



November 8, 2020

Safe Harbor

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Ann Packard

OPENING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP The Words of Theresa Soto

OPENING HYMN # 188 *Come, Come, Whoever You Are*
Singer: Terri Grover

LIGHTING THE CHALICE *Until "All" Means All* Rev. Erika Hewitt

TIME FOR ALL AGES Emily C. Jones

ANTHEM *Guide My Feet* Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout

PRAYER/MEDITATION * *We Are Longing* Starhawk
MUSICAL REFLECTION

READING *The Cracked Vessel* Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray
President of the Unitarian Universalist Association

HYMN * # 340 *Though Gathered Here to Celebrate*
Singer: John Howard

REFLECTION *Safe Harbor* Rev. Donna Dolham

CLOSING HYMN # 18 *What Wondrous Love*
Singer: Chris Malcolm

BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

CLOSING MUSIC

*Permission obtained for streaming through Soul Matter's subscription

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

- Break out group focus questions...

What is your safe harbor? (within or outside of A2U2)

When did you realize that A2U2 (or any community) had room for your beliefs?

Where do you feel you belong?

What are 3 questions based in curiosity that you can ask someone with an opposing view that will help you understand their values?

About the authors and resources for today's service

The Rev. Theresa I. Soto is the newly called senior minister of First Unitarian Church of Oakland, California, and the author of *Spilling the Light: Meditations on Hope and Resilience* (Skinner House, 2019). Rev. Theresa describes their calling this way:

I've wanted to be a minister since I was four years old. How grateful I am that dreams do come true! I love Unitarian Universalism for all the ways it makes more justice and more beauty in the world.

Of course, it's not a perfect movement, but it turns out that neither the movement nor its people have to be perfect to be awesome.

<https://www.theresalovesyou.com/>



Erika Hewitt is the UUA's Minister of Worship Arts and Editor of Braver/Wiser, a weekly spirituality series. In addition to serving the UUA, Erika also serves as a wedding officiant in Maine. It's a lot of ministries to keep track of, but she does it with playfulness, grit, and a hotline to Spirit.

Together with Becky Brooks, Erika is the author of Sparks of Wonder, a theme-based ministry resource.

Starhawk is an author, activist, permaculture designer and teacher, and a prominent voice in modern earth-based spirituality and ecofeminism. She is the author or co-author of thirteen books, including *The Spiral Dance: A Rebirth of the Ancient Religion of the Great Goddess* and the ecotopian novel *The Fifth Sacred Thing*, and its sequel *City of Refuge*.

Her most recent non-fiction book is *The Empowerment Manual: A Guide for Collaborative Groups*, on group dynamics, power, conflict and communications.



The Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray began her six-year term as president of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) in June 2017. As president of the Association, she is responsible for administering staff and programs that serve its more than 1,000 member congregations. She also acts as principal spokesperson and minister-at-large for the UUA. Susan brings a strong focus on mission and strategic planning to her leadership at the UUA as it works to dismantle systems of white supremacy.

Today is November 8, 2020

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

NOVEMBER 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 Adaptive Sports and Recreation.

To read more about this organization: [link](#)

UPCOMING This Week at A2U2 on Zoom!

Sunday: [Zoom coffee hour and conversation](#) at 10:45 am

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

Tuesday: [Worship Committee](#) at 7:00 pm

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

ADDITIONAL WEB RESOURCES

To read more about Jill Suttie, go to [Greater Good Magazine](#)

Journal of Humanistic Psychology, [Sources of Meaning](#)

[Central Synagogue link](#)

[Essential Partners, Bold Explorations in Community](#)

Readings to prepare for the conversation on [Cultural Appropriation](#) & the [Day of the Dead](#)

This congregational conversation will be facilitated with the Rev. Donna Dolham, watch for the zoom link with day and time in the eblast.

BOOKS

Palmer, J. Parker, *Healing the Heart of Democracy*, The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit, Jossey-Bass, A Wiley Brand, 2011.

Harris, Mark W., *Historical Dictionary of Unitarian Universalism (Historical Dictionaries of Religions, Philosophies, and Movements Series)*, Scarecrow Press. Kindle Edition, 2004.

The creation of services takes a team!

Thank you to our Music Director, Dale Churchill.

Thank you to our singers, Terri Grover, John Howard, and Chris Malcolm.

Thank you Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Music & Worship Arts at First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI and UU the Vote for today's Anthem.

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 weekends events and service.

Thank you to our ushers, John Howard and Kathy Gulrich.

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