

## 1 December 2024, 10am – Order of Worship

GATHERING MUSIC Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Cynthia Marten, Worship Associate

RINGING THE CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Tara Humphries

LIGHTING THE CHALICE & COMMUNITY CANDLE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH HOPE Jen & Jodi Nofsinger

\*OPENING HYMN # 1055 How Sweet the Darkness

TIME FOR ALL AGES *On the Night You Were Born* by Nancy Tillman

Emily C. Jones, DRE

LAMPLIGHTER & RECESSIONAL

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

JOYS & SORROWS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Sarah A. Speed, adapted

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY We Give Thanks Wendy Luella Perkins

READING from *This Here Flesh* by Cole Arthur Riley

ANTHEM We Are a Rainbow David Kai A2U2 Choir

SERMON “You are a Blessing” Rev. Tara Humphries

\*CLOSING HYMN “In Case No One Ever Told You” *(screen only)*

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

POSTLUDE Bagatelle in A Ludwig Van Beethoven

\*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

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**THANK YOU** to our tech & Zoom team, and all those working behind the scenes to make multi platform worship possible!

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### NEXT SUNDAY

*(December Theme: Words from the Beginning)*

**8 December-** “We Can’t Go Alone” with Rev. Tara Humphries (Advent 2)

*“We are growing a community that transforms lives through  
the power of love.”*

**MISSION:** 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 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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**YOU ARE A BLESSING**

**Reverend Tara Humphries**

*First Sunday in Advent*

Sunday 1 December 2024 at 10am