

15 October 2023, 10am – Order of Worship

GATHERING MUSIC Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS John Howard

RINGING THE CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Tara Humphries

LIGHTING THE CHALICE & COMMUNITY CANDLE
by Fyodor Dostoyevksy

*OPENING HYMN # 38 Morning Has Broken

READING “To Learn From Animal Being” by John O’Donohue

*BUILDING THE ANIMAL ALTAR

READING “Little Dog’s Rhapsody in the Night” by Mary Oliver Vicky Delfino

*REMEMBERING RITUAL

JOYS & SORROWS | PRAYER

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

OFFERTORY & MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Blackbird Lennon & McCartney

REFLECTION Lessons from Windrush Farm Rev. Tara

ANTHEM Bless the Beasts and Children DeVorzon and Botkin

VOW OF PROTECTION by Cassandra Howe (responsive)
We give thanks (3)
We bless all animals (6)

*CLOSING HYMN # 203 All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*Our worship has ended **and our service begins.***

POSTLUDE Little Sunflower Freddie Hubbard

*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS today include Rev. Tara, Dale Churchill, John Howard, Sam Sherry, and Vicky Delfino. We are grateful for our tech & Zoom team, too, and all those working behind the scenes to make multi platform worship possible!

October’s **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient is the **Maine UU State Advocacy Network**, a statewide advocacy and public policy network anchored in UU faith. Learn more at www.muusan.org.

LARGE PRINT ORDERS OF SERVICE and **ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES** are available!

Several of our members have severe **ALLERGIES**, so we ask folks to refrain from wearing perfumes or scented products when you come to church.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, October 22nd- “At One” with Rev. Tara Humphries

Sunday, October 29th- “We Remember Them” (Remembrance Sunday) with Rev. Tara Humphries

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through the power of love.”*

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



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“Animal Blessings”

Rev. Tara Humphries

Sunday 15 October 2023 at 10am