



October 25, 2020

*Hearing the Call*

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** Tina Veilleux

**OPENING MUSIC**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *In Faith* Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe

**OPENING HYMN** \*# 1029 *Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear*

**LIGHTING THE CHALICE** *The Echo of Inner Wisdom* Soul Matters Team

**TIME FOR ALL AGES** *James Luther Adams* Jessica York (adapted)

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG RESPONSE** *At A2U2*  
Text, A2U2 Mission Statement Music, Dale Churchill

**PRAYER/MEDITATION** *\*Guide Us Gently into Appreciating and Listening*  
Rev. Rebecca C. Coppola

**MUSICAL REFLECTION**

**READING** *Words Matter* Rev. Carol Thomas Cissel

**HYMN** \*# 112 *Do You Hear*

**REFLECTION** Rev. Donna Dolham

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

**BENEDICTION** \*Words of Sarah York  
from *Lifting Our Voices, Readings in the Living Tradition*

**EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

**CLOSING MUSIC**

- 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 inspires you to work for justice?  
Who are your role models in Unitarian Universalism (now or historically)?

**About the authors and resources for today's service**

**The Rev. Sunshine J. Wolfe** is Congregational Field Staff for the Central East Region serving congregations in western Pennsylvania and across Ohio. Ghe hails originally from Indiana where ghe learned to sing, dance, and cause trouble- the social justice kind. Ghe is currently a member of TRUUsT (Transgender Religious professional Unitarian UniversalistS Together) and DRUUMM (Diverse Revolutionary Multicultural Ministries).



Sunshine is committed to helping congregations become the healthiest versions of themselves so that they can do their important work in the world.

**Jessica York** is the Director of Congregational Life. Congregational Life Staff Group is made up of the field staff of the UUA's 5 regions. Previously, she was the Co-director of Ministries and Faith Development and the Director of the Faith Development office of the Unitarian Universalist Association. A native of Birmingham, Alabama, she previously served the Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham as director of religious education for several years before joining UUA staff as the Youth Programs Director in 2007. She is an Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education trainer and has worked in public elementary schools with a focus on special needs and hearing impaired children. A former theatre stage manager, Jessica is owner of ACTING UP! and consulted with programs providing theatre arts education for children. She holds a B.A. in biology from Yale University and has done graduate work in theatre at Tulane University. Her Tapestry of Faith programs include Creating Home, Virtue Ethics and Signs of Our Faith.



**The Reverend Rebecca C. "Beckett" Coppola** was ordained to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry on 29 January 2017 by Jefferson Unitarian Church and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder, Colorado. A native New Englander, Rev. Beckett transplanted to the Front Range of Colorado to study at Naropa University in 2011. She was the Intern Minister at Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden, CO for the 2014-2015 church year, and is currently serving in a large hospital system in north-metro Denver as a Chaplain Resident. Rev. Beckett brings a lifelong pursuit of and love for spiritual practice to her ministry, and she looks forward to sharing contemplative living with all whom her ministry is destined to serve.



**Rev. Carol Thomas Cissel**, (M.S., M.Div.), is the settled minister of the UU Fellowship of Centre County in State College, PA. She is passionate about homiletics, crafting exuberant worship, travel, and small batch bourbon. Carol collects the masterworks of both Native American and First Nations Peoples, Contemporary Art Glass, and kisses from her delicious grandson Andrew.

**Sarah York** is an author, spiritual director, and retired minister.

After serving congregations as a Unitarian Universalist minister for thirty years, Sarah retired to the family farm near Asheville, NC, where she and her husband, Chuck Campbell, raised French Alpine Dairy Goats from 2008 to 2018. In 2012, she became a certified Spiritual Director, and her professional focus has shifted from parish ministry to writing and providing spiritual guidance for individuals and small groups.



# Today is October 25, 2020

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

## October 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.

## UPCOMING This Week at A2U2 on Zoom!

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

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

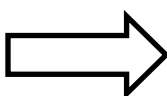
Tuesday: [Board Meeting](#) at 6:30pm

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

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

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

TODAY (10/25) AT A2U2 (onsite)



## More Resources:

[A Call from Trans. UU Professionals](#)

[We're Right Here](#)

[Diverse & Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries](#)

[The Characteristics of White Supremacy Culture](#)

[Race, Class and Other Complexities](#)

Steele, K-Fai, *A Normal Pig*, Balzer & Bray, New York, 2019. (This charming picture book celebrates all our differences while questioning the idea that there is only one way to be "normal.")

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

Thank you to our Music Director, Dale Churchill and the A2U2 Choir for today's music.

Thank you Erica Bartlett for the tech production and 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.

Thank you to Laura Burden for hosting coffee hour and John Howard for Ushering coffee hour.

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