

24 December 2023, 10am – Order of Worship

This interactive service comes from *Story Song and Spirit* by Erika Hewitt

GATHERING MUSIC

Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music

THE STORY BEGINS

WELCOME

CHALICE & ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING HOPE | PEACE | JOY | LOVE

* HYMN # 246 O Little Town of Bethlehem

THE STORY CONTINUES

JOYS & SORROWS

* HYMN # 232 The Hills Are Bare at Bethlehem

THE STORY CONTINUES

OFFERTORY & MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Simple Gifts Shaker Tune

* HYMN # 47 Now on Land and Sea Descending

REFLECTIONS

* HYMN # 259 We Three Kings of Orient Are

READING “The Camels Speak” by Lynn Ungar

THE STORY CONCLUDES

*CLOSING HYMN # 409 Sleep, My Child

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE Angels We Have Heard On High French Carol

*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

Leaders 1 & 2: Rev. Tara & Emily C. Jones

Music & Directing: Dale Churchill

Caspar (magi 1): Pauli Juneau

Melchior (magi 2): Mike Luce

Balthazar (magi 3): Troy Moon

Azadeh (spouse 1): Chris Malcolm

Lilya (spouse 2): Anna Benoit

Tehmina (spouse 3): Sally Moon

The Camel: Denise Curry

Mary: Cathy Rasco

Joseph: Carey Rasco

Props: From Joe Seale, Pauli Juneau, Art Play

Streaming & Zoom: John Howard & Erica Bartlett

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 access the fund.

LARGE PRINT ORDERS OF SERVICE & ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available! Please ask an usher to assist you.

UPCOMING SERVICES

5PM TONIGHT ! - “We Make Room” *Candlelight Christmas Eve Service*

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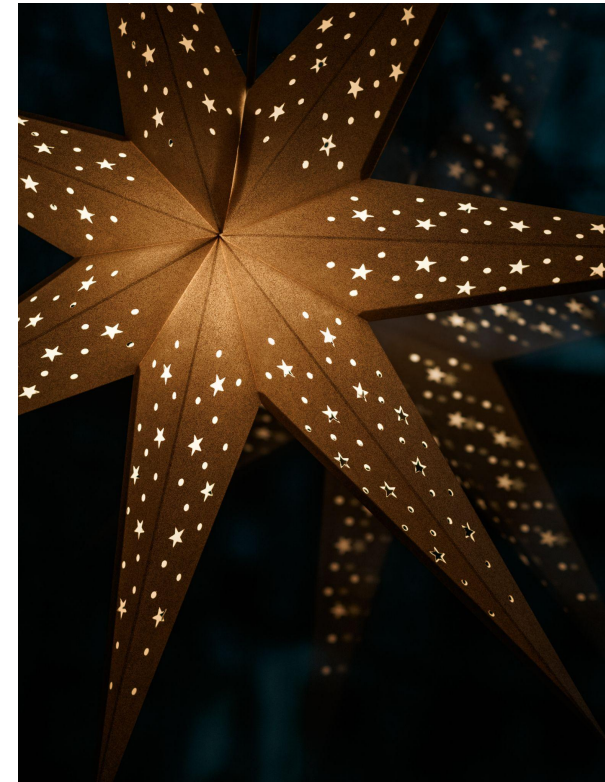


MISSION: At Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church, we are a growing community that transforms lives through the power of love. We celebrate diversity, encourage spiritual growth, and promote social responsibility as we travel with care on this earth. We empower our members to share their gifts to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



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“We Follow the Star”
Fourth Sunday in Advent

An All-Ages Worship Experience!

Sunday, December 24th, 2023 at 10am