



February 28, 2021

Roots and Wings

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

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Ann Packard, Clerk of the Board of Trustees

OPENING MUSIC *Impromptu* Dale Churchill

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP **Why Community? To Remember...* Pamela Rumancik

LIGHTING THE CHALICE **When Strangers Meet...* Fulgence Ndagijimana
Tim Vogal and Peter Reed

OPENING HYMN **# 118 This Little Light of Mine* Singer: Amy Murphy

TIME FOR ALL AGES *The Huddle* Emily C. Jones

PRAYER/MEDITATION **History's Road* Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley & Clyde Grubbs

MUSICAL MEDITATION **Circle Round for Freedom* Dr. Glen Tomas Rideout

LIVE JOYS and SORROWS

READING FOR THE LIVE SERVICE ***Reflections on Beloved Community*
Zr. Alex Kapitan & Rev. Mykal Slack

READING FOR RECORDED SERVICE **All of Us Need All of Us to Make It*
Rev. Theresa Soto

HYMN **Meditation on Breathing* UU Church of South Hills

REFLECTION *Roots and Wings* Rev. Donna Dolham

CLOSING HYMN **# 151 I Wish I Knew How* Singer: Chris Malcolm
Words and Music: Billy Taylor and Dick Dallas, arr. By Mary Allen Walden

BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

CLOSING MUSIC *Prelude In C J.S. Bach* Dale Churchill

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

- Break out group focus questions...

What are the historical moments that inspire you to work with others?

Describe a time when you experienced a moment that broadened the scope of your understanding?

What is there in or about Unitarian Universalism that continues to inspire you?

How has Allen Avenue offered you or your family grounding in your life? In the last year?

What kind of agreements/covenant help you feel invited to participate in the A2U2 community?

About the resources for today's service

Rev. Pam Rumancik is a white, cisgender, queer woman currently serving the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale, Illinois. Coming from working class roots, Pam has run a home childcare business, a restaurant in Estes Park, Colorado, spent a year as a food cart carnie at Bluegrass music festivals, and until attending seminary, was a house painter. She's passionate about finding ways to communicate across cultural and theological divides that honor the essential truth of each person involved without devolving to the lowest common denominator.



Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana, minister of the Assembly of Unitarian Christians of Burundi, first discovered Unitarianism online while he was training to become a Dominican priest. He and four other people then started a Unitarian congregation in his Ndagijimana's home; the congregation has since grown to sixty people!

Prior to her appointment as the Adult Programs Director for the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), **Rev. Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley** served congregations in New York City and Austin, Texas. She is a contributing author of *Essex Conversations* and *Weaving the Fabric of Diversity*. (1949 - 2006)



The Rev. Dr. Clyde Grubbs is a Unitarian Universalist minister who served congregations in Indiana, Quebec, Massachusetts, Texas, Florida, and California. He is presently serving as Minister at Large of the Tuckerman Creative Ministries for Justice and Healing. Clyde honors his Native American heritage (Texas Cherokee) which informs his spiritual understanding and practice, and his anti-racist and anti-oppressive commitment. He has worked for peace, justice, and equality since he was in the Unitarian Universalist youth movement, Liberal Religious Youth.



Zr. Alex Kapitan is a lay community minister, organizer, educator, and editor. Ze is a co-leader of the Transforming Hearts Collective and the founder of [Radical Copyeditor](#).



Rev. Mykal O'Neal Slack is the Community Minister for Worship & Spiritual Care for Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism, an organization and growing spiritual community that provides support, resources, and care for Black UUs across the diaspora. He is also one of the co-founders of the Transforming Hearts Collective, an organizing ministry that helps to both co-create spaces of healing and spiritual resiliency for queer and trans/nonbinary folks and resource congregations in the work of radical welcome and culture shift.

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. Megan Foley serves as Regional Lead for the Central East Region staff. Before joining regional staff she served for six years as the minister of the Sugarloaf Congregation of Unitarian Universalists in Germantown, Maryland.

Today is February 28, 2021

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

A2U2 SHARE THE PLATE

The Share the Plate recipient for February is the [Ecology School in Saco](#). The Ecology School transforms how people think about science, food, the environment, and themselves through joyful, hands-on learning for all ages.

UPCOMING This Week at A2U2 on Zoom!

Sunday: [worship & coffee & conversation](#)

Monday: [Building & Grounds](#) at 9:30am

Monday: [Monday Morning SEG](#) at 9:30am

Monday: [Monday Afternoon SEG](#) at 12:30pm

Monday: [Monday Evening SEG](#) at 7:15pm

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

Tuesday: [Tuesday Afternoon SEG](#) at 2pm

Wednesday: [Wednesday Evening SEG](#) at 6:30pm

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

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

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

Friday: [Agility Team](#) at 10am

Friday: [Women's SEG](#) at 6:30pm

Additional Resources:

[Unitarian Universalist History and Heritage Society](#)

Race and Equality: Three Voices. March 2, 16th and 30th. This seminar facilitated by Dustin Ward, a pastor, racial equality and reconciliation advocate, is being offered by Prince Memorial Library in Cumberland. To register, please e-mail Elizabeth Manning at emanning@comberlandmaine.com.

The creation of services takes a team!

Thank you to our Music Director, Dale Churchill, and hymn singers, Amy Murphy and Chris Malcolm.

Thank you to the A2U2 Choir!

Thank you Joe Seale 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, the "what's up at A2U2, hymn slides and providing tech for today's service.

Thank you to our ushers: George Hixon and Kathy Gulrich

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

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