

## **Rev. Jana Alžběta Rašková**

### ***About me***

I come from Northern Bohemia, where I grew up in a harmonious family environment with my parents and two sisters. I am happily married and the mother of two daughters. These experiences, among others, are the reasons why I hold the institution of marriage in deep respect.

I studied rehabilitation and have worked for many years as a physiotherapist and massage therapist. Through exploring the relationship between the body and the psyche, I gradually arrived at the spiritual dimension of life.

I have been an active member of the Religious Society of Czech Unitarians since 2017. After completing the Unitarian Academy, including training abroad, I was ordained as a Unitarian minister in 2023. I perceive the ministry as an opportunity to meet people around themes that enrich both sides – from singing and meditation to creative writing and public worship services, which I prepare myself.

I understand life itself as an ongoing learning seminar. I draw inspiration from nature, enjoy discovering the world, and my creed is: “I love everyone and everything between Heaven and Earth.” An integral part of my path is the willingness to work on myself and to help others – whether through spiritual ministry or through sensitive pastoral care in confidential, one-to-one conversations bound by discretion.

I welcome all people just as they are – unique, each with their own life journey and story. I look forward to yours as well.

### ***Wedding Ceremonies***

Entering into marriage is an immensely rich theme, whose understanding has varied greatly across history and cultures. This very diversity offers great freedom and inspiration – you can shape your ceremony according to your own wishes, free from social or ecclesiastical conventions and prejudices.

As a Unitarian minister, I am officially authorized to conduct marriages under the Civil Code of the Czech Republic. Unitarians represent an open and liberal stream of Czech religious culture, building on more than a century of the global Unitarian movement.

In wedding ceremonies, I focus on the sensitive guidance of the partners' vows, on perceiving the story of the two people involved, and on creating a space in which they can express themselves honestly and freely. The wedding ceremony guidance I offer helps couples create a unique script for their special day.

### ***Final thought***

I will be glad to accompany you not only through your wedding, but also through other rites of passage or a final farewell – always with respect, humanity, and openness, which are characteristic of Unitarianism.