

17 December 2023, 10am – Order of Worship

GATHERING MUSIC Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Norman Stickney

RINGING THE CHIMES

INTROIT Magnify Nancy Telfer

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Tara Humphries

LIGHTING THE CHALICE & COMMUNITY CANDLE by Shari Woodbury

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH HOPE | PEACE | JOY

*OPENING HYMN # 244 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

TIME FOR ALL AGES “Life in the Balance” Martha Dallas

LAMPLIGHTER & RECESSIONAL

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

JOYS & SORROWS

PRAYER Sarah A. Speed

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

OFFERTORY & MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Birdsong The Wailin’ Jennys
Noel Genova & Lauren Hastings Genova

READING “All the Way to Joy”

SONG I Will Hold You Dear
Noel Genova & Lauren Hastings Genova

SERMON “We Allow Ourselves to be Amazed” Rev. Tara Humphries

*CLOSING HYMN # 346 Come, Sing a Song with Me

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE Reflection

*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, Norman Stickney, Emily C. Jones, Lynne Russell-Johnson, Noel Genova, Lauren Hastings Genova, 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 24th (10am)- “We Follow the Star” *all-ages service!*

Sunday, December 24th (5pm)- *Candlelight Christmas Eve Service*
“We Make Room” 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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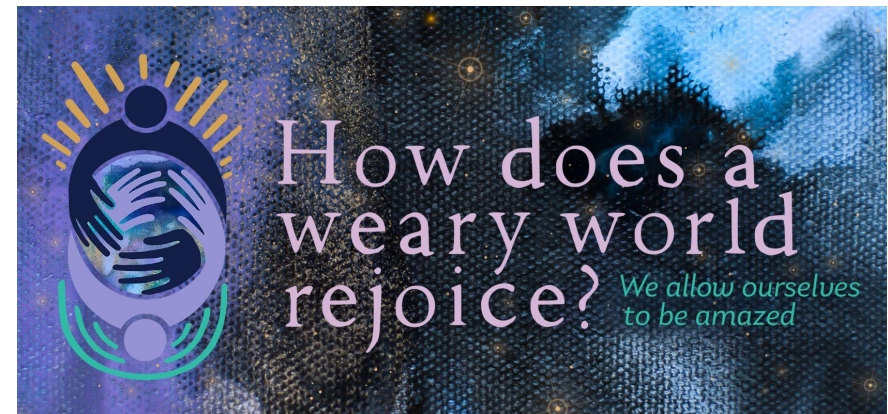
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**GREEN
SANCTUARY
CONGREGATION**



“We Allow Ourselves to be Amazed”

Four Days to Winter Solstice

Third Sunday of Advent

Rev. Tara Humphries

Sunday 17 December 2023 at 10am