4 January 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 **Barb Murray, Worship Associate**

SINGING BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP **Rev. Tara Humphries**

LIGHTING THE CHALICE & COMMUNITY CANDLE Mary Shelden

*OPENING HYMN # 259 We Three Kings (v. 1, 2, 4)

TIME FOR ALL AGES The Story of the Magi

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.

READING For Those Who Have Far to Travel Jan Richardson **Angie Dierks**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY Music for a While Henry Purcell **Finn Dierks-Brown**

HOMILY "Fear Doesn't Stop Us" **Rev. Tara Humphries**

*HYMN #55 Dark of Winter

*RECEIVING OUR STAR WORDS

*CLOSING HYMN #368 Now Let Us Sing

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 Cantaloupe Island Herbie Hancock

*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

January's **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient is **Portland Wheelers**, who provide free rides on specially adapted tricycles for people who cannot bike, getting folks outdoors for therapeutic recreation, socialization, adventure. FMI: portlandwheelers.org.

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

Today is our final Sunday of the ***What Do You Fear?*** series using liturgy resources from **A Sanctified Art**. Writing is by Sarah A. Speed & Anna Strickland, used and adapted with permission.

NEXT SUNDAY

11 January - "The Prophets' Journey (Part I): Holy Disorder"
with Rev. Tara Humphries

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

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

*"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.

LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation

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"Fear Doesn't Stop Us"

An All-Ages Epiphany Service

Reverend Tara Humphries

Sunday 4 January 2026 at 10am