

Welcome

Welcome to Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church,
a presence for liberal religion in Portland since 1821.

From mid-June through Labor Day weekend, our Sunday
services are led by lay-members of the congregation.

Our summer programs are more informal and offer an
exploration of a wide variety of topics and presenters. The
rest of the year, most services are led by Rev. Tara
Humphries.

If you are visiting and would like to know more about our
church, please speak to one of our morning worship leaders
following the program.

MISSION: At Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church,
we are a growing 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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Sunday, August 25, 2024
10 a.m.



Sacred Nature
Barb Murray

Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist
Church

August 25, 2024 ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.

Gathering Music *Be Still* Sofia

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (call and response) Barb Murray

(Adapted from the UUA)

Barb: We honor the interdependent web of all existence. With reverence for the great web of life and with humility, we acknowledge our place in it.

Congregation: We will strive to protect Earth and all beings from exploitation. We will create and nurture sustainable relationships of care and respect, mutuality and justice.

Barb: We honor transformation, adapting to the changing world.

Congregation: We will strive to collectively transform and grow spiritually and ethically. Openness to change is fundamental to our Unitarian and Universalist heritages, never complete and never perfect.

Lighting the Chalice Patricia Ellen

*Hymn – #1067, Mother Earth, Beloved Garden

Premise Barb Murray

Guided Meditation Judith Moll

Joys and Sorrows Carol Jenkins

Gratitude Prayer Patricia Ellen

Offertory

Insights & Stories Barb Murray and Friends

Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice

Our Worship has ended and our service begins

Closing Music *Peril and Promise* Carolyn McDade
and friends

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Worship service designed by Barbara Murray
Friends who gladly volunteered to participate in bringing this service to everyone are Carol Jenkins, Judith Moll and Patricia Ellen

Thank you to my Worship Service Mentor: Erica Bartlett

We are grateful to all the tech and Zoom team for ensuring that the mechanics of this service work!

Share the Plate for August is the Center for Grieving Children, which provides a safe space, loving peer support, outreach, and education to grieving children, teens, young adults, families and the community. You can learn more at <https://www.cgcmaine.org/>. (Nominated by Patricia Ellen.)

Thank you everyone for coming! May peace and compassion live in your hearts and minds.