

## 5 October 2025 – Order of Worship

GATHERING MUSIC Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Barb Murray, Worship Associate

SINGING BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Tara Humphries

LIGHTING THE CHALICE & COMMUNITY CANDLE Vanessa Rush Southern

\*OPENING HYMN #318 We Would Be One

TIME FOR ALL AGES Blowing the Shofar Bill Burge

LAMPLIGHTING & RECEPTIONAL

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

JOYS & SORROWS

PRAYER Rev. Lyn Cox

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 Autumn Leaves Nat King Cole

READING “The Question” Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer

ANTHEM The Gift of Love arr. Hal Hopson A2U2 Choir

SERMON “Turning Back to Love” Rev. Tara Humphries

\*CLOSING HYMN We’ll be Known by Our Love *(insert & screen)*

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 Staircase Part 3 Keith Jarrett

\*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

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October’s **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient is **The Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN)**, Maine’s Unitarian Universalist legislative ministry, linking our 25 congregations for statewide advocacy for laws and policies consonant with our UU values. Learn more at [muusan.org](http://muusan.org).

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

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Several of our members have severe **ALLERGIES**, so we ask folks to refrain from wearing perfumes or scented products when you come to church.

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**NEXT SUNDAY**

**12 October** - “How to Stay Human” with Rev. Tara Humphries

**TODAY AFTER WORSHIP**

**Coffee Hour** (Sanctuary/front lawn), **Brown Bag Brunch** (Board Room)  
& **Shofar demonstration** w/ Bill (front lawn)

*“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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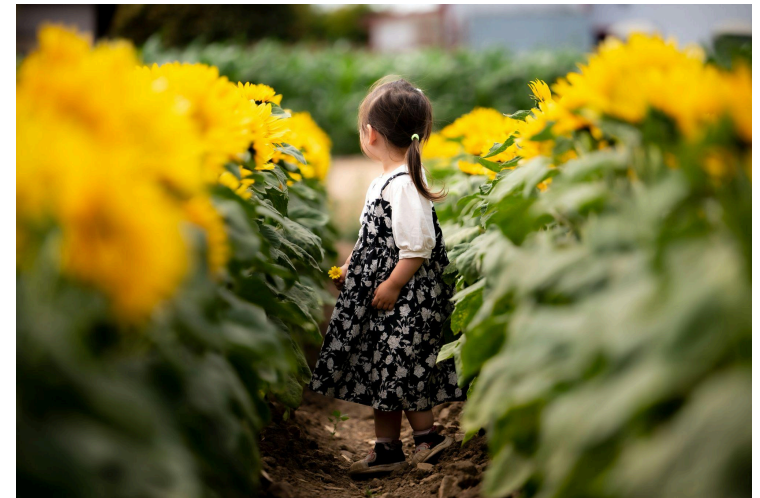
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**“Turn Back to Love”**

**Reverend Tara Humphries**

Sunday 5 October 2025 at 10am