



October 10, 2021

*Decolonizing:
A Call for Sovereignty to Maine Tribes*

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 Carey Rasco (9am) & Ann Packard (11am)
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RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP **This is Our Home, But Not Just Ours* Rev. Laura Bogle

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Meret Bainbridge

INTROIT

Friends Elton John John Howard soloist (9am)
Jazz Alleluia Thomas Benjamin Members of the A2U2 Choir & Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music (11am)

LIGHTING THE CHALICE **Words of Joy Harjo*
from the book, *How We Became Human: New and Selected poems.*

TIME FOR ALL AGES ***The River to Which I Belong ~ The Story of Chief Polin*
As researched by Lisa and Cassandra Brooks & retold by Michael Shaughnessy, A2U2 Member &
Pres. of the Presumpscot River

9am: Children Leave for Religious Education

PRAYER/MEDITATION **A Web of Holy Relationships* Rev. Lyn Cox

JOYS & SORROWS

ANTHEM *Open My Heart* Henry S. Flurry Members of the A2U2 Choir

READING **Indigenous Peoples' Day* Rev. Karen Scrivo

REFLECTION *A Call for Sovereignty of Maine Tribes* Meret Bainbridge

OFFERING & MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Hand Drum ~ Diane Whitmore & Piano ~ Dale Churchill, Director Of Music

REFLECTION *Collective Liberation* Rev. Donna Dolham

MUSICAL MEDITATION *A Wabanaki Song*

Hand Drum ~ Diane Whitmore & Piano ~ Dale Churchill, Director of Music

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE *For All That Is Our Lives* Patrick L. Rickey Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music

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About the authors for today's service

Rev. Laura Bogle began serving as part-time consulting minister with Foothills UU Fellowship in October 2012, and was ordained by the congregation in August 2013. In the Spring of 2018 the congregation voted to call her as their settled minister. Laura continues to serve in a 3/4 time capacity.

Laura's central metaphor for ministry is gardening - together we plant seeds of Love and nurture them as best we can so that we and future generations may have a harvest of love and health and wholeness.

Laura lives with her spouse Katie and their young daughters.



As a poet, activist, and musician, **Joy Harjo's** work has won countless awards. Most recently, Harjo became the first Native American United States Poet Laureate in history. In addition to her many books of poetry, she wrote two books for young audiences and released five award-winning albums. A member of the Muscogee Creek Nation, Harjo's creations are often inspired by Native American stories, languages and myths. To learn more about Joy Harjo, go to [Women History](#) education and resources.

For more information about Lisa Brooks, please visit [the Amherst Website](#)



To learn about Cassandra Brooks, please visit her [web-site](#).



As an undergraduate at the University of Maryland at College Park, the **Rev. Lyn Cox** studied journalism with a concentration in public relations. This was also the time when Rev. Cox began practicing earth-centered spirituality. Some of her Pagan friends were also Unitarian Universalists. She remembered their descriptions of Unitarian Universalism a few years later when she was ready to seek out a congregation. She describes herself this way: "On a personal level, I live in Baltimore with my two partners, our two children, and our two cats. I have amateur interests in crafting, gardening, dinosaurs, and fitness walking. I enjoy reading UU history, poetry, science fiction, and popular science. We are an interfaith household. We emphasize Judaism in our children's religious upbringing, although the children have been to Unitarian Universalist congregations a few times and are fond of "Meditation on Breathing." My children enjoy music, active play, and books. In our family, we encourage each other so that every person, young or old, is able to develop our gifts and our sense of responsibility to bless the world.

Rev. Karen Lee Scrivo, a longtime UUSJ member, is a community minister affiliated with Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church in Adelphi, MD.



De-Colonizing - A Call for Sovereignty for Maine Tribes

A Service for Indigenous Peoples' Day, Oct 10, 2021, Allen Avenue UU Church, Portland, ME

Below are links to sources that were used for this service, and to resources for further reading.

Land acknowledgement

About Land Acknowledgements, their purpose and format:

[Guide to Indigenous Land and Territorial Acknowledgements for Cultural Institutions – Cultural Institutions Guide to Land Acknowledgements](#)

Wabanaki REACH website: [Land Acknowledgment Resources 2021.pdf \(d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net\)](#)

About Wabanaki History in what now is Maine:

[Wabanaki History – Wabanaki Alliance](#)

Time for All Ages: *The River to Which I Belong: The Story of Chief Polin*

For a summary of Chief Polin's history, read this Portland Press Herald article, Sept 30, 2018:

[Memorial to Abenaki leader killed in 1756 unveiled in Westbrook - Portland Press Herald](#)

If you want to dive deeper into the history and understand its significance, read this article:

[\(PDF\) The Reciprocity Principle and Traditional Ecological Knowledge: Understanding the Significance of Indigenous Protest on the Presumpscot River | Cassandra Brooks and Lisa Brooks - Academia.edu](#)

Reflection: *A Call for Sovereignty of Maine Tribes*

To learn more about MICSA – the Maine Indian Land Claims Settlement Act of 1980 - check out the resource page in the Wabanaki REACH website

[MICSA resources 2021.pdf \(d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net\)](#)

To understand the long and complicated history between the tribes and the state of Maine, and the impact of MICSA on tribal-state relationships, read the account by the Wabanaki Alliance:

[Wabanaki History – Wabanaki Alliance](#)

Unpublished script for a Sovereignty Service at First Parish UU, Portland, ME, in May 2021,
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Opinions from non-tribal allies in support of tribal sovereignty:

Rep. Jared Golden to Bangor Daily News, April 4, 2021:

[It's time to modernize Maine's tribal-state relations \(bangordailynews.com\)](#)

Michael Carpenter, Esq., former Maine Attorney General to Bangor Daily News, Sept. 24, 2021

[It's time to correct legal inequities harming Maine's tribes \(bangordailynews.com\)](#)

Action: *Support LD 1626 and other Tribal Sovereignty bills in the Maine Legislature*

There are several bills before the current 130th Maine State Legislature that seek to restore Tribal Sovereignty to Maine tribes - which they lost in the 1980 Maine Indian Land Claims Settlement Act - and give Maine's tribes the same federal recognition as over 500 other tribes.

The main bill is LD 1626 "An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act", sponsored by Rep. Rachel Talbot-Ross.

Read a summary of the bill HERE: [LD 1626, HP 1210, Text and Status, 130th Legislature, First Special Session \(mainelegislature.org\)](#)

Contact your State Legislators and urge them to support Tribal Sovereignty in anticipation of a vote once the Legislature reconvenes in January 2022. You can find your state legislators HERE: [Find Your Maine State Legislators \(salsalabs.org\)](#)

Today is October 10, 2021

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

SHARE THE PLATE FOR OCTOBER 2021

Our Share the Plate for October is MUUSAN. MUUSAN is a statewide advocacy and public policy network anchored in our Unitarian Universalist faith and animated by its principles, MUUSAN welcomes as partners and collaborators all those who share our values. They link our 25 Maine congregations and many friends in an active legislative ministry. Find out more [here](#). Or if you would like to sign up for updates from MUUSAN please register for their mailing list [here](#).

UPCOMING This Week Onsite at A2U2 & on Zoom!

Sunday: **Worship & Coffee & Conversation** at 9 & 11am
Sunday: **If you want to attend service via zoom at 11:00** [Zoom Link Here](#).
Monday: [Family Promise](#) at 5pm
Tuesday: [Dawn Redwood Meditation group](#) at 10am
Tuesday: [Worship Committee](#) at 7pm
Wednesday: [Board Meeting](#) at 6:30pm
Thursday: [Lectio Divina Meditation & Reflection Group](#) at 10am
Thursday: **Choir Rehearsal** at 7:30pm
Friday: [Minister Drop In](#) at 9am
Friday: [Agility Team](#) at 10am
Friday: **Food Coop**
Saturday: [Elder Salon](#) at 9am
Saturday: **Yard Sale at 9am**
Saturday: **Open Mic (time pending, watch for updates)**

[A2U2 Website Resource Page](#)

The creation of services takes a team!

Thank you to the A2U2 choir and Music Director, Dale Churchill.

Thank you ushers, Carol Jenkins & Katrina VanBrugh (9am) & John Howard & Sonia Tonelli!

Thank you George Hixon, Peter Reed, Troy Moon, Erica Bartlett, Keith and Jane Prairie for serving on the multi-media platform team.

Thank you to the Board of Trustees for creating a path forward for worship!

Thank you also to our Agility Team (COVID Response Team) for helping to keep us as safe as possible.

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