

## 21 September 2025 – Order of Worship

GATHERING MUSIC Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Burge, Worship Associate

SINGING BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Tara Humphries

LIGHTING THE CHALICE & COMMUNITY CANDLE Michael Tino

\*OPENING HYMN #360 Here We have Gathered

TIME FOR ALL AGES The Parable of the Trapeze, adapted (Danaan Parry)

LAMPLIGHTING & RECESSIONAL

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

JOYS & SORROWS

PRAYER Robin Tanner

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

OFFERTORY Impromptu

READING Robert C. Spirko

ANTHEM Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear Daniel Charles Damon

SERMON “What’s the Risk?” Rev. Tara Humphries

\*CLOSING HYMN #168 One More Step

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*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 Allegro from the Sonata Opus 49 #2 Ludwig Van Beethoven

\*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

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September’s **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient is **Greater Portland Family Promise**, who help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. FMI: [gpfamilypromise.org](http://gpfamilypromise.org)

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

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### NEXT SUNDAY

**28 September** - “Hope” with the A2U2 Worship Committee

### TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

**Coffee Hour** (Sanctuary/front lawn), **Brown Bag Brunch** (Board Room),  
**All Church Picnic** (Ferry Beach @ noon) & **Queer Community Convos**  
(Gathering Room & Zoom @ 4pm)

*“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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**“What’s the Risk?”**

**Reverend Tara Humphries**

Sunday 21 September 2025 at 10am