

7 December 2025 – Order of Worship

“Worship” comes from the Old English word weordhscipe, meaning “worthiness.” In worship we lift up that which is worthy of our reflection.

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

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH HOPE | PEACE The Fowler Family

*OPENING HYMN There’s a Wild Hope in the Wind (screen only)

NEW MEMBER CEREMONY Rev. Tara & Dale Reynolds

Linda Lajoie, Shana Genre (Wilder & Alice), Sally Pachulski, Tara & Allie Baysol (Frankie), Peg Willard & Dave Morton, Megan Smith (Evelyn & Isla), Cathy Oehmke, Kathleen Brown.

TIME FOR ALL AGES Zen Koan: The Tiger and the Wild Strawberry

LAMPLIGHTING & RECESSIONAL Emily C. Jones, DRE

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

JOYS & SORROWS | PRAYER S. Speed

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 Allemande J.S. Bach

HOMILY “When We’re Running out of Hope, Love is at Work”
Rev. Tara Humphries

ANTHEM I Believe Mark A. Miller A2U2 Choir

HOLDING THE HOPE Erika Hewitt

*CLOSING HYMN #226 People Look East

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 Carol

*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

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 directly to learn more and to access the fund.

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY

14 December - "When You Are Afraid, Give Me Your Hand"
(Third Sunday in Advent/First Night of Hanukkah) with Rev. Tara Humphries

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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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"When We're Running Out of Hope,
Love is at Work"

Second Sunday in Advent

Reverend Tara Humphries

Sunday 7 December 2025 at 10am