

## 19 April 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		<b>Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music</b>
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Susie Hubley
SINGING BOWL		
CALL TO WORSHIP		Susie Hubley
LIGHTING THE CHALICE		Anna Noyes Benoit
OPENING HYMN	#128 For All That is Our Life	
TIME FOR ALL AGES	When Spring Comes	by Kevin Henkes
REFLECTION	Complex and Diverse	Bill Burge
JOYS & SORROWS		
PRAYER		Denise Curry
SUNG MEDITATION	Text Rebecca Ann Parker	Music Beth Norton
	<i>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.</i>	
REFLECTION	A Meaningful Life?	Anna Noyes Benoit
REFLECTION	Defining Life	Erica Bartlett
INVITATION TO GENEROSITY		Rick Kimball

## OFFERTORY

REFLECTION Oh Well Rick Kimball

ANTHEM Because You Live

Text Anonymous

Music Adolphus Hailstork

**A2U2 Choir**

REFLECTION The Great Advantage of Being Alive Denise Curry

\*CLOSING HYMN #331 Life is the Greatest Gift of All

## 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 Rondo from the Sonata in C W.A. Mozart

\*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

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April's **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient is **PORTLAND TRAILS**, who build and maintain a trail network in Greater Portland with the goal of creating healthier, more inclusive, and more vibrant outdoor spaces for everyone to enjoy.

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

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## NEXT SUNDAY

**26 April** - “A Priest, a Rabbi, and a Pastor Walk into a Sweatshirt Factory...”  
with Rev. Tara Humphries & local multifaith colleagues

## TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

**Coffee Hour** (Sanctuary/Foyer) & **Brown Bag Brunch** (Board 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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"The Nature of Life"

**A2U2 Worship Committee**

Sunday 19 April 2026 at 10am