

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY
MORNING CELEBRATION

At Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church, we are growing a community that transforms lives through the power of love. We celebrate diversity, encourage spiritual growth, and promote social responsibility as we walk with care on this earth. We empower our members to share their gifts to build a world of compassion, equality and freedom.

We welcome individuals and families of all religious upbringings, racial and ethnic backgrounds, and sexual orientations. To aid us in getting to know each other, we encourage everyone to wear a nametag and to stay for the social hour following the worship service.

If you are visiting this morning, please sign our guest book in the foyer. You will receive our newsletter for a few months, so you can learn more about us. If you have any questions, speak with the Ushers at the door.

Special Needs: *In the event you may need to leave the sanctuary (e.g. persistent cough or fussy baby) you may listen to the service from the speaker in the foyer, near the sliding doors. **If you need a large print order of worship and hymnal, ask the ushers.***

Several of our members have severe allergies, and so we'd like to ask folks to refrain from wearing perfumes or scented products when you come to our church building. We thank you for helping us to be a welcoming and safe space.

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~Animal Blessings~
Emily C. Jones, DRE
Sunday, May 15, 2022
10:00 AM Service

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

CELEBRATION

CALL TO WORSHIP *Taxonomy* by Emily C. Jones

ANTHEM *All God's Critters* by Bill Staines A2U2 Choir

CHALICE LIGHTING *The Animal Kingdom* by Emily C. Jones

BUILDING THE ANIMAL BLESSING ALTAR

HYMN #203 *Creatures of the Earth and Sky*

MEMORY

STORY *Rabbityness* by Jo Empson

REFLECTION Emily C. Jones

CREATING THE MEMORY BUNTING Remembering loved animals in art and words

JOYS & CONCERNS



BLESSINGS

OFFERING & MUSIC FOR REFLECTION *Bless the Beasts and the Children* by Barry DeVorzon & Perry Botkin, Jr.

STORY *The Good Dog* by Emily C. Jones

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

SHARING THE BLESSINGS You are invited to share your responses to the blessings prompts (see insert)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Emily C. Jones

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE Emily C. Jones

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *Thank You for Being a Friend* by Andrew Gold

