



2020 Ordination Ceremony

June 6 - 2:00pm Eastern - via Zoom/YouTube

Prelude Music – (Playlist)

Ringing of Singing Bowl – Rev. Caryn Cziriak, Member of Advisory Circle

Opening Words of Welcome – Tom Legere, Ph.D., Member of School Faculty

Lighting of the Unity Candle – Rev. Brian Weis, Administrator of School

Song: *Go Light Your World* – Aaron David (Recording)

Lighting of Ordinant's Candles

- Christopher Michael Bogden
- Jennifer Aileen Flynn
- Jennifer Lyn Miller
- JoAnne Eileen Wolke

Honoring / Calling the Four Directions –

- Rev. Siobhan Comisky (Member of Advisory Circle)
- East – Rev. Joni Ben Nacef (SSM Class of 2016)
- South – Rev. Danny Ray Moore (SSM Class of 2016)
- West – Rev. Mary Taylor (SSM Class of 2006)
- North – Rev. Ray Mattern (SSM Class of 2006)

Song: *Shine* – Vienna Teng (Recording)

“Our Deepest Fear” – Line Reading by Class of 2020

Sharing by Ordinants – Class of 2020

- Christopher Michael Bogden
- Jennifer Aileen Flynn
- Jennifer Lyn Miller
- JoAnne Eileen Wolke

Rite of Ordination –

Rev. Dr. Deborah Darlington, Member of Advisory Circle

1. Purification

Rev. Brian Weis

- 2. Altar Call**
- 3. Declaration**
- 4. Tri-Fold Blessing**
- 5. Mantle**
- 6. Announcement**

Individual Blessings – Student Advisors

- Rev. Caryn Cziriak blesses Rev. Christopher Michael Bogden
- Rev. David Perkins blesses Rev. Jennifer Aileen Flynn
- Rev. Rev. Siobhan Comisky blesses Rev. Jennifer Lyn Miller
- Rev. Dr. Deborah Darlington blesses Rev. JoAnne Eileen Wolke

Blessing of New Ministers – Advisory Circle (*Line reading of Poem of Blessing for New Ministers*)

Presentation of New Ministers – Rev. Annie Marans, Member of Advisory Circle

Closing Words – Rev. Brian S. Weis

Prayer of Gratitude – Rev. Annie Marans

Benediction – Rev. Susan Manning, Member of Advisory Circle

Song: *Chanting the Names of the Divine* – Rev. Caryn Cziriak

Songsheet

"Go Light Your World"

There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
There is a Spirit who brings a fire
Ignites a candle and makes its home

Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, confused and torn
And hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way
See now your sister, she's been robbed and
lied to
Still holds a candle without a flame

So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn
And hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world

'Cause we are a family whose hearts are
blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
When we join our spirits, with all that's holy
We'll be a beacon in darker times

Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, deceived and poor
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world

Hold out your candle for all to see it

Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world

Recording: Aaron David (see Special Guests)

Music: Chris Rice

Words: Chris Rice with Rev. Brian Weis

"Shine"

In this desert land
I know some rain must fall
See where we began
We've come so far
On this harbor shore
We hear the ocean call
In our minds at war
We have so far to go

[CHORUS]

Shine with all the untold
Hold the light given unto you
Find the love to unfold
In this broken world we choose

In unending storms
We search for space to breathe
How our hearts are worn
We've come so far
In this desert
How we blossom and we cease
Tell your story now
We have so much to know

Recording: Vienna Teng

Songwriters: Glen Burtnick / Patty Smyth

Songsheet (Continued)

“The Names of the Divine”

Alaha ... Ahhhh-laaaaa-haaaa ...
Name of God in Aramiac

Allah ... Ahhhh-lahhhh ...
Name of God in Arabic

Shakti ... Shahhhhk-tee...
Divine feminine/Kundalini energy in Sanskrit

Shiva ... Sheee-vahhh ...
In Hinduism, the Female Deity of Transformation

Yahweh ... Yahhhh-wehhhh...
Name of God in Hebrew

Shekhinah ... Sheech-kheenn-nahhh ...
Feminine aspect of God in Hebrew

Mother Mary ... Mahhhh-ther Maaa-reee ...
Mother of God (Jesus) in Christian religion

Yeshua ... Yehhhh-shuuuu-wahhhh ...
Name of Jesus in Aramiac

Pachamama ... Pahh-chahh-mahhh-mahhh ...
Mother Earth, Mother Time, Mother Universe in Quechua (South America)

Buddha ... Buuuud-haaaa ...
The Awakened One (in Buddhism)

Tara ... Taahh-rahhhh ...
Female Deity of Compassion in Buddhism

Inanna ... In-ahhhh-nahhhh ...
One of the many names for the Goddess in the Middle East

Yemaya ... Yehhh-mahhhh-yahhhh ...
Orisha, or Goddess, of the living Ocean in the African Yoruba religion

Oya ... Ohhhh-yahhhh ...
Orisha of winds and violent storms, death and rebirth in Yoruba

Sat Nam ... Sahnht-Nahhnm ...
Absolute Truth/name for God in the Sikh tradition

Krishna ... Krishhhh–nahhhh ...

One of the many manifestations of The Divine in Sanskrit

Durga ... Duuurr–gahhhh ...

In Sanskrit, the mother of the universe or creatrix

Asa ... Aaah–Szaaah ...

Reference to divinity in the Norse tradition

(There are many more...)

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Special Guests

Special thanks to **Aaron David**, a singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist in Souderton, PA, for recording "Go Light Your World" with a slight lyrical change. Rev. Brian Weis introduced the change to make the song more interfaith. No other recording has the third verse recorded for this ceremony. Aaron has performed in a variety of musical projects throughout his life, ranging in genres from Pop Punk to Folk N' Roll. His most recent official EP – *Dirty, Lazy, Love* – was released in 2014 with his previous project, Aaron David & The Wise Owls. Currently, he is writing and recording two future solo releases and hoping to release them in the Autumn of 2020. You can currently find his music on Spotify, iTunes, and Amazon as well as on social media under "Aaron David and The Wise Owls" (Facebook, Instagram, etc.).

Dr. Thomas E. Legere has been a Rome-educated Catholic priest (for 23 years), and a university professor, author, and spiritual counselor for an additional 25 years. A former member of the American Psychological Association and Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, he has lectured on three continents on how to build bridges between psychology and spirituality. A recipient of the lifetime achievement honor as "Knowledge and Teaching" from Fordham University, Tom has integrated the formal study of theology, spirituality and psychology in a seamless manner. He has been a mainstay of the School of Sacred Ministries from the very beginning. <https://tomlegere.com/>