

## 28 September 2025 – Order of Worship

GATHERING MUSIC Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Erica Bartlett

SINGING BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP Gretchen Haley

LIGHTING THE CHALICE Melanie Davis

\*OPENING HYMN Faith is the Hope R. Kimball *(see insert and screen)*

TIME FOR ALL AGES *Stillwater and Koo Save the World* by Jon Muth

LAMPLIGHTING & RECESSIONAL Emily C. Jones, DRE  
*Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again!*

READING After a Rain Rebecca Solnit

JOYS & SORROWS, PRAYER Robert T. Weston

SUNG MEDITATION Text Rebecca Ann Parker Music Beth Norton

*There is a Love holding us. There is a Love holding all that we love.  
There is a Love holding all. We rest in this Love.*

REFLECTION “Active Hope” Susie Hubley

READING Hope and Uncertainty Rebecca Solnit

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY Impromptu

POEM “Hope is the Thing with Feathers” Emily Dickinson

ANTHEM Hope Is The Thing With Feathers A2U2 Choir  
Text - Emily Dickenson  
Music - Penny Rodriguez

REFLECTION “Hope and Feathers” Erica Bartlett

REFLECTION “Great Hope” Rick Kimball

\*CLOSING HYMN #131 Love Will Guide Us

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

*We invite you to remain seated for a moment of silence followed by the Postlude, as we center ourselves before going back out into the world.*

POSTLUDE Prelude in D flat J.S.Bach

\*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

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September’s **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient is **Greater Portland Family Promise**, who help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. FMI: [gpfamilypromise.org](http://gpfamilypromise.org)

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

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

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**NEXT SUNDAY**

**5 October** - “Turn Back to Love” with Rev. Tara Humphries

**TODAY AFTER WORSHIP**

**Coffee Hour** (Sanctuary/front lawn) & **Brown Bag Brunch** (Board Room)

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through the power of love.”*

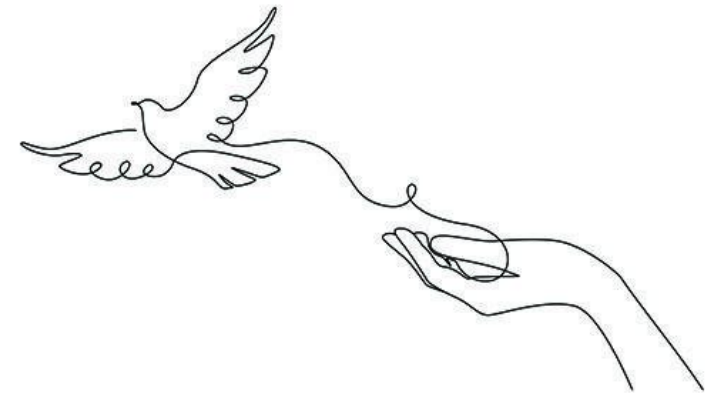
**MISSION:** At Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church, we are growing a community that transforms lives through the power of love. We celebrate diversity, encourage spiritual growth, and promote social responsibility as we travel with care on this earth. We empower our members to share their gifts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



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“Hope”

**A2U2 Worship Committee**  
Sunday 28 September 2025 at 10am