

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, July 20, 2025
10 a.m.



Why Music Matters

Erica Bartlett

Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist
Church

July 20, 2025 ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.

Gathering Music *We Are* Ysaye Barnwell
Performed by Erica Bartlett

Welcome and Announcements Erica Bartlett

Call to Worship by Katie Kandarian-Morri Kathy Sherry

Lighting the Chalice by Brian C. Lee Kathy Sherry

*Hymn – #108, *My Life Flows On In Endless Song*

Why Music Matters – Part 1 Erica Bartlett

Music *One* U2
from *Kiss the Future*

Joys and Sorrows Judith Moll

Prayer by Jean M. Olsen Judith Moll

Musical Meditation *The Rainbow Connection*
by Paul Williams and Kenneth Ascher
performed by Erica Bartlett

Why Music Matters – Part 2 Erica Bartlett

Invitation to Generosity Pam Jackson

Offertory *I Lost on Jeopardy* Weird Al Yankovic

Congregational Sharing

*Hymn – #368, *Now Let Us Sing*

Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice
By Dawn Cooley Erica Bartlett

Closing Music *Closer to Fine* Indigo Girls

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Worship service designed by Erica Bartlett
Friends who gladly volunteered to participate in bringing this service to everyone are Pam Jackson, Judith Moll, and Kathy Sherry

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

Share the Plate for July is Project FEED, an emergency food pantry that provides food and household supplies to take home for individuals and families in crisis. You can learn more at: <https://www.projectfeed.org/>

Thank you for coming!

(See insert for quotes about music and lyrics to *I Lost on Jeopardy* and *Closer to Fine*)

Music Quotes

To All Music Majors

“If we were a medical school, and you were here as a med student practicing appendectomies, you’d take your work very seriously because you would imagine that some night at 2 AM someone is going to waltz into your emergency room and you’re going to have to save their life. Well, my friends, someday at 8 PM someone is going to walk into your concert hall and bring you a mind that is confused, a heart that is overwhelmed, a soul that is weary. Whether they go out whole again will depend partly on how well you do your craft....”

– Karl Paulnack, Director of Music Division and member of the piano faculty, Boston University

“Music is the one incorporeal entrance into the higher worlds of knowing which comprehends mankind, but which mankind cannot comprehend.”

– Ludwig van Beethoven

“Music can change the world because it can change people.”

– Bono of U2

“Where words fail, music speaks.”

– Hans Christian Andersen

“Music is the universal language of mankind.”

– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything.”

– Plato

“Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.”

– Berthold Auerbach

“Music acts like a magic key, to which the most tightly closed heart opens.”

– Maria von Trapp

“Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness.”

– Maya Angelou

“Some people have lives; some people have music.”

– John Green

“Music expresses what cannot be put into words and cannot remain silent.”

– Victor Hugo

“The music is not in the notes, but in the silence between.”

– Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

“Music doesn’t lie. If there is something to be changed in this world, then it can only happen through music.”

– Jimi Hendrix

"I Lost On Jeopardy"

Weird Al Yankovic

I was there to match my intellect on national TV
Against a plumber, oh and an architect, both with a PhD
I was tense, I was nervous, I guess it just wasn't my night
Art Fleming gave the answers
Oh, but I couldn't get the questions right

I lost on Jeopardy, baby, ooh
I lost on Jeopardy, baby, ooh

Well, I knew I was in trouble now
My hope of winning sank
Oh, 'cause I got the Daily Double now
And then my mind went blank
I took Potpourri for one hundred
And then my head started to spin
Well, I'm givin' up, Don Pardo
Just tell me now what I didn't win, yeah, yeah

I lost on Jeopardy, baby, ooh
I lost on Jeopardy, baby, ooh

[Spoken:]

That's right, Al - you lost
And let me tell you what you didn't win: a twenty set volume of
the Encyclopedia International
A case of Turtle Wax, and a year's supply of Rice-A-Roni, the San
Francisco Treat!
But that's not all, you also made yourself look like a jerk in front
of millions of people
And you brought shame and disgrace to your family name for
generations to come
You don't get to come back tomorrow
You don't even get a lousy copy of our home game
You're a complete loser!

Don't know what I was thinkin' of
I guess I just wasn't too bright
Well, I sure hope I do better
Next weekend on the Price Is Right

I lost on Jeopardy, baby, ooh
I lost on Jeopardy, baby, ooh
I lost on Jeopardy, baby

"Closer To Fine"

Indigo Girls

I'm trying to tell you something about my life
Maybe give me insight between black and white
And the best thing you've ever done for me
Is to help me take my life less seriously
It's only life after all

Well, darkness has a hunger that's insatiable
And lightness has a call that's hard to hear
And I wrap my fear around me like a blanket
I sailed my ship of safety 'til I sank it
I'm crawling on your shores

And I went to the doctor, I went to the mountains
I looked to the children, I drank from the fountains
There's more than one answer to these questions pointing me in
a crooked line
And the less I seek my source for some definitive
Closer I am to fine
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And I went to see the doctor of philosophy
With a poster of Rasputin and a beard down to his knee
He never did marry or see a B-grade movie
He graded my performance, he said he could see through me
I spent four years prostrate to the higher mind
Got my paper and I was free

I went to the doctor, I went to the mountains
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I stopped by the bar at 3 A.M
To seek solace in a bottle or possibly a friend
And I woke up with a headache like my head against a board
Twice as cloudy as I'd been the night before
And I went in seeking clarity

I went to the doctor, I went to the mountains
I looked to the children, I drank from the fountain

We go to the doctor, we go to the mountains
We look to the children, we drink from the fountain

We go to the Bible, we go through the workout
We read up on revival, we stand up for the lookout
There's more than one answer to these questions pointing me in
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