

# Order of Service

**Sunday, August 1, 2021**

***“Pushed Back to Strength,” Rev Tom Chulak***

**Gathering Music**

*Shall We Gather at the River*, Robert Lowry; Musician Bonnie Ettinger

**Welcome** - *Al De Salvo*

**Call to Celebration** - *Al De Salvo*

**Prelude** - *Ann Brandon*

Spiritual Melody: *Balm in Gilead, Deep River, My Lord, What a Morning*, African American Spirituals

**Unison Chalice Lighting**

*Welcoming all free seekers of truth and meaning, we gather to excite the human spirit, to inspire its growth and development, to respond morally and ethically to a troubled world, and to sustain a vital and nurturing religious community.*

**Hymn 360** - *Chris Jensen*  
*Here We Gather*, Geneva Psalter, words Alicia Carpenter

**Opening Words** - *Rev. Tom Chulak*

**Reading** - *Rev. Tom Chulak*  
Words by Gloria Wade-Gayles

**Silent Meditation**

Fire Regrowth

**Sermon** - *Rev. Tom Chulak*  
Pushed Back to Strength

**Offering** - *Al De Salvo*

**Offertory** - *Ann Brandon*  
*Toccata in D Minor*, J.S. Bach

**Welcoming Guests and Visitors** - *Al De Salvo*

**Community Greeting** - *Al De Salvo*  
**Joys and Sorrows** - *Sandy Stone*  
**Prayer of Affirmation** - *Rev. Tom Chulak*

**Hymn 346** - *Chris Jensen*  
*Come Sing a Song with Me*, words Carolyn McDade

**Unison Extinguishing of the Chalice**

*We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth  
The warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.  
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*

**Benediction** - *Rev. Tom Chulak*

**Acknowledgements** - *Al De Salvo*

**Announcements** - *Al De Salvo*

***Breakout Rooms for Conversation and Fellowship. Remain in the main room for Congregational Response and reflection with Rev Tom Chulak.***

**Albany UU Virtual Summer Services**

Our summer services continue through September 5.

8:30 a.m. Virtual Sunday Meditation continues through the summer and we will have Virtual Service at 10:00 AM each Sunday. Summer services are coordinated by Randy Rosette.

[More information about our summer services can be found here.](#)