



# *Service of Installation*

The Reverend Kelly Jane Crocker &  
the Reverend Kelly Weisman Asprooth-Jackson  
Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 3 pm

First Unitarian Society of Madison  
Madison, Wisconsin  
Atrium Auditorium

# Order of Service

## SOUNDING OF THE GONG

### PRELUDE

*Hopeful*

Linda Warren, piano

Ryan Marvel

### WELCOME

Alyssa Ryanjoy, FUS Board of Trustees, President

### PROCESSIONAL & HYMN

Marshall: Rev. Andy Karlson, UW Hospital Chaplain Supervisor  
#358 • *Rank by Rank Again We Stand*

### CHALICE LIGHTING

Sam Raysbrook, Owen Crocker, & Mimi and Mordy Weisman

### INVOCATION

Rev. Carin Bringelson, Lake Country UU Church

### GREETINGS

Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim  
Rev. David Pyle, MidAmerica Region

### MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Kelly Crocker, Co-Senior Minister  
Rev. Kelly Weisman Asprooth-Jackson, Co-Senior Minister

### ANTHEM

*We Shall Be Known*

Heather Thorpe, Jennifer Yancey, Drew Collins

Karisha Longaker

### REFLECTION

Rev. Roger Bertschausen, White Bear UU Church  
Rev. Leah Ongiri, UU Fellowship of Durango

### HYMN

#1054 • *Let This Be a House of Peace*

### OFFERING

Rev. Matthew Aspin, Prairie UU Society  
Rev. Denise Cawley, UU Church West

## OFFERTORY

*What's That I Hear*

Heather Thorpe, soprano

Phil Ochs

## ACT OF INSTALLATION

*(please see the insert for the responsive reading)*

Alyssa Ryanjoy, Rev. Kelly Crocker, Rev. Kelly Weisman Asprooth-Jackson,  
& the Congregation

## CHARGE TO THE MINISTERS

Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom, First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee  
Rev. Dena McPhetres, First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee  
Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson, First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee

## ANTHEM

*Faith Is the Bird*

FUS Choir

Elizabeth Alexander (R. Tagore)

## CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Dr. Scott Prinster

## PRAYER

Rev. Emily Gage, Unity Temple UU Congregation

## ANTHEM

*Light of a Clear Blue Morning*

FUS Choir

Dolly Parton, arr. D. Collins

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

Rev. Karen Armina, James Reeb UU Congregation

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

#1064 • *Blue Boat Home*

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Kelly Crocker, Co-Senior Minister  
Rev. Kelly Weisman Asprooth-Jackson, Co-Senior Minister

## POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Linda Warren, organ

Benedetto Marcello (1686–1739)



*All are invited to a reception following the service.*

# *Act of Installation*

*(Please join us in the following responsive reading)*

## **PRESIDENT RYANJOY**

No right is more precious to a free congregation than that of choosing its own minister. By the same token, no right is more precious to a Unitarian Universalist minister than choosing the congregation they will serve. The coming together of congregation and minister assumes special significance when there is involved, as here, a great tradition of liberal leadership. It is with profound feeling, therefore, that we formally recognize the relationship now existing between the people of the First Unitarian Society of Madison and the Reverend Kelly Jane Crocker and the Reverend Kelly Weisman Asprooth-Jackson, whom we have freely chosen and who have freely chosen us. Will the members of the First Unitarian Society of Madison please rise in body or in spirit? Are you ready to install Kelly Jane Crocker and Kelly Weisman Asprooth-Jackson as our Co-Senior Ministers?

## **CONGREGATION**

We are.

## **PRESIDENT RYANJOY**

We recognize that this act symbolizes our joining together in covenant. We would have you dwell among us preaching the truth in freedom and love. We would have you educate our children and counsel our youth. We would have you minister to us in our times of joy and sorrow. We would have you set forth by your example, no less than by your precept, the principles of our free faith. We would have you call attention to the injustice and inequity in our world. We would have you lead us in a mutual quest toward greater wholeness. Are you willing to take up these obligations?

## **REV. CROCKER & REV. WEISMAN ASPROOTH-JACKSON**

We are, with your help.

## **PRESIDENT RYANJOY**

We, for our part, pledge ourselves to remember that the work of this congregation belongs to us all. Our purpose in this installation can only be realized if we, as a Society, acknowledge our partnership in this ministry and recognize our shared investment in our congregation and our world. Will you, as members of the First Unitarian Society of Madison, affirm this relationship and this commitment?

## **CONGREGATION**

We will.

*(Reading continues on the next page)*

## **PRESIDENT RYANJOY**

Having made these commitments one to the other, let us now join in the act of installation.

## **CONGREGATION**

We, the congregation of the First Unitarian Society of Madison, accepting our right and affirming your commitment and ability, do hereby install you, Kelly Jane Crocker and Kelly Weisman Asprooth-Jackson, as the Co-Senior Ministers of this Society. May your ministry be one of conscious and calling.

## **REV. CROCKER & REV. WEISMAN ASPROOTH-JACKSON**

With humility, gratitude and joy, we take up the ministry to which you have called us. We pledge ourselves to you: to the history of this congregation, to its present, and to its future. In making this promise, we rededicate ourselves to seek out new truth and old, and to share it widely and freely. We pledge ourselves anew to a love which has no limit, and requires us to do justice, practice mercy, and walk humbly upon the Earth. In so doing, we pledge ourselves once more to a work of compassion and co-creation, cooperation and companionship, in the name of all that is holy, and the service of all that lives.

## **PRESIDENT RYANJOY**

Will all who have not yet risen—colleagues, family, and friends—please rise in spirit or in body to bear witness to this act of installation?

## **ALL**

We do hereby affirm this installation and this ministry. May congregation and ministers both be blessed with strength and wisdom in the years of hard and holy work ahead.



# *Message of Gratitude from the Co-Senior Ministers*

To everyone who has joined us today in this celebration. We are humbled by your presence here and grateful that you are a part of our shared life. Through you, we see the blessing and promise of community.

To all who volunteered to help with this day. From baking and cooking to setting up and cleaning up, bringing flowers, and everything in between, you all came together to make this day a very special one. Thank you for reminding us of the beauty that is created when we come together.

To the Installation Team of Jeanne, Dorit, and Emily who lovingly picked up the mantle of planning and organizing, and considering every detail. Your love and support, your care and tending of this day, means more than we can say. Thank you for every piece of what you have accomplished. You took our vision for this day and made it real, and we are so very grateful.

To the Colleagues who joined us this day, those who participated and brought us words of encouragement, love, and vision, and all those who came to celebrate and honor the ministry we are building together. Our ministry is stronger because of you, your support which holds us, your wisdom which guides us, your love that reminds us of the power of this work we do. You give us hope and allow us to keep believing in what is possible.

To our Interim Ministers, Rev. Dr. Doug Wadkins and Rev. Roger Bertschausen. We hold the work you did in getting us to this moment as a sacred gift. We hope to live into the dreams you began in your time here, to make you proud of the ministry we share, to remind you time and again of how grateful we are for the seeds you planted, the hard days you survived, the joy that lives in this community you strengthened by your presence. May you know and hold close the deep impact you have had on us and any ministry we are blessed to build.

To the Staff of First Unitarian Society, those who see us at our best and at our worst, who walk with us on all the days, who are our partners in this ministry. You, perhaps more than anyone else, see the day-to-day life of a congregation and we are so thankful to be able to do this work with each of you. Your dedication and passion, your compassion, and great care for this place and these people inspire us every day. What a great gift it is to serve this large and lively place with you.

To the Board of Trustees, Alyssa, Ann, Creal, Emily, John, Lorna, Tom, Ava, and Finn, for your leadership and commitment to this congregation. Your dedication to supporting us and the entire FUS community in ways of integrity, truth, openness, and deep respect continues to astound us. We know we tell you all the time and we will continue to do so, and we hope you know how deeply grateful we are for you and how fortunate we know we are to have journeyed this past year with you.

To our families, who surround us with love and joy, who give us the opportunity to do this ministry well, who believe in us fiercely, who are our sounding boards and safe harbors in every storm. To our children, Sam and Owen, Mimi and Mordy, we know ministry isn't the easiest job for your parent to have and we thank you for your understanding, your love, your laughter, and abundant joy as we do this work. You remind us each day of what truly matters and our love and gratitude will be with you always.



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