



October 11, 2020

To What Do We Attend?

Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church
Founded in 1821

Celebrating Diversity, Encouraging Spiritual Growth,
and Promoting Social Responsibility

Please visit www.A2U2.org to learn more about us!

Order of Service

OPENING MUSIC *From 11th Century Melody*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Mike Williams

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP **On Claiming this Time for Renewal*
The Rev. Gretchen Haley

OPENING HYMN # 352 *Find a Stillness*

LIGHTING THE CHALICE *Work in Commitment and Love*
Rev. Viola Abbitt

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

SOLO *The Perseids* Keith Prairie on the Hammered Dulcimer

PRAYER/MEDITATION **Slower and Slower* Mark Belletini
MUSICAL REFLECTION

READING **How To Survive an Apocalypse* Rev. Sean Dennison

HYMN # 123 *Spirit of Life*

REFLECTION *To What Do We Attend?* Rev. Donna Dolham

CLOSING HYMN # 30 *Over My Head*

BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

CLOSING MUSIC *Reprise of Spirit of Life*

- Permission obtained for streaming through SoulMatter's subscription

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

Break out group focus questions...

- ~ What are the ways you recenter on love when you feel pulled off center?
- ~ How do you make UU principles action steps in your life?
- ~ How will you spend Indigenous Peoples Day?

About the authors and resources for today's service

The Rev. Gretchen Haley is relentlessly curious about most things, especially the big stuff of theology, the magic of collaboration, and the great joy of pop culture. She has an audacious ambition for the liberal church, believing in its capacity to transform lives and our world by way of hyper-local relationships and partnerships that inspire the unleashing of courageous love. She finds solace in the trails in and around Fort Collins, Colorado, where she serves with the brilliant Rev. Sean Neil-Barron as one of the ministers of the Foothills Unitarian Church.



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.



The Rev. Mark Belletini is minister of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, Ohio. He served as chair of the Hymnbook Resources Commission, which produced the 1993 UUA hymnal, *Singing the Living Tradition*. He is the author of the 2008 UUA Meditation Manual, *Sonata for Voice and Silence: Meditations* and the pamphlet "Worship in UU Congregations," and *Nothing Gold Can Stay: The Colors of Grief* (Skinner House, 2015).



The Rev. Sean Parker Dennison is a graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry and was ordained in 2000. He has served congregations in Stockton, California; Salt Lake City, Utah; San Luis Obispo, California; McHenry, Illinois. He also considers his active social media presence a part of his ministry, including posting daily prayers on Twitter and Facebook since 2011.



Sean has served the Unitarian Universalist Association in a number of ways over the years: serving on the Accountability Group for the Justice General Assembly 2012 held in Phoenix, Arizona; chairing the Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee; serving on the UU Minister's Association nominating committee; serving on the Starr King School for the Ministry Board of Trustees and chairing its Admissions Committee; and helping found TrUUst—an organization for transgender ministers and religious professionals in the UUA.

Sean is also a father, grandfather, photographer, painter, and poet.

Today is October 11, 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 Maine Unitarian Universalist Social Action Network (MUUSAN). MUUSAN is the public voice of UU congregations across the state supporting legislative initiatives which reflect our UU values and opposing those that violate our principles. Our new minister, Rev. Dolham, has recently joined the MUUSAN Steering Committee. MUUSAN has four focus areas: Environment, Democracy in Action, Healthcare, and Racial, Native and Immigrant Justice. Here is the link for [MUUSAN](#).

UPCOMING This Week at A2U2 on Zoom!

Sunday: [zoom coffee hour & congregational conversation](#)

Tuesday: [Dawn Redwood Meditation group](#) at 10:00 am

Thursday: [Lectio Divina Meditation & Reflection Group](#) at 10:00 am

Thursday: [Community Council](#) at 6:00 pm

Thursday: [Choir Practice](#) Please Contact Dale Churchill for more information.

Friday: [Minister Drop In](#) at 9:00 am

Saturday: [Elder Salon](#) at 9:30 am

RESOURCES

The Bertha Crosley Ball Center for Compassion, [Land Acknowledgement](#)

Indigenous Peoples Day, [UUA Resource](#)

[Young Waters Protectors: A Story About Standing Rock](#), on YouTube

Abbe Museum, [Who Are the Wabanaki?](#)

ACLU Maine, Free online event Monday, Oct. 12th: [SOVEREIGNTY AND THE MAINE TRIBES: WHERE WE ARE AND WHAT COMES NEXT](#)

The creation of services takes a team!

Thank you to our Music Director, Dale Churchill and Keith Prairie for today's music

Thank you George Hixon for posting the service information for today's service and community conversation.

Thank you Alice Alexander for preparing the zoom link and hymn information.

Thank you Erica Bartlett & Katrina VanBrugh for creating the announcement for this weekend's events and service.

And Thank you to Emily Jones, DRE and Michael Williams for participating in today's online service.

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