began nearly thirty years ago. In June of 1996, I visited California for the first time during a work event and spent time in the beautiful Napa Valley. I was captivated by the natural beauty, the welcoming spirit of the region, and a sense of possibility that settled deep within my heart. During that visit, a dream was born—one that seemed almost impossible at the time. I wondered what it might be like to one day live and serve in such a remarkable place.

Life has taken me on many meaningful paths since then. Having spent most of my life in Florida, I have been blessed with opportunities to grow and nurture my own faith and to witness the transforming power of faith in people's lives. Yet that dream from so many years ago has quietly remained, reminding me that God's timing often unfolds in ways we cannot predict.

Today, I find myself seeking more than a change of scenery. I seek a spiritual home where I can help cultivate a vibrant, loving community of spiritually grounded people—individuals committed not only to their own growth but also to uplifting the neighborhoods and communities around them. I believe a healthy spiritual community becomes a beacon of hope, compassion, and possibility for everyone it touches.

Music has always held a special place in my heart and ministry. I believe music has a unique ability to open hearts, unite generations, and create sacred moments that words alone cannot express. One of my dreams is to nurture a thriving music ministry that inspires participation, celebrates diverse talents, and becomes a joyful expression of our shared faith.

Above all else, what inspires me most is seeing the joyful faces of people who have awakened to the truth that we are all inexorably linked through God. When we recognize our divine connection to one another, compassion becomes natural, service becomes joyful, and love becomes the foundation upon which we build our lives and our communities.

I am truly looking forward to meeting each of you on **August 30th**. Whether we have the opportunity to speak briefly after the service or simply share a smile across the sanctuary, I hope our time together will be one of genuine connection and mutual inspiration.

Thank you for welcoming me into your community. I look forward to worshiping with you and discovering what God may have in store for all of us.

With blessings and gratitude,

Reverend Keir Walton