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Dear friends.

It seems that the day I have been waiting the past five and a half years for is finally arriving. I still remember meeting with my discernment committee on a monthly basis for a year, and being so nervous of their decision to decide if I was really called to ministry. I remember my first interview with the Calgary Presbytery to decide if they would accept me as a candidate, and I remember numerous other interviews over the past five years to ensure I was still on the right track. Between four years of education, interviews and practicum, it really feels like I climbed a mountain. But I was not alone on this massive journey; the support I received from my numerous mentors, congregation members of Wild Rose, St. Andrews, Foothills, Hillhurst and Parkdale, and my amazing family and friends has been overwhelming. I could not have finished any of these steps without their and your support.

As I reach the summit and start a new chapter, I hope you will join me. Join me in celebrating my ordination, and then join me in revitalizing the United Church of Canada, Parkdale, and your faith. The journey to ordination was never mine alone, and the journey to revitalize the church, Parkdale, and our faith is not your own. There is something amazing about creating and travelling with a village, so I invite you to let me be a part of your journey, and I invite you to embark on this new journey of exploring, learning and growing together. I am so excited about the future of the church, Parkdale and your faith journey! Join me on this new adventure!

Blessings,

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