



September 27, 2020

*We Who Believe...*

Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church  
Founded in 1821

Celebrating Diversity, Encouraging Spiritual Growth,  
and Promoting Social Responsibility

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# Order of Service

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE BELL

**PRELUDE** *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child*  
African American Spiritual

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Your Broken Heart* Rev. Angela Herrera

**OPENING HYMN** # 347 *Gather the Spirit*

**LIGHTING THE CHALICE** Words of The Reverend Joanna Lubkin  
**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

**ANTHEM** *Ella's Song* Words and Music by Bernice Johnson Reagon

**PRAYER/MEDITATION** Words of Rev. Viola Abbitt

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

**READING** *My Ancestors Dreams* Rev. Daniel Gregoire

**HYMN** # 1008 *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place*

**REFLECTION** *We Who Believe...* Rev. Donna Dolham

**CLOSING HYMN** # 1028 *Fire of Commitment*

## BENEDICTION

## EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Please join us after the service for online [community conversation](#) (coffee hour).

- Break out group focus questions...
  - \*What is the story you want people 20 years from now to remember about our Unitarian Universalist faith? About A2U2 (Allen Ave. UU Church)
  - \*What can you do during this important time?
  - \*How do you maintain hope?

## About the authors in today's service

**Rev. Angel Herrera** has served on First Unitarian's ministry staff since 2010, and was called as our Senior Minister in September 2017.

Angela is originally from Oregon, where she was raised in a working class neighborhood in the Willamette Valley. She writes, "In that time, the UU faith of my childhood was tested against some of society's harder realities, and I developed an early passion for social justice, and a deep love for life and for people." These experiences continue to inform her ministry and theology.

"I am humanistic in the sense that I believe humans have the ultimate responsibility for what must be done in the world," she says. "I also draw inspiration from our Judeo-Christian roots. I want not just to think about God but to experience God: in relationship with other people, in prayer, in the arts and in nature. God as love, as yearning, as the stillness, peace, or power that can erupt into the world even when it seems least likely. I also accept that there are many paths to meaning and ultimacy, some very different from mine, and I honor those."

Angela holds a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard University.

Angela and her husband Carlos have two grown children, and are a bilingual, bi-cultural family. When they are not at church, they can often be found biking, hiking, running, or putting green chile on things.



**Rev. Daniel Gregoire** is the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Grafton and Upton in Grafton, MA. He loves being a guide to those on spiritual journeys and a companion to all in life transitions.

**The Reverend Viola Abbitt** is the new settled minister for CVUU, Coastal Virginia Unitarian Universalists. Viola was previously employed by the New York State Attorney General's Office, first as an Assistant Attorney General in New York City, and later as the Deputy Bureau Chief for the upstate division of the Criminal Prosecutions Bureau. There she was involved in the prosecution of cases involving securities and tax fraud, environmental crimes and public corruption. At the beginning of her legal career, Viola served as an Assistant District Attorney in Bronx County, where she prosecuted street crimes, and later as Deputy Counsel for the Borough President in the Bronx. Viola's interest in a law career arose from her sincere commitment to justice and fairness, and started when, as a teenager, saw a peaceful protester arrested by police on the streets of New York City during a demonstration protesting apartheid in South Africa.



**Rev. Joanna Lubkin** is a Unitarian Universalist minister, raised and rooted in Judaism. She serves half-time as the UU and Humanist Chaplain at Wellesley College, and is an Affiliated Community Minister at Arlington Street Church. She brings a passion for music and song-leading, preaching, social justice, pastoral care, and snuggling good dogs and cats (and her Universalist theology says they are all Good Dogs and Cats).

Her path to ordained ministry included a community organizing fellowship, a Masters in Public Administration and Nonprofit Management, and two years at Hebrew College Rabbinical School before transferring to Andover Newton Theological School to complete a Masters of Divinity. Joanna lives in Jamaica Plain. Rev. Joanna Lubkin became Minister at All Souls Church August 1, 2019.



## Today is September 27, 2020

For links to all ONLINE meetings and programs, please refer to the [Breeze Calendar](#)

### September SHARE THE PLATE

Every week, A2U2 shares a percentage of the week's non-pledge offering to a local organization whose mission and vision aligns with Unitarian Universalist Principles. This week's organization is **Greater Portland Family Promise**.

To learn more about the Greater Portland Family Promise refer to this [link](#).

### Resources

For more information about the Unitarian Universalist's racial justice and Black Lives Matter engagement. [Link here](#)

For more information about the programming offered by the BTS Center, explore their website [here](#).

Books from Skinner House (available at [uuabookstore.org](http://uuabookstore.org)):

- Mistakes and Miracles: Congregations on the Road to Multiculturalism, by Nancy Palmer Jones and Karen Lin
- Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry, edited by Mitra Rahnema
- Voices from the Margins: An Anthology of Meditations, by Jacqui James and Mark Morrison-Reed

[1966 Unitarian Universalist Ware Lecture, Martin Luther King Jr.](#)

[Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries](#)

[Eight Tools for Dismantling Systems of Supremacy](#)

### ***The creation of services takes a team!***

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