



March 14, 2021

Nurturing Beloved Community

Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church
Founded in 1821

Celebrating Diversity, Encouraging Spiritual Growth,
and Promoting Social Responsibility

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Order of Service

- GATHERING MUSIC** Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music
- WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Tim Vogel Chair of the Stewardship Committee
- OPENING MUSIC** *Ringing Bells Opus 54, No. 6* Edward Grieg Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music
- RINGING OF THE BELL**
- INTROIT** *Voice Still and Small* John Corrado Singer: John Howard
- CALL TO WORSHIP** **This Promise We Make* Rev. Gretchen Haley
- OPENING HYMN** **# 34 Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire* Singer: Chris Malcolm
- LIGHTING THE CHALICE** **Words of the Rev. Cynthia Landrum*
- TIME FOR ALL AGES** *Sustaining the Tree of Life* Lyn Gardner
As told by Emily C. Jones, DRE & Ella Jones
- ANTHEM** **What Gift Can We Bring* Lyn Marshall A₂U₂ Choir
- PRAYER/MEDITATION** **The Breath of Life is Not Mine Alone* Rev. Kristen L. Harper
- MUSICAL MEDITATION** **Dona Nobis Pacem* Philip A. Porter A₂U₂ Choir
- LIVE JOYS and SORROWS**
[Because of the private nature, joys and sorrows are not recorded for YouTube]
- HYMN** **# 1002 Comfort Me* Mimi Bornstein Singer: Dave Juers
- TESTIMONIAL** Joan Martay
- READING FOR THE LIVE SERVICE** **The Struggle Continues* Rev. Israel Buffardi
Read by Rick Kimball
- TESTIMONIAL** Jessie Goodwin
- MUSICAL RESPONSE** **Shine on Me* Melanie DeMore
- REFLECTION** *Nurturing Beloved Community* Rev. Donna Dolham
- CLOSING HYMN** **# 305 De Colores* David Arkin Singer: Terri Grover
- BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**
- CLOSING MUSIC** *Air* Jean Baptiste Lully Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music

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Please join us following the service for a special coffee hour sponsored by the Stewardship Committee

About the resources for today's service

The Rev. Gretchen Haley is relentlessly curious about most things, especially the big stuff of theology, the magic of collaboration, and the great joy of pop culture. She has an audacious ambition for the liberal church, believing in its capacity to transform lives and our world by way of hyper-local relationships and partnerships that inspire the unleashing of courageous love. She finds solace in the trails in and around Fort Collins, Colorado, where she serves with the brilliant Rev. Sean Neil-Barron as one of the ministers of the Foothills Unitarian Church.



The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum is the minister of the Universalist Unitarian (UU) Church of East Liberty in Clarklake, Michigan. She blogs at [Rev. Cyn](#).

In 2015, Cindy self-published a coloring book (for ALL ages) of her UU doodle designs. *Filling the Chalice* is \$12 and is available from inSpirit.

The Rev. Dr. Kristen L. Harper, senior minister of the Unitarian Church of Barnstable, Massachusetts, was the second woman of African descent called to a Unitarian Universalist (UU) church through the UUA settlement process. She is a contributor to *Voices from the Margins: An Anthology of Meditations*, edited by Jacqui James and Mark D. Morrison-Reed (Skinner House, 2012).



Rev. Israel Buffardi (he/him) is the settled minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster, Pennsylvania and has previously served UU congregations in Oregon, Maine, and Massachusetts. He is especially interested in dinner worship and other embodied forms of ritual. Rev. Buffardi served Allen Avenue UU Church as it's intern (student minister) from 2016—2017.

Melanie DeMore: Born in the Bronx, raised in Anchorage, folks moved all five kids to San Antonio, finished school, got out of Texas, kinda got off on being the only Black folk singer in Taos, N.M, then decided to get back into the mix, took all her stuff and moved to Oakland where she's been for the last 21 years. For more information about Melanie's music, go to her [website](#).



Today is March 14, 2021

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

SHARE THE PLATE FOR MARCH 2021

Our Share the Plate for March is Opportunity Alliance. The Opportunity Alliance works with people to build better lives and stronger communities. They provide advocacy, leadership, and support to identify the goals and address the needs of individuals, families, and communities. You can learn more about the Opportunity Alliance [here](#):

UPCOMING This Week at A2U2 on Zoom!

Sunday: [Worship & Coffee & Conversation](#) at 10am
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
Tuesday: [Story time with Rev. Donna & Emily](#) at 4pm
Tuesday: [Executive Committee Meeting](#) at 6:30pm
Wednesday: [Wednesday Evening SEG](#) at 6:30pm
Wednesday: [Social Action Committee](#) at 6pm
Thursday: [Lectio Divina Meditation & Reflection Group](#) at 10am
Thursday: [Finance Committee](#) at 6:30pm
Thursday: [Choir Practice](#) Please Contact Dale Churchill for more information.
Friday: [Minister Drop In](#) at 9am
Friday: [Agility Team](#) at 10am
Saturday: [Elder Salon](#) at 9:30am
Saturday: [Circle Dinner](#) at 6pm

The creation of services takes a team!

Thank you to our Music Director, Dale Churchill, and singers, John Howard, Chris Malcolm, Dave Juers, and Terri Grover. Thank you to the A2U2 Choir!

Thank you Joe Seale and John Howard for editing the music for our services.

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: Keith Prairie and Emily C. Jones.

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

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