

1 June 2025, 10am – Order of Worship

GATHERING MUSIC Ringing Bells Edvard Grieg **Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Caroline Marsden, Worship Associate**

SINGING BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP **Rev. Tara Humphries**

LIGHTING THE CHALICE & COMMUNITY CANDLE Jay Wolin, adapted

*OPENING HYMN Spirit of Gentleness, v. 1-2 *(screen only)*

TIME FOR ALL AGES Burn the Ships!

LAMPLIGHTER & RECESSIONAL

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

JOYS & SORROWS

PRAYER

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

RESPONSIVE READING “To Free the Heart” Francis C. Anderson, Jr.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY Bagatelle Ludwig Van Beethoven

READING “No-Going-Back Moment” Karen G. Johnston

SONG Lay Down David Cousins **Dallas Theis (djembe)**
Chris Malcolm, Mike Luce, Carey Rasco, Cathy Rasco

SERMON “No Going Back” **Rev. Tara Humphries**

*CLOSING HYMN Spirit of Gentleness, v. 3-4 *(screen only)*

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

POSTLUDE Sinfonia J.S. Bach

*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

June’s **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient is **Portland Gear Hub**, a non-profit bike and outdoor gear shop that promotes cycling, reuse, sustainability and equity.
FMI: portlandgearhub.org

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

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY

8 June - “Breaking Down, Building Up, Brick by Brick”
(All-Ages Pride Service) with Rev. Tara & Emily, DRE

TODAY after church: **Coffee Hour** (Sanctuary/Foyer), **Brown Bag Brunch**
(Board Room), **Pastoral Care Committee** (Memorial Room)

*"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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"No Going Back"

Reverend Tara Humphries

Sunday 1 June 2025 at 10am