

31 May 2026 – 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 Caroline Marsden, Worship Associate

SINGING BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP James Broughton Rev. Hillary Collins-Gilpatrick

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

OPENING HYMN #126 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

TIME FOR ALL AGES “Imagine That” Rev. Hillary

LAMPLIGHTER & RECESSIONAL

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

JOYS & SORROWS

PRAYER Rev. Hillary

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 In Your Quiet Place Keith Jarrett

READING “How to Be Alone” Pádraig Ó Tuama

ANTHEM I Choose Love Mark Miller A2U2 Choir

SERMON “The Practice of Being Alive” Rev. Hillary

*CLOSING HYMN #1057 Go Lifted Up

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 Reverie Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

May’s **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient is **Youth and Family Outreach**, whose mission is to alleviate the effects of poverty on local families with young children through education and full-day childcare.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

7 June - “On the Shoulders of Giants” with Rev. Tara (*Pride Sunday*) followed by our A2U2 Annual Meeting

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Coffee Hour (Sanctuary/Foyer) & **Brown Bag Brunch** (Board Room)

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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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"The Practice of Being Alive"

UU Pulpit Swap Sunday

Rev. Hillary Collins-Gilpatrick

Minister, First Universalist Church of Yarmouth

Sunday 31 May 2026 at 10am