



# Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson

## ORDINATION SERVICE - 10.18.2020

### Order of Service

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Slideshow of Kimberlee's History	- Music by Rev. Erik David Carlson
Welcome to First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee - "Enter, Rejoice and Come In"	- Louise Ruspini - Performed by Jack Forbes Wilson
Welcome	- Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom
Introduction to Ordination	- Rev. Dena McPhetres
Processional - "Wake, Now, My Senses"	- Thomas J.S. Mikelson - Arranged and performed by Alissa Rhode
Greetings from the Community	
✧ Carey McDonald, Unitarian Universalist Association	
✧ Rabbi Yonason Meadows, Meriter Hospital, Madison, WI	
✧ Rev. Erik Koepnick, United Church of Christ, Queer & Allied Faith Leaders of Milwaukee	
✧ Rev. Christine Wilke, United Church of Christ, Blessed at Pridefest	
✧ Peter Beck, Unitarian Universalist Church West	
✧ Patti Fitchett, Bradford Community Church Unitarian Universalist, Kenosha, WI	
Opening Reading - "Holding the Light"	- Stuart Kestenbaum - Shared by Rev. Kim Mason
Lighting the Chalice	- Rev. Dena McPhetres
Time for All Ages - <i>The Invisible String</i>	- Patrice Karst - Shared by Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson
Blessing - "We Are Worthy"	- Elandria Williams
Musical Reflection - "Spirit of Life"	- Carolyn McDade - Performed by the FUSM Chancel Choir
Sermon - "Our Collective Power"	- Rev. Dr. Michael Tino
Musical Reflection - "Rise Up"	- Melanie DeMore
Charge to the Congregation	- Rev. Dr. Matthew Johnson
Musical Reflection - "Further to Go"	- Rev. Erik David Carlson

Act of Ordination	- Mark Bender on behalf of the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee
Charge to the Minister	- Rev. Julie Brock
Offertory Introduction	- Rev. Drew Kennedy
Offertory Music – “We Are...”	- Rev. Erik David Carlson
Collegial Welcome	- Rev. Suzelle Lynch
Laying on of Hands	- Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom
Presentation of Gifts and Stoles	- Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom, Rev. Erik David Carlson, Rev. Suzelle Lynch, Judy Tomczak
Benediction	- Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson
Extinguishing the Chalice	- Rev. Dena McPhetres
Postlude – “Woyaya”	- Amoa, Amarfio, Baily, Bedeau, Osei, Richardrdson, Tontoh - Performed by Unfolding

## Service Participants

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Alissa Rhode, Lead Music Director, First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee  
 Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom, Senior Minister, First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee  
 Rev. Dena McPhetres, Associate Minister, First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee  
 Greta Jo Seidohl, Minister of Belonging and Community Engagement, Fountain Street Church, Grand Rapids, MI  
 Carey McDonald, Executive Vice President, Unitarian Universalist Association  
 Rabbi Yonason Meadows, Staff Chaplain, ACPE Supervisor, Meriter Hospital, Madison, WI  
 Rev. Erik Koepnick, United Church of Christ, Queer & Allied Faith Leaders of Milwaukee  
 Rev. Christine Wilke, United Church of Christ, Blessed at Pridefest  
 Peter Beck, Chair of Internship Committee of Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson, Unitarian Universalist Church West, Brookfield, WI  
 Patti Fitchett, Worship Team Chair, Bradford Community Church, Unitarian Universalist, Kenosha, WI  
 Rev. Kim Mason, Minister, First Unitarian Church of St. Louis, MO  
 The Late Elandria Williams, Executive Director, People’s Hub, Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, Knoxville, TN  
 Tristan Strelitzer, Choral Director, First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee  
 Rev. Dr. Michael Tino, Minister, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Westchester, Mount Kisco, NY  
 & Lead Ministry Team, Church of the Larger Fellowship  
 Melanie DeMore, Independent Musician Extraordinaire  
 Rev. Dr. Matthew Johnson, Senior Minister, The Unitarian Church, Rockford, IL  
 Rev. Erik David Carlson, Lead Minister, Bradford Community Church Unitarian Universalist, Kenosha, WI  
 Mark Bender, President of the Board of Trustees, First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee  
 Rev. Julie Brock, Minister, Community Unitarian Universalists in Brighton, MI  
 Rev. Drew Kennedy, Minister Emeritus, First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee  
 Rev. Suzelle Lynch, Minister, Unitarian Universalist Church West, Brookfield, WI  
 Shari Wright, Office Manager & Service Technical Director, First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee  
 Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson, Minister of Religious Education, First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee

# Offering

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During today's service we are honoring Kimberlee's ordination by collecting for two causes important to our Unitarian Universalist ministry in the Living Tradition Fund and Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism.

Please visit <http://OrdainKimberlee.org/Giving> to learn more about these important funds and to make a contribution. We thank everyone for your generosity.

# Reception

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Help us celebrate Kimberlee's ordination by attending our virtual and in-person, socially-distanced receptions - visit <http://OrdainKimberlee.org> for links and directions.

# Acknowledgements

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No one becomes a minister alone, so it is with a grateful heart that I need to honor all the people who have loved me into this moment. To be in a beloved community with so many remarkable families, friends, and Unitarian Universalists on my journey in becoming a minister is an immense blessing.

I cannot possibly name all whom I am grateful for - yet I would be remiss to not name these few:

Thank you to my parents, Mark and Judy Tomczak for a doing all the invisible work that it takes to raise a child into an adult and keeping family centered in all of our lives. To my siblings, Chris & Katy Tomczak, Cassie and Jim Burcham and Kacey Carlson for your friendship and love.

To Erik, my love, co-conspirator, co-parent and partner: your love, integrity, and belief in me, our family and our faith supports me and gives me strength and hope every day. You are the wind beneath my wings.

I am also grateful to my In-laws, Jean and Larry Adams and David Carlson. Especially Jean, who has long supported religious educator women claiming their ministry.

Friends are too numerous to name but for the lifelines you offer me when I reach out to in need and joy- you know who you are, I am forever grateful for your wisdom and compassion. I will be calling soon!

My journey all began with the MUUYACM campus ministry at First Unitarian Society in Madison, Wisconsin so I have deep gratitude for that outreach ministry long ago that forever changed my life's trajectory and for the lifelong friends I met there. I also want to recognize the UU youth and young adult community, whom I was privileged to serve, conference, and grow with as a human and minister for many years. The core of my training comes from this often forgotten but transformative community.

The Unitarian Universalist Church, Rockford, IL hired me to serve in my first church congregational job and it was there that I heard my call to pursue professional ministry. Unitarian Universalist Church West in Brookfield, Wisconsin was the site of my ministerial internship and where I was first called "minister." Finally, the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee has entrusted me with the religious education of their families and is bestowing the honor of ordination. Many thanks especially to the Children's Religious Education Team, my Ordination Team, and the amazing staff at First Church!

Blessings,

