

1 February 2026 – 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 Cynthia Marten, Worship Associate

SINGING BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Tara Humphries

INTROIT Joy in the Morning Adam Podd A2U2 Choir

LIGHTING THE CHALICE & COMMUNITY CANDLE Jessie Cross

LIGHTING THE IMBOLC CANDLES A2U2 Pagan Group

*OPENING HYMN #1067 Mother Earth, Beloved Garden

FIRST AWAKENING John Philip Newell, adapted Emily C. Jones, DRE

*HYMN #1 May Nothing Evil Cross this Door

JOYS & SORROWS

PRAYER Deb Weiner, Tara Humphries

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.*

SECOND AWAKENING John Philip Newell, adapted

*HYMN #362 Rise Up, O Flame

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY Gentle Rain Louis Bonfi

THIRD AWAKENING Jessie Cross

*HYMN #91 Mother of All

FOURTH AWAKENING Oatcake Communion (V/GF)

*CLOSING HYMN #61 Lo, the Earth Awakes Again

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

POSTLUDE Mother Earth, Beloved Garden

*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

February's **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient is **FURNITURE FRIENDS**, whose mission is to reduce homelessness and improve housing stability by collecting gently used furniture and distributing it to low-income families across southern Maine.

NEXT SUNDAY

8 February - "How Salem Broke Covenant"
with guest preacher Rev. Sara Bartlett

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Coffee Hour (Foyer), **Town Hall Conversation** re: Changes to the Sanctuary (Sanctuary), **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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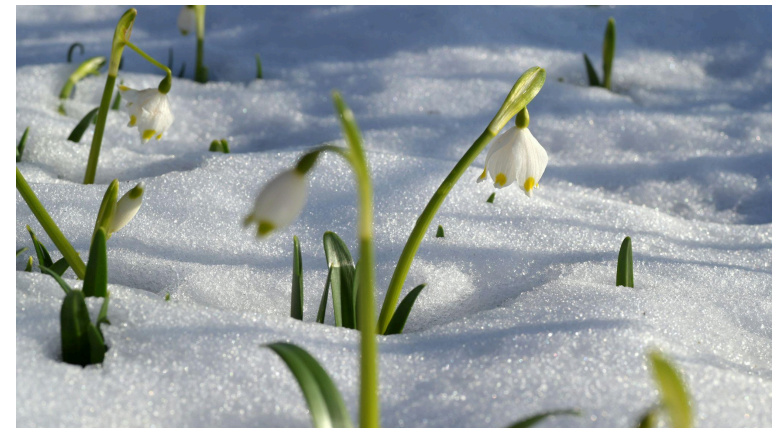
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"To Wake from Winter Slumber"
An All-Ages Imbolc Celebration

Rev. Tara Humphries & Emily C. Jones

Sunday 1 February 2026 at 10am