Order of Worship

Prelude ................................................................. Deb Geiger

Procession of Faculty and Graduates

Call to Worship (Faculty & Graduates)

Faculty: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

Graduates: And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Welcome ............................................................. Travis Etling

*Hymn: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” #145 ....... Tom Eubank

Prayer in Song ....................................................... Hoot Williams

Ritual of Cairn Building ........................................ Marcia Nelson

Scripture: John 13:34-35 ......................................... Martin Melville

Message: “Sharing God’s Mercy, Embracing the Other” .... Grace Kim

Waiting Worship ..................................................... Rita Willett

The Friends’ tradition of meeting for worship asks that persons center their thoughts upon God and wait, listening in quiet. If the Spirit directs and you feel called by God to give a word for all present, please do. Open worship concludes with the Quaker custom of a hand shake with those around you.

*Hymn: “Be Thou Our Vision” #545 ...................... Carol Anne Ferlauto

*Closing Prayer ...................................................... Oscar Malande

*Benediction .......................................................... Sue Flynn

Postlude (no recessional)

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Please join us for refreshments at the ESR Center Dining Room at the rise of worship.

2017 Baccalaureate Participants

Jonathan Lee Berry ....................... New York, New York
Kristen Bowen .......................... Birmingham, Michigan
Karen A. Bradley ....................... Warrensburg, Missouri
Travis Etling ............................... Durango, Colorado
Thomas H. Eubank .......................... Richmond, Indiana
Carol Anne Ferlauto ............. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Susan T. Flynn ......................... Boston, Massachusetts
Oscar Lugusa Malande .................. Vihiga, Kenya
Martin C. Melville ...................... Centre Hall, Pennsylvania
Marcia Z. Nelson ......................... Aurora, Illinois
Rita Mary Willett ...................... Richmond, Virginia
Hubert “Hoot” Williams .... Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Ritual of Cairn Building

Cairns – piles of rocks constructed by humans, not nature – show the way to walkers in the outdoors. They communicate. They are also about community. The stones symbolize a common way and a common purpose. They can be said to bind a group of people together. That is also the root meaning of religion: to bind together.

We 2017 graduates of the Earlham School of Religion are bound together by our experiences here. We are bound to the community of those who came before us. We build right now a cairn, using stones each of us has brought from our diverse homes, to symbolically show the way and also to raise an altar to offer praise and gratitude to the God who has guided us here and continues to direct our steps.

At the end of our worship, we will each take home a stone, carrying with us a piece of the community we have built as we go forth into the world.