**Script for the Announcer**

**Please note: in the current service format, the Announcer does not** begin the service. Your role begins AFTER the first hymn.

**Welcome and Committee Focus**

Good morning and welcome to the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I am a member of \_\_\_\_ Committee, which is the Committee Focus this week. *Present brief summary—****TWO-minute maximum*** *-- about your committee and its work*.

**Welcoming Guests and Visitors**

We enjoy welcoming guests and visitors to our service. If you have brought a guest, or are a visitor and would like to tell us who you are and where you're from, please stand or raise your hand. The usher will bring you a microphone so that everyone can hear you. *(Pause for newcomer introductions.)*

*(Read this line if someone has introduced themself:)*

Thank you and welcome. If you would like to learn more about this congregation and Unitarian Universalism, please stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby.

***OR:*** *(Read THIS line if no one has introduced themself:)*

If you would like to learn more about this congregation and Unitarian Universalism, please stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby.

**Congregational Greeting**

Please take this opportunity to turn and greet **the people seated near you**. *(Pause.)*

***When children are in the service, the Wisdom Story (Children’s Story) takes place now, then children leave, and Announcer resumes.*** *You can return to your seat during the story, or remain on the stage. If there is no Wisdom Story, wait for the Congregational Greeting to be completed and for all to be silent before continuing.)*

**Announcements**

Before we continue with today’s service, I draw your attention to the announcements in the Order of Service. We have these additional announcements:

*Read any paper announcements that aren’t already in the Order of Service. Even if there’s a related item in the Order of Service, it’s okay to read an announcement about an item that’s very important or immediately pending (use your best judgment). (Reminders: (1) Don’t use acronyms—read whole name. (2) If referring to sign-ups, ask the contact person to stand up so folks know who to talk to.)*

This ends the announcements.

*Return to your seat.*