

22 December 2024, 10am – Order of Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music

Largo from the Christmas Oratorio Antonio Corelli

Cornet Voluntary George Berg

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caroline Marsden, Worship

Associate

RINGING THE CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Tara Humphries

LIGHTING THE CHALICE & COMMUNITY CANDLE by Jan Richardson

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH HOPE | PEACE | JOY | LOVE

Lana & Liam O'Shea

*OPENING HYMN # 244 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

TIME FOR ALL AGES Lego Nativity Pageant

A2U2 Children & Youth

LAMPLIGHTER & RECESSIONAL

Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again!

JOYS & SORROWS

PRAYER Sarah A. Speed, adapted

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY Pastorale Charles Wesley

READING "Despite it All" Sarah Speed

ANTHEM African Noel arr. Victor Johnson Traditional

SERMON "Hope is Worth the Risk"

Rev. Tara Humphries

*CLOSING HYMN # 237 The First Nowell

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

POSTLUDE Gavotte Mathew Camidge

*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

This month's **LITURGY + COVER ART** come from A Sanctified Art LLC (sanctifiedart.org) with writing by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed, adapted and used with permission.

Welcome to this morning's **GUEST MUSICIAN** playing oboe, **Kristen Fox**.

December's **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient is the **A2U2 Minister's Discretionary Fund**, which provides confidential emergency financial assistance to church members and friends. Reach out to Rev. Tara to learn more and to access the fund.

THANK YOU to our tech & Zoom team, and all those working behind the scenes to make multi platform worship possible!

COMING UP

CHRISTMAS EVE: Tues 24 Dec. @ 5PM - "Love Knows Your Name"

NEXT SUNDAY: 29 December- Annual Potpourri service with the Worship Committee!

“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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HOPE IS WORTH THE RISK

Reverend Tara Humphries

Fourth Sunday in Advent

First Day after Winter Solstice

Sunday 22 December 2024 at 10am

