

3 December 2023, 10am – Order of Worship

GATHERING MUSIC Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Clay Atkinson

RINGING THE CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Tara Humphries

LIGHTING THE CHALICE & COMMUNITY CANDLE Amarette Callaway

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH HOPE

*OPENING HYMN # 1055 How Sweet the Darkness

TIME FOR ALL AGES “Finding our Rhythm” Jamila Batchelder

LAMPLIGHTER & RECEPTIONAL

Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again!

JOYS & SORROWS

PRAYER Rev. Sarah Speed, adapted

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

OFFERTORY & MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Prelude in G J.S.Bach

READING “Wade In”

ANTHEM Carry Me Text David Burrows Music Keith J. Arnold

SERMON “We Acknowledge our Weariness” Rev. Tara

*CLOSING HYMN # 225 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE Darcy Roak

POSTLUDE Invention J.S. Bach

*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

This month’s **LITURGY, and COVER ART** come from the creative team at A Sanctified Art LLC (sanctifiedart.org) with writing by Rev. Sarah Speed, used with permission.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS today include Rev. Tara, Dale Churchill, Clay Atkinson, and the A2U2 Choir. We are grateful for our tech & Zoom team, too, and all those working behind the scenes to make multi platform worship possible!

December’s **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient is the **A2U2 Minister’s Discretionary Fund**, which provides confidential emergency financial assistance to church members and friends. Reach out to Rev. Tara to learn more and to access the fund.

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

UPCOMING SERVICES

December’s Theme: How Does a Weary World Rejoice?

Sunday, December 10th- “We Root Ourselves in Ritual” with Rev. Tara Humphries

Sunday, December 17th- “We Allow Ourselves to be Amazed” with Rev. Tara Humphries

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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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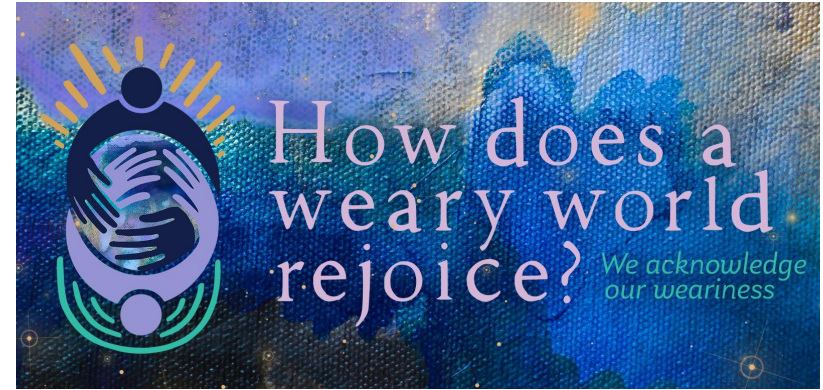
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“We Acknowledge our Weariness”

First Sunday in Advent

Rev. Tara Humphries

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