

## 16 November 2025 – Order of Worship

*“Worship” comes from the Old English word weordhscipe, meaning “worthiness.” In worship we lift up that which is worthy of our reflection.*

GATHERING MUSIC Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Burge

SINGING BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP by Helen “HP” Rivers Anna Noyes Benoit

LIGHTING THE CHALICE by Deanna Vandiver Anna Noyes Benoit

\*OPENING HYMN #347, Gather the Spirit

TIME FOR ALL AGES Christmas Tree Ritual Erica Bartlett

REFLECTION *The Fire* Mike Luce

JOYS & SORROWS

PRAYER *A Web of Holy Relationships* by Lyn Cox

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 *Rituals Rich and Not So Much* Rick Kimball

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY Crystal Silence Chick Corea

REFLECTION *The Ritual of Sacrifice* Bill Burge

ANTHEM Where Do We Come From Gaugin/Tate

REFLECTION *Bowing to Ritual* Susie Hubley

REFLECTION *Ritual: What is it Good For?* Denise Curry

\*CLOSING HYMN #360, Here We Have Gathered

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*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 The Great Pumpkin Waltz Vince Guaraldi

\*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

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November’s **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient is **ILAP**, the **Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project**, who advances justice and equity for immigrants and their families through direct legal services, community education, and systemic advocacy ([ilapmaine.org](http://ilapmaine.org)).

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### NEXT SUNDAY

**23 November** - “We Can Feed Each Other” (*All Ages Thanksgiving Sunday*)  
with Rev. Tara Humphries & Emily C. Jones, DRE

### TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

**Coffee Hour** (Sanctuary/Foyer), **Brown Bag Brunch** (Board Room)  
& **Queer Community Conversations** (Gathering Room/Zoom, 4pm)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Rev. Tara is on vacation until Thursday, November 20th.  
*They will not be checking email or phone while they’re away.*

*“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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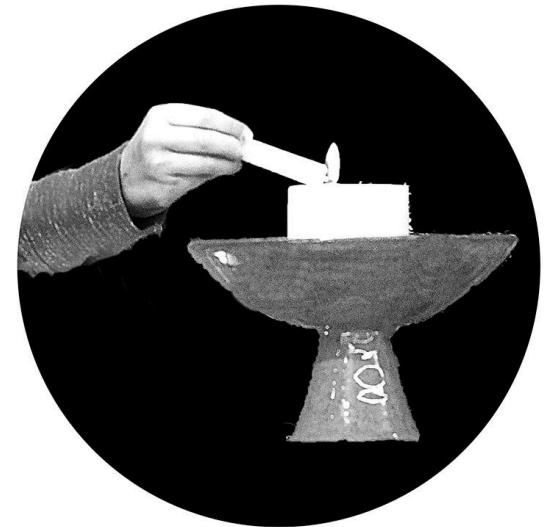
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*“Ritual”*

**A2U2 Worship Committee**

Sunday 16 November 2025 at 10am