



November 22, 2020

*Time of Healing*

Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church  
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Celebrating Diversity, Encouraging Spiritual Growth,  
and Promoting Social Responsibility

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# Order of Service

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Troy Moon

**OPENING MUSIC**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** \**The Church Has Left The Building* Rev. Margaret Weis  
Adapted

**OPENING HYMN** \*# 15 *The Lone, Wild Bird*

**LIGHTING THE CHALICE** \* *Light the Candle* Jess Reynolds  
Adapted for length

**TIME FOR ALL AGES** *How to Catch a Firefly* Emily C. Jones

**PRAYER/MEDITATION** \*\**Give Up the Fight (Breathe)* Rev. Gretchen Haley  
Music: Christopher Watkins Lamb

**READING** \*602 *If There Is To Be Peace*

**HYMN** \*# 16 *'Tis a Gift To Be Simple*

**REFLECTION** *Time of Healing* Rev. Donna Dolham

**CLOSING HYMN** \*# 12 *O Life that Maketh All Things New*

**BENEDICTION** \*\*Words of Sean Dennison

**EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

**CLOSING MUSIC**

\*Permission obtained for streaming through Soul Matter's subscription, UUA in streaming services, or public domain status.

\*\*Permission obtained from the Rev. Sean Dennison on 11/16/2020 via Facebook message to Rev. Donna Dolham, *Breaking and Blessing*, available through [inSpirit Books](#).

Please join us after the service for online (coffee hour) at 10:45.

- Break out group focus questions...

What intension/prayer do you carry with you?

Where do you see opportunities for connecting to joy and simplicity as a path to renewal?

How do you see A2U2 connecting beyond walls to do the work of Unitarian Universalism?

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

**Rev. Margaret Weis** is called to a ministry that is both pastoral and prophetic, where people are called to nurture themselves and each other, seek deeper understanding, and heal the world. Rev. Margaret began her ministry at First Unitarian Society of Ithaca in August of 2017. Prior to her ministry in Ithaca, Rev. Margaret served as the Developmental Minister at Bell Street Chapel in Providence, Rhode Island. Rev. Margaret has also served as the Ministerial Intern at First Parish of Watertown, Massachusetts, and as a Chaplain Resident at Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut. Rev. Margaret is a graduate of Andover Newton Theological School, University of Massachusetts at Boston, and Springfield College.

Rev. Margaret was raised in the Unitarian Universalist church in North Andover, Massachusetts. Rev. Margaret and her wife, Susan, live in Freeville, New York with their rescue dog, Checkers.



**Jess Reynolds** is a Sacramento-based writer who has been involved in their local congregation, the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento, since they moved to the West Coast in 2015. Outside of writing, they enjoy choral singing, rock climbing, and swing dancing.

**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 November 22, 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](#)

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

[Jewish Virtual Library Link](#)

### **BOOKS**

*Breaking and Blessing*, available through [inSpirit Books](#).

*Love Like Thunder*, available through [inSpirit Books](#).

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

Thank you to our Music Director, Dale Churchill, and singers, Amy Murphey, John Howard, and Mike Luce on the flute!

Thank you John Howard for editing the hymns for this week's service.

Thank you to Troy Moon and Emily C. Jones for assisting with this week's service.

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.

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