



May 8, 2022

Religious Diversity in America: Why It Matters

Dr. Robert Ross

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 *Over My Head #30 / All Creatures of Earth and Sky #203*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Keith Prairie

RINGING THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN #298 *Wake, Now My Senses*

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

TIME FOR ALL AGES

JOYS & SORROWS

PRAYER

ANTHEM *Let This Be a House of Prayer* Jim Scott

OFFERING & MUSIC FOR REFLECTION *Prelude in G from the Well Tempered Clavier* J.S. Bach

READING #584 *A Network of Mutuality*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

SERMON *Religious Diversity in America: Why It Matters* Dr. Robert Ross

CLOSING HYMN #159 *This is My Song*

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING the CHALICE

POSTLUDE *The Mexican Connection* Billy Joel

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Dr. Robert R.N. Ross (Ph.D Harvard; STB Harvard; BA Amherst College) is a retired professor, in UU final fellowship, and currently serves as Consulting Minister to the Universalist Unitarian Church in Brockton. Dr. Ross was a Teaching Fellow at Harvard and Philosophy professor at Skidmore College. Dr. Ross also was elected to the position of Consulting Engineer at Digital Equipment Corporation, where he holds four patents in the design of complex, heterogeneous computer networks, and was Senior Consultant at the National Academy of Public Administration in Washington, DC, where he worked with large-scale organizations in transition and evaluated/advised major programs of federal agencies.

More recently, Dr. Ross was a professor at the University of Massachusetts/Boston, and the Graduate Theological Union and Starr King in Berkeley, California, where he taught courses in Philosophy and the Study of Religion. Published widely, his book, [*Walking to New Orleans: Ethics and the Concept of Participatory Design in Post-Disaster Reconstruction*](#) was released in 2008, and he has just completed *Theological Investigations: The Promise and Limits of Concepts of God*. Robert is an active surfer, kayaker, and led the Cajun-Zydeco band les cigognes.

Today is May 8, 2022

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

SHARE THE PLATE MAY 2022

The Share the Plate for May is Bomazeen Land Trust. Their primary purpose is the *rematriation*, perpetual protection, and healing of ancestral Wabanaki spaces with historical, spiritual, ecological, and cultural significance. We empower Wabanaki and BIPOC communities with land access and traditional land care taking skills and knowledge through our programs and events. We also provide education to the general public about Wabanaki studies, history, and ongoing issues.

UPCOMING This Week Onsite at A2U2 & on Zoom!

Sunday: [Worship Coffee & Conversation](#) at 9 & 11am
Monday: [Family Promise](#) at 5pm
Tuesday: [Agility Team](#) at 10am
Tuesday: [Dawn Redwood Meditation Group](#) at 10am
Tuesday: [Tuesday Afternoon SEG](#) at 2pm
Wednesday: [Board Meeting](#) at 6:30pm
Thursday: [Lectio Divina](#) at 10am
Thursday: [Choir Rehearsal](#) at 7:30pm
Saturday: [Men's Group](#) at 8am

The creation of services takes a team!

Thank you to Dr. Robert Ross for this service!

Thank you to members of the A2U2 Choir & Music Director, Dale Churchill.

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

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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

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