21 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**

TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION Before Dawn Ola Gjeilo **Emily O'Neill**

SOUNDING IN THE SOLSTICE | 10:04 am EST **Bill Burge**

WELCOME & ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING HOPE | PEACE | JOY | LOVE **Rev. Tara Humphries**

CLOSING THE CIRCLE (East, South, West, North) **A2U2 Pagan Group**

LIGHTING THE CHALICE Laura Dobson, adapted **Pauli Juneau**

OPENING WORDS Rev. Jane Rzepka **Patricia Ellen**

LIGHTING THE YULE LOG Rev. Jane Rzepka **Emily C. Jones, DRE**

*HYMN Ring Out, Wild Bells *(insert & screen)*

STORY FOR ALL AGES Mythology of Winter **A2U2 Pagan Group**

JOYS & SORROWS **Rev. Tara Humphries**

SUNG MEDITATION Text Rebecca Ann Parker Music Beth Norton

*There is a Love holding **me/us**. There is a Love holding all that **I/we** love. There is a Love holding all. **I/We** rest in this Love.*

SPOKEN LITANY "The Light is Reborn" **Bettye McNeely & Will Davis**

SOLO O Tannenbaum **Amy Murphy**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY **Tim Vogel**

OFFERTORY Solstice Carole Jim Scott **A2U2 Choir**

READING Michael Meade, Jane Rzepka (adapted) **Steve Hansen & Selena Juneau-Vogel**

*HYMN #163 For the Earth Forever Turning

OPENING THE CIRCLE (North, West, South, East) **A2U2 Pagan Group**

CHANT Merry Meet

May the Circle be open yet unbroken. May the love of God and Goddess be ever in your heart. Merry meet and merry part and merry meet again.

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE FLAMES

*Our worship has ended… **and our service begins!***

*SINGING TOGETHER #118 This Little Light of Mine

*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

The 4 Directions: East- Bettye McNeely; South- Silvia Hansen; West- Crystal Cooper; North- Tim Vogel. We are grateful, too, to the members of A2U2's Pagan group who helped plan this service but are unable to be with us today.

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.

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Celebratory Solstice Coffee Hour **(Gathering Room)**

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JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE!

24 December, 5pm - "Lessons & Carols" with Rev. Tara & Emily, DRE

24 December, 7pm - "Good News is Louder than Fear" with Rev. Tara

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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.

LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation

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"Bringing Back the Light"

An All-Ages Winter Solstice Ritual and Celebration

The A2U2 Pagan Group in Collaboration
with Rev. Tara Humphries & Emily C. Jones, DRE

Sunday 21 December 2025 at 10am