

## 15 March 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 Erica Bartlett

SINGING BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Tara Humphries

LIGHTING THE CHALICE Joe Cherry Anna Noyes Benoit

\*OPENING HYMN #318 We Would be One

QUESTION & REFLECTIONS

“Why I Remain on the Worship Committee” Erica Bartlett

“Worship Committee 2.0” Leslie McConnell

JOYS & SORROWS

PRAYER Lyn Cox Bill Burge

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.*

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY Anna Noyes Benoit

OFFERTORY Windows Chick Corea

REFLECTION “So What?”

Rick Kimball

ANTHEM We Dare to Question A2U2 Choir

QUESTION & REFLECTIONS

“Living the Dream” Bill Burge  
“Talking it Through” Susie Hubley

\*CLOSING HYMN #1007 There’s a River Flowin’ in My Soul

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE Heather Christensen

*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 When the Spirit Says Do African American Spiritual  
\*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

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March’s **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient is **OUT Maine**, whose mission is to create more welcoming and affirming communities for Maine’s diverse queer kids and teens in all their intersectional identities. FMI: [outmaine.org](http://outmaine.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

**22 March** - “Your One Wild and Precious Life”  
with Rev. Tara and Emily, DRE (*an all-ages service!*)

### TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

**Coffee Hour** (Sanctuary/Foyer), **Brown Bag Brunch** (Board Room),  
**Queer Community Conversations** (Gathering Room & Zoom @ 11:30)

*"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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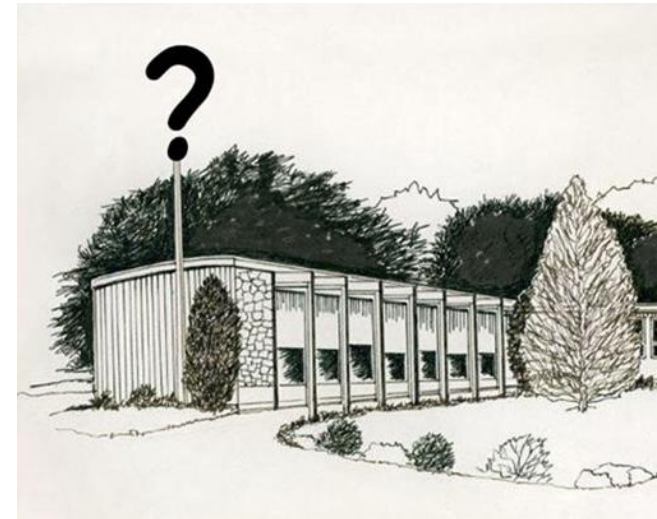
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"The Whys and Hows of Worship"

**Reverend Tara Humphries**

**& the A2U2 Worship Committee**

Sunday 15 March 2026 at 10am