

The Rev. Valerie McEntee

Rev. Valerie was ordained in the United Church of Christ on November 15th, 2008, with Night Ministry as her first call, but she had already been with Night Ministry a year at that point. Valerie first trained as a Crisis Line Counselor at the end of 2007, then accepted a fellowship as a night minister in August of 2008. When the fellowship was over at the end of 2010, Valerie told Lyle, the Night Minister at the time, "I love this and I'm not leaving, so you have to hire me." Valerie served as and Assistant Night Minister from 2011 until she was called as the Night Minister in 2018. Valerie officially started this role in September of 2018. During her Assistant Night Minister years, Valerie also worked as the Director of Christian Education at the Congregational Church of Belmont, followed by a one year CPE residency in a at Sequoia Hospital, and finally at Pathways Hospice first as a Spiritual Care Counselor and then as the Spiritual Care Department Supervisor.

What was it Valerie loved so much? 'I love the wide variety of people I get to meet. I feel so honored by the trust people place in we Night Ministers. I love to hear people's stories, ideas about God, life, and everything else, and to accompany our regulars through the seasons of their lives. I love Open Cathedral, it's my favorite way to do church. I love our CPE program and all the vitality our students bring to the ministry. I love that I never know what any given night will bring, but can count on there being just these very sacred encounters.'"