

The Ordination of
Sharon "Shajie" Dively
into the Unitarian Universalist Ministry



Monday, September 22, 2025
6:30 pm

A Joint Service of
BuxMont Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
and Unitarian Universalists of Mt. Airy

"Ministry is all that we do – Together"
Rev. Gordon B. McKeeman



GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Blessings”

Margaret Lea

by Jim Brickman

CENTERING

PROCESSIONAL

“Wake, Now, My Senses”

Jennifer Worthington

and Congregation

Melissa Egbertson, Marshall

Words by Thomas J.S. Mikelson, Music Traditional Irish,

Harmony by Carlton R. Young

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;
feel the deep power of being in all;
keep, with the web of creation your vow,
giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now, my reason, reach out to the new;
join with each pilgrim who quests for the true;
honor the beauty and wisdom of time;
suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;
voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,
praying and striving their hardship to end.

Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide;
join with all people whose rights are denied;
take not for granted a privileged place;
God's love embraces the whole human race.

Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear;
brighten my pathway with radiance here;
mingle my calling with all who will share;
work toward a planet transformed by our care.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Youtz

CHALICE LIGHTING

Linda Hansell, Deb Gausmann, and Tim Styer

Words by Rev. Monica Jacobson-Tennessen

Linda: We come today to gather together as Unitarian Universalists.

Deb: We come today to join in the spirit of love and the service of life.

Tim: We come today to be part of the stream of this living tradition.

All: In our gathering, may we be blessed.

Linda: Our shared faith is made up of the people who gather.

Deb: Our shared faith is called by the beacon of love and justice.

Tim: Our shared faith is breathed into life by the questions and the actions of the people.

All: Through our faith, may we strive to use our hearts, minds, and deeds to bring more love, justice, and truth into the world.

Linda: In the Latin hymn *Ubi Caritas*, we sing, "Where charity and love are, God is there."

Deb: In this spirit, we affirm that when we gather in love and justice, we open ourselves to Life itself.

Tim: In our opening, may we know ourselves to be blessed.

All: May we seek to serve Life, each with our own gifts and in our own ways, always doing so in love. May we know ourselves held in the Love that is always with us.

RESPONSE

"Ubi Caritas"

Margaret Lea

Music by Jacques Berthier

HONORING THE ANCESTRAL & SACRED TIME OF THE SEASON

Mandy-Lee Garofalo, Serafice Cordova and Crystal Waters

CONGREGATIONAL SONG “We Shall Be Known” Free-Range Choir
and Congregation

Words and music by Karisha Longaker

We shall be known by the company we keep
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires

We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well

It is time now, and what a time to be alive
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love

(Repeat all)

In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love

DEPTH AND SUSTINANCE

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY Mary Youtz

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“Dively Ordination” in the note line.

OFFERTORY “Breaths” Jennifer Worthington
and Congregation

Words adapted from Birago Diop, Music by Ysaye M. Barnwell

Refrain:

Listen more often to things than to beings,
listen more often to things than to beings,
'tis the Ancestor's breath
when the fire's voice is heard,
'tis the Ancestor's breath
in the voice of the waters.
Zah Whsshh Aahh Whsshh

RITUAL

ACT OF ORDINATION

Barbara Hudson and Kathy Hornberger, President & Vice-President
of BuxMont Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's Board of Trustees
Cathy McCoubrey and Anam Owili-Eger, Moderator & Assistant Moderator
of Unitarian Universalists of Mt Airy's Board of Trustees

Members of BMUUF and UUsMA: *We, the members of BuxMont Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and we, the members of Unitarian Universalists of Mt. Airy, joyfully ordain you, Sharon "Shaie" Dively, to the ministry in our covenantal tradition. May you minister devotedly with your whole self: heart, body, mind, and spirit. May you always speak the truth in freedom and love, demonstrating humility and curiosity, while embodying the courage to deepen your understanding. May you minister with Love, justice, and compassion; be a witness to the values and living tradition of our faith; hold steadfast to the tenets of Beloved Community, and be faithful in service of healing the world. We pledge to be with you in the spirit of shared ministry, offering wisdom, compassion, respect, and Love.*

Words of Affirmation: *Shaie, with joy and pride, we affirm this ordination. Many of us have witnessed, encouraged, and comforted you as you worked and prepared for this day and all the days to come. We offer you our ongoing love and support, along with our blessings upon your ministry. May your ministry nourish you and serve as a source of inspiration and healing in the world.*

BLESSING OF THE PURPLE STOLE AND THE ALTAR CLOTH

Neil Dively

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Rev. David Dubbeldam

COLLEGIAL WELCOME

Rev. David Dubbeldam

CHARGE TO THE MINISTER

Rev. Byron Tyler Coles

RETURNING TO THE SERVICE OF LIFE

CLOSING HYMN “Blue Boat Home” Jennifer Worthington
and Congregation

Words by Peter Mayer, Music by Roland Hugh Prichard,
arr. Jason Shelton

Though below me, I feel no motion
standing on these mountains and plains.
Far away from the rolling ocean
still my dry land heart can say:

I’ve been sailing all my life now,
never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder
as I ply the starry sea,
leaning over the edge in wonder,
casting questions into the deep.

Drifting here with my ship’s companions,
all we kindred pilgrim souls,
making our way by the lights of the heavens
in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves up holding me,
hail the great winds urging me on,
greet the infinite sea before me,
sing the sky my sailor’s song:

I was born upon the fathoms,
never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel,
and the earth is my blue boat home.

EXTINGUISHING THE FLAMES Rev. Sharon “Shaie” Dively

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE Rev. Sharon “Shaie” Dively

BENEDICTION Rev. Shaie Dively

POSTLUDE “Blue Boat Home,” reprise Margaret Lea

Please join us for light refreshments and Sparkling Cider

IN GRATITUDE

There are times when words are unable to fully express the deep gratitude and love that rest in one's heart. I am profoundly grateful to everyone who has gathered here today, online and in person, in body or in spirit. Family, friends, members of my home congregation, members of my internship congregation, staff, colleagues, and mentors—each of you has played a significant role in this amazing journey. You have gifted me care, encouragement, and love, supporting my formation and my ministry, inspiring me to be continually faithful to reaching beyond my current self and my current understandings. I am truly blessed. Thank you.

Thank you to all of the participants in this evening's service. Thank you for all that you gifted, for your beautiful spirits, and for all the blessings you bestowed.

Thank you to the ordination planning teams

- to Donna Spangler for gathering the team at BMUUF: Kathleen Herman, Bill Spangler, Micki Vieille, Pat Lathrop, Tracy Bleakney, Ruth Aschmann, Donna Laing, Cheryl Osburn-Adams, Barbara Hudson and Nancy Haggard.

- to Stephen Workman for gathering the team at UUsMA: Ann Arfaa, Len Reiser, Jill Salkin, Rita Fitzgerald, and Cathy McCoubrey.

If you do not see your name, it is only because the lists keep growing!

Thank you for creating such magical spaces filled with such radical hospitality, and for gifting your time and your talents!

Thank you all for making this occasion so sacred and special. Your presence and participation have made this a truly significant and memorable night. My heart is full

ABOUT THE SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Margaret Lea is the Music Director of BuxMont Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Jennifer Worthington is a member of BuxMont UU Fellowship and a hymn leader.

Melissa Egbertson is a member of BuxMont UU Fellowship.

Mary Youtz is a member of BuxMont UU Fellowship.

Linda Hansell is a member of Unitarian Universalists of Mt. Airy. Linda served as the Chair of Shaie's internship committee.

Deb Gausmann is a member of UUs of Mt. Airy. Deb served on Shaie's internship committee.

Tim Styer is a member of UUs of Mt. Airy. Tim served on Shaie's internship committee.

Mandy-Lee Garofalo is a member of BuxMont UU Fellowship.

Serafice Cordova is Shaie's sister-cuz.

Crystal Waters is Shaie's sister-cuz.

Free-Range Choir is a choir at BuxMont UU Fellowship.

Rev. Kevin W. Jagoe is the Minister of BuxMont Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Rev. McKinley Sims is the Minister of Unitarian Universalists of Mt. Airy. Rev. Kin was Shaie's Supervisor and Mentor during her internship.

Barbara Hudson is the President of the Board at BuxMont UU Fellowship.

Kathy Hornberger is the Vice-President of the Board at BuxMont UU Fellowship.

Cathy McCoubrey is the Moderator of the Board at UUs of Mt. Airy.

Anam Owili-Eger is the Assistant Moderator of the Board at UUs of Mt. Airy.

Neil Dively is Shaie's brother.

Rev. David Dubbeldam MDiv, BCC is a staff chaplain at St. Mary Rehabilitation Hospital in Langhorne, PA and the affiliated community minister at UUs of Mt. Airy. David served on Shaie's internship committee.

Rev. Byron Tyler Coles is the Transitional Lead of the Central East Region, Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)