

28 December 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 Mike Luce

SINGING BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP *The Spirit of Life is Here* by Rebeckah Sava

LIGHTING THE CHALICE *Coming Together at Year's End* by Paul Vachon

*OPENING HYMN #360, Here We Have Gathered

JOYS & SORROWS Susie Hubley

MEDITATION *The Tender Mercies of Our Lives* by Lara Cowtan

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.*

CALL TO POTPOURRI Mike Luce

POTPOURRI PART 1

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY Mike Luce

OFFERTORY

POTPOURRI PART 2

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

POTPOURRI PART 3

*CLOSING HYMN #313, O What a Piece of Work Are We

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*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

December's **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient is the **A2U2 Minister's Discretionary Fund**, which provides confidential emergency financial assistance to church members and friends. Reach out to Rev. Tara directly to learn more and to access the fund.

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

This month's **LITURGY + COVER ART** comes from A Sanctified Art LLC (sanctifiedart.org) with writing by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed, adapted and used with permission.

NEXT SUNDAY

4 January - "Fear Doesn't Stop Us" (Epiphany)
w/ Rev. Tara Humphries and Emily C. Jones

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

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

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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.



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"Potpourri"

A2U2 Worship Committee

Sunday 28 December 2025 at 10am