

Rev. Abigail A. Henrich

Abby, as everyone calls her, grew up outside of Buffalo, New York, in a farming community named Eden (yes, Eden, and her brother's name is even Adam). The youngest of four children, some in her family believes she took to the pulpit so that she could finally be heard. She likes to disagree, although confesses she did spend a lot of time as a child trying to get her three older siblings to listen.

Abby graduated from Colgate University in 1998. While at Colgate she majored in Religion and minored in Creative Writing, played Rugby, chaired her honor society, advised incoming students, and served the broader community as a Sunday School teacher and reading tutor. Most importantly for her, she served as a student leader of the University Church, the Protestant ministry on campus. Through this leadership experience, Abby discerned her call to ministry.

After graduating from Colgate, Abby entered Princeton Theological Seminary. There she received her Masters in Divinity, but more importantly met her partner in ministry and in life, her co-pastor husband Jon Paul Sydnor. They were married after Abby's first year at Princeton. After graduating from Princeton, Abby and Jon Paul moved to the Boston area so Jon Paul could begin his PhD program in systematic theology at Boston College. Soon after, they received a call from Union Congregational Church.

Abby preached for the first time at Union Congregational Church on All Saints Day 2001. She cherishes every memory of that day and holds on firmly to the overwhelming feeling she had then of having been called to the very place she had dreamed of as a young college student. Since that time Abby and Jon Paul have enjoyed the challenges and wonder that ministry at Union Congregational Church has offered them.

Abby looks forward to many more years of serving Christ through ministry.

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