

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 themselves:)

Thank you and welcome. If you would like to learn more about this congregation and Unitarian Universalism, please find the Ambassador wearing the "Ask me" button in coffee hour after the service, or stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby.

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

In case there is anyone who's shy about introductions, we welcome you anyway. If you would like to learn more about this congregation and Unitarian Universalism, please find the Ambassador wearing the "Ask me" button in coffee hour after the service, or 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.