



March 21, 2021

*To What Do We Commit?*

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

Terri Grover

Stewardship Committee

(Membership Committee & Choir Member)

## OPENING MUSIC *Come Sunday*

Duke Ellington

Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music

## RINGING OF THE BELL

**INTROIT** *Building Bridges* The women of Greenham Common peace occupation in England  
A<sub>2</sub>U<sub>2</sub> Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *\*Where We Commit...* Rev. Karen G. Johnston

**TESTIMONIAL** Connie Cross

**OPENING HYMN** *\*# 123 Spirit of Life*

Singer: Amy Murphy

**LIGHTING THE CHALICE** *\*Prayer for Living in the Tension* Josheph Cherry David Wilcock

**TIME FOR ALL AGES** *Jaycie and the Crab*

Emily C. Jones, DRE

**ANTHEM** *\*Circle of Song* Tony Turner

A<sub>2</sub>U<sub>2</sub> Choir

**TESTIMONIAL** Noel Genova & John Burdick

**PRAYER/MEDITATION** **\*\***Words of Rev. Joanna Lubkin, adapted with permission

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** **\*\****Carry the Flame* Rev. Dan Schatz

## LIVE JOYS and SORROWS

[Because of the private nature, joys and sorrows are not recorded for YouTube]

**READING FOR THE LIVE SERVICE** *\*Preval: an etymology* Rev. Theresa Soto

**HYMN # 318** *We Would Be One*

Nancy Cunningham

**REFLECTION** *To What Do We Commit?*

Rev. Donna Dolham

**CLOSING HYMN** *\*# 208 Every Time I Fell the Spirit*

Singer: John Howard

## BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

**CLOSING MUSIC** *Ballad Without Words*

Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music

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Break Out Room Questions:

\*Where are you finding joy?

\*What values, has this pandemic, uprising and movement building made apparent to you?

\*What do you want to create more of in the world?

\*What helps you discern where to commit your resources, financial/energy?

## About the resources for today's service

**Rev. Karen G. Johnston** is the settled minister at The Unitarian Society in East Brunswick, NJ. Before becoming a minister, she spent 20+ years as a clinical social worker. Buddhist meditation and befriending death practices sustain her, as does her delightful dog, Vera, and a blessed abundance of other beings in her life.

Rev. Karen G. Johnston also facilitates ClimateSpirit in Central New Jersey.



**Rev. Joe Cherry** currently serves the Unitarian Universalist Society of Cleveland.

Educated at the [University of Illinois](#) in Chicago and the [Meadville Lombard Theological School](#), Rev. Joe's life-long love for history informs his ministry, but he is not trapped in the past. Rev. Joe is a committed believer in collaborative effort and has worked with interfaith programs wherever he has served. In Cleveland, he has worked with [Greater Cleveland Congregations](#), [Faith in Public Life](#), the MetroHealth system, Cleveland Clinic, and Preterm. Rev. Joe is also involved in trying to launch a Cuyahoga chapter of [Silent Witness](#), an advocacy and educational program raising up the crisis of Intimate Partner Violence.



**Rev. Joanna Lubkin** is the Unitarian Universalist Chaplain at Wellesley College, an affiliated community minister at Arlington Street Church, and a musician at The Sanctuary Boston. She studied at Hebrew College Rabbinical School before finishing her Masters of Divinity at Andover Newton Theological School. Prior to ministry, Joanna earned a Masters in Public Administration and Nonprofit Management at Clark University and trained as a community organizer with JOIN for Justice. Her passions include singing harmonies, the spirituality of living with chronic illness, and perusing independent bookstores. She lives in Jamaica Plain, MA.



**The Rev. Dan Schatz** serves as minister of the BuxMont Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Warrington, Pennsylvania. A folk musician and songwriter, his work on *Singing through the Hard Times—A Tribute to Utah Phillips* was nominated for a Grammy award. His most recent album is *The Song and the Sigh* (Thirty-six String Music, 2010).



**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).



Today is March 21, 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  
**Sunday:** [New UU Class](#) at 2pm  
**Sunday:** [Stewardship Cottage Meeting](#) at 2pm  
**Monday:** [Knitting Ministry](#) at 2:30am  
**Monday:** [Usher Meeting](#) at 5pm  
**Tuesday:** [Dawn Redwood Meditation group](#) at 10am  
**Tuesday:** [Story time with Rev. Donna & Emily](#) at 4pm  
**Tuesday:** [Board Meeting](#) at 6:30pm  
**Tuesday:** [Worship Committee](#) at 6:30pm  
**Wednesday:** [Social Action Committee](#) at 6pm  
**Thursday:** [Lectio Divina Meditation & Reflection Group](#) at 10am  
**Thursday:** [JYG](#) at 6pm  
**Thursday:** [SYG](#) at 7:05pm  
**Thursday:** [Choir Practice](#) Please Contact Dale Churchill for more information.  
**Friday:** [Minister Drop In](#) at 9am  
**Saturday:** [Men's Group](#) at 8am

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

Thank you to our Music Director, Dale Churchill, and singers, John Howard, Chris Malcolm, Amy Murphy. 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: Beth Roddy 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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