23 November 2025 – Order of Worship

"Worship" comes from the Old English word weordhscipe*, meaning "worthiness." In worship we lift up that which is worthy of our reflection.*

GATHERING MUSIC **Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rick Kimball, Worship Associate**

SINGING BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP **Rev. Tara Humphries**

LIGHTING THE CHALICE & COMMUNITY CANDLE Katie Sivani Gelfand

*OPENING HYMN #67 We Sing Now Together (v. 1, 3, 4)

TIME FOR ALL AGES "Stone Soup, a Retelling" **Emily C. Jones, DRE**

JOYS & SORROWS

PRAYER from "Earth Eucharist" Wendy Janzen, adapted

SUNG MEDITATION Text Rebecca Ann Parker Music Beth Norton

There is a Love holding us. There is a Love holding all that we love.
There is a Love holding all. We rest in this Love.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

READING "A Pot of Red Lentils" Peter Pereira

ANTHEM To My Old Brown Earth Pete Seeger **A2U2 Choir**

READING from *Fieldnotes From the Wilderness* Sarah Bessy

*HYMN Come to the Table of Grace (v. 1-2, screen only)

RITUAL FOR THE HARVEST Ariel Evanson-Eves, adapted

BLESSING from last week's A2U2 RE session on table blessings

*CLOSING HYMN Come to the Table of Grace (v. 3-5, screen only)

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE Sarah Bessey

*Our worship has ended… **and our service begins!***

We invite you to remain seated for a moment of silence followed by the Postlude, as we center ourselves before going back out into the world.

POSTLUDE

*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

November's **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient is **ILAP,** the **Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project**, who advances justice and equity for immigrants and their families through direct legal services, community education, and systemic advocacy (ilapmaine.org).

LARGE PRINT ORDERS OF SERVICE and **ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES** are available!

NEXT SUNDAY

30 November - "We Long for Love to Break In" *(First Sunday in Advent)* with Rev. Tara Humphries

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Coffee Hour (Sanctuary/Foyer) & **Brown Bag Brunch** (Board Room)

*"We are growing a community that transforms lives through the power of **love**."*

MISSION: At Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church, we are growing a community that transforms lives through the power of love. We celebrate diversity, encourage spiritual growth, and promote social responsibility as we travel with care on this earth. We empower our members to share their gifts to build a world of compassion, equality, and freedom.

LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation

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All-Ages Thanksgiving Sunday

Rev. Tara Humphries & Emily C. Jones, DRE

Sunday 23 November 2025 at 10am