

Albany UU

Multiplatform Summer Sundays

June-September 2022

8:30-9:15 am MEDITATION

Mindfulness Meditation to start your morning

10:00 am SERVICE

Use this link to join meditation or service remotely:

<https://tinyurl.com/AlbanyUU-SundayService>

To dial in by phone call: 1-929-436-2866 and enter

Meeting ID: 299 018 7785

Password: 0000

June

June 19 "Woven In A Single Garment of Destiny"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. often spoke of how we are all part of "an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny." These words offer a powerful image of something fundamental in our Unitarian Universalist theology: interdependence. What does the reality of interdependence ask of us as individuals and as faith communities? How do we care for each other knowing this truth? The service comes to us from the Unitarian Universalist Association. The Worship leader is Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray, President, Unitarian Universalist Association. The service will also fittingly recognize Juneteenth, honoring Emancipation Day for Enslaved African-Americans.

June 26 "Conspiracy for Life: A Personal Defense of Reproductive Justice," Rev. Dick Gilbert

We meet on the eve of (or in the wake of) the Supreme Court's decision on Roe v. Wade. I'll reflect on this in the context of being a counselor to women with unwanted pregnancy before both Roe v. Wade and New York's legalization of abortion. We are on the brink of a non-democratic disaster.

Dick Gilbert, a retired Unitarian Universalist minister. Dick Gilbert has been a UU minister for 60 years. He has served congregations in Cleveland, Ithaca, Golden, CO, and for 32 years in Rochester. During his time in Ithaca he was part of the Clergy Consultation Service on Problem Pregnancies before Roe v. Wade and New York's abortion rerom law. He is an active member of Clergy for Choice.

Music: Ann Brandon

July

July 3 "Independence through the Constitution," Nelson Jacobs-Moore

What celebrating Independence Day can be like for "marginalized" Americans.

Nelson Jacobs-Moore Has served as an ordained Presbyterian deacon at Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, NY. He has also served as Worship Associate at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Charlotte County and the Unitarian Universalist Friendship Fellowship of Pineda in Florida. He is now the Sexton of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany.

Music: Isaac Allen

July 10 "Collective Liberation: A Love Story," Rev. Amanda Poppei

"Collective Liberation: A Love Story" Dr. Cornel West famously said that "justice is what love looks like in public." What would it mean for us as Unitarian Universalists to live our love publicly? How is this connected to the concept of collective liberation, which tells us that no one is free while others are oppressed? And how might we understand this to be at the center of Unitarian Universalist theology? Join Rev. Amanda Poppei, who grew up at Albany UU for an invitation to a deeper, more just love.

The Rev. Amanda Poppei serves as Senior Minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Arlington, VA. Her call to ministry is rooted in the possibility of a more just and beautiful world, and the creation of multigenerational communities with love and radical inclusion at their heart. A graduate of Yale University and Wesley Theological Seminary, Amanda also serves on the Ministerial Fellowship Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Association, and on the Board of the Humanist Special Collection at Meadville Lombard Theological School. She lives in Silver Spring, MD with her spouse Peter and their kids, Marcella (14) and Joanna (10), and spends her spare time reading novels about vampires and embroidering--though rarely at the same time, embroidery needles being nearly as sharp as fangs.

Music: Lois Bailey, Tina Haq

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July 17 Rev. Jo Page

Rev. Jo Page, serves St. John's-on-Sand-Creek Road. Watch for more information about this service soon!

Music: Randy Rosette

July 24 “The Search for Love,” Rev. Dr. Tom Chulak

At the heart of Universalism is love. But what is love? How do we find it? The search for love has been a personal life-long exploration. So as a Unitarian Universalist, what have I learned...That will center the service.

Rev. Dr Tom Chulak is a retired Unitarian Universalist Minister and a member of our church. He has served Unitarian Universalism at the local, regional and national level and was previously co-owner of the Chatham Bookstore. Tom currently lives in Troy.

Music: Isaac Allen

July 31 Joe Bruchac

Watch for more information about this service soon!

August

Aug. 7 “Remembrance and Mourning,” Rev. Chris Antal

Moving beyond selective remembering, towards an honest moral reckoning with the cost of our wars, is work that is ours to do in order to live into our UUA Creating Peace Statement of Conscience.

Reverend Chris J. Antal is a Clinical Staff Chaplain at the Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center in Philadelphia. Chris interned at Albany UU (2009-2010) and was ordained in 2011.

Music: Ann Brandon

Aug. 14 “Hiroshima: City of Peace,” Pat Lamanna

Pat Lamanna is a retired instructor in Human Services at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and an award-winning songwriter. Richard Mattocks is an environmental scientist. They met at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie, where they are both members. They also share a love of folk music and travel.

Music: Pat Lamanna

Aug. 21 Wellspring Highlights

Wellspring offers a place to explore and choose for yourself what's important for your body, mind and heart. Together we set out on a journey of deep listening and compassionate connection, along with some laughter and fun along the way.

Music: Randy Rosette

Aug. 28 Jacob King

Join us as we meet our new Ministerial Intern. Watch for more information about this service soon!

Music: Ann Brandon

September

Sept. 4 Diane Cameron

Diane Cameron is a writer, and teacher. A columnist for the Albany Times Union Diane is the author of three books, “Looking for Signs” –a collection of essays; “Out of the Woods” about Twelve-step recovery, and “Never Leave Your Dead”—the history of war trauma.

Diane is a passionate for people living in poverty and for family caregivers. She is a director at Unity House in Troy. Diane is also a spiritual director, and she has worked with our Wellspring program. Diane is married to David Pascone and they live in Guilderland, New York.

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