



January 24, 2021

*Imagination Required*

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, President of the Board of Trustees

**OPENING MUSIC** *This Little Light of Mine* African American Spiritual Dale Churchill

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *\*Call to Worship and Action, adapted* Rev. Sharon Wylie

**INTROIT** *\*\*\*Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing* Stanford Talisman Alumna Virtual Choir

**LIGHTING THE CHALICE** *\*For the Freedom of Faith* Rev. Heather Janules  
Saraj Goldberg, UU Church of Little Rock, AR

**OPENING HYMN** *\*# 95 There is More Love Somewhere* Singer: Michael Crosby

**TIME FOR ALL AGES** *\*\*White Flour* [David LaMotte](#)

**ANTHEM** *\*I Know This Rose Will Open* Mary E. Grigolia  
Dale Churchill & The A2U2 Choir

**PRAYER/MEDITATION**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** Dale Churchill

**READING** *Excerpts from Inaugural Poet Laureates: Maya Angelou, Elizabeth Alexander, Miller Williams, Richard Blanco and Amanda Gorman*

**HYMN** *\*153, Oh I Woke Up This Morning* Singer: John Howard

**REFLECTION** *Imagination Required* Rev. Donna Dolham

**CLOSING HYMN** *\*# 1018 Come And Go With Me* Singer: Chris Malcolm

**BENEDICTION** Words of Amanda Gorman

**EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

**CLOSING MUSIC** *Impromptu* Dale Churchill

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\*\*\*Permission obtained for use by UU congregations for online worship by Rev. Sara LaWall.

A donation request for donations in lieu of payment to Talisman for use, to a Black led organization or those doing anti-racist work. Here are a few suggestions:

[Bail Funds](#)

[Southern Poverty Law Center](#)

[Black Arts Future Fund](#)

[Black Lives UU](#)

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

- Break out group focus questions...

\*Share a memory from your first public event. What did that teach you about the world?

\*What is the invitation that we are not seeing in this moment?

\*What would change look like for you? What are the changes in the way church is being done that you would like to see continue?

## About the resources for today's service

**Rev. Heather Janules** came to Unitarian Universalism from another tradition. Raised in a nominally Catholic family in New Hampshire, she discovered UUism at the Arlington Street Church in Boston in 1994 and was amazed to find a church that truly reflected her values and spirituality.

After student ministries in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin and receiving a Master of Divinity degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School in 2005, she served Cedar Lane UU Church in Bethesda, Maryland as the Associate Minister for ten years. She was delighted to receive a call to serve the Winchester Unitarian Society; our journey together began in August of 2015.



**Rev. Sharon Wylie** is the called and settled spiritual leader of the congregation. As a full-time religious professional, she provides expertise, oversight, and guidance. She leads worship most Sundays, and is here for you to help in times of crisis and struggle, to provide a listening ear and a helping hand.

She says, "participating in religious community is an act of resistance in a culture that pushes us into disconnection and isolation. Our Unitarian Universalist vision is healing and transformative: a world where love and justice are the central, guiding forces.

To Read More about the poets in today's reading:

[Maya Angelou](#)  
[Elizabeth Alexander](#)  
[Miller Williams](#)  
[Richard Blanco](#)  
[Amanda Gorman](#)

We are [Stanford Talisman](#), a group of singers on Stanford's campus who since our origins have sung music stemming from Black liberation struggles across the world. Our alumni and current group came together to create a virtual choir of Lift Every Voice and Sing, the Black National Anthem in America. We've also been raising funds for organizations contributing to the movement for Black lives in America. You check out [pb-resources.com](#) for a list of further resources compiled by Alexis Williams, a 19-year-old Computer Science major at New York University. She is an African American and Latina coder committed to seeing change through action. Her website is a comprehensive source featuring educational resources, petitions to sign, a list of organizations seeking donations, and more.

**Rev. Mary Gregolia**, currently serves as minister of Oberlin UU Fellowship. Before returning to minister at Oberlin UU (in 2011), she served a large congregation in Durham, NC (2001-2008), a start-up urban ministry in Cleveland (1995-2001), a new congregation in Strongsville (now in North Royalton) (1992-1995). I was Oberlin's first minister (1994-2001). I started at 1/10th time and graduated to 1/4 time!



Today is January 24, 2021

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

December's **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient for January is the [Portland Area Villages](#) whose mission is to provide support and empower seniors who wish to remain living in their homes as long as possible. Volunteers provide services, social connection, and activities for members.

### **ADDITIONAL ONLINE RESOURCES**

#### **30 Days of Love, UU**

*Thirty Days of Love* is our annual celebration that runs approximately from Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in January through Valentine's Day in February. It is an opportunity to lift up the ways Unitarian Universalists and many of our partner organizations are building and organizing by taking bold, courageous action for intersectional racial justice.

#### **Widening the Circle**

At a gathering convened by Unitarian Universalist Association co-presidents Rev. Sofia Betancourt, Rev. William Sinkford, and Dr. Leon Spencer in Atlanta in 2017, Unitarian Universalist leaders of color were asked to share their insights into how the Association could continue moving forward in the midst of another racially charged moment. (please go the link to read more).

#### **The 8th Principle, UU**



**Essential Partners** Building Community strengthened by differences, connected by trust.

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

Thank you to our Music Director, Dale Churchill, and hymn singers, Michael Crosby, John Howard and Chris Malcolm! And, thank you to the A2U2 Choir!

Thank you Howard for editing the music for 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 week's events and service. I love what Cornel West says: "Justice is what love looks like in public." That might be a good starting place.

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