

We welcome everyone. Our Unitarian Universalist community seeks truth and deeper meaning, pursues justice through inspired action, and cultivates compassion and love for all connected by the web of life.
Mission statement, adopted May 18, 2014

Accessibility- Large print and braille hymnals are available, as are hearing assistance devices. Please see an usher if you need either of these.

Chalice- The flaming chalice symbolizes the light that guides us in our spiritual and humanitarian path. During World War II it became a symbol of risk, service and freedom that has been widely adopted by many UU congregations.

Introducing Guests and Visitors- We would like to get to know you, and suggest that you take the opportunity to introduce yourself. An usher will bring you the microphone.

Joys and Sorrows- You are welcome to share your life's milestones with the congregation, even if this is your first visit. One way we do this is to place a stone in the bowl, symbolizing giving your joy or sorrow to the congregation to hold with you. If you choose, you may also speak it at the microphone. We have Pastoral Care Associates on duty who are trained in compassionate listening if there is a sorrow or a trauma in your life that you wish to talk about today. You may also email listeners@albanyuu.org or phone (518-463-7135).

Children—For most services from June through Labor Day, children are welcome to stay with their grownups in service. Busy bags may be available from the ushers, or there may be activities on the cart outside Community Hall. Childcare for those under 4 is usually available upstairs in Room 22, and there is also a family seating area upstairs near the Joy Library, with a partial view of Community Hall, for your use.

You are welcome to participate in any of the classes, programs and activities offered by our congregation. Please fill out a guest card at the Welcome Table in the lobby to learn more.

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It is with gratitude and humility that we acknowledge that we are learning, speaking and gathering on the ancestral homelands of the Mohican people, who are the indigenous peoples of this land. Despite tremendous hardship in being forced from here, today their community resides in Wisconsin and is known as the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. We pay honor and respect to their ancestors past and present as we commit to building a more inclusive and equitable space for all.

There is No Well Marked Road

Rev Tom Chulak

Albany Unitarian Universalist
Sunday, August 20th, 2023
10:00 AM

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Gathering Music	<i>Ann Brandon</i>
Ringing of the Chime	<i>Al DeSalvo</i>
Welcome	<i>Al DeSalvo</i>
Call to Celebration	<i>Al DeSalvo</i>
<i>Reading from Seneca Prayer</i>	
Prelude	<i>Ann Brandon</i>
<i>Shall We Gather at the River, by Robert Lowry</i>	
Chalice Lighting	<i>Al DeSalvo</i>
<i>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.</i>	
Opening Song	<i>Congregation</i>
<i>#360 Here We Have Gathered</i>	
Responsive Reading	<i>Rev Tom Chulak and Congregation</i>
<i>#645 Song of The Open Road, by Walt Whitman</i>	
Silent Meditation	<i>Rev Tom Chulak</i>
Sermon	<i>Rev Tom Chulak</i>
<i>There is No Well Marked Road</i>	
Offering	<i>Al DeSalvo</i>
Offertory	<i>Ann Brandon</i>
<i>Of a Clear Garden, by Lili Boulanger</i>	
Joys and Sorrows	<i>Alice Sage</i>
Spoken Mediation	<i>Rev Tom Chulak</i>
Introducing Guests & Visitors	<i>Al DeSalvo</i>
Announcements	<i>Al DeSalvo</i>
Benediction	<i>Rev Tom Chulak</i>
Closing Song	<i>Congregation</i>
<i>#1020 Woyaya</i>	
Unison Extinguishing of the Chalice	<i>Rev Tom Chulak</i>
<i>We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth</i>	

*The warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*

Join us for lemonade and cookies in the back!

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We welcome Rev. Linda Hoddy, who will focus her energy in areas of worship and administration; Rev. Lynne Ashley, with primary responsibilities in pastoral care and social action; and Rev. Margret O’Neill, our consultant for transition and interim ministry.

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Next Sunday, August 27th
10am –Rev. Joe Paparone “Freedom Church of the Poor “

The vision of Dr. King's Poor People's Campaign was more than a new development in the Civil Rights Movement. It represented a revolutionary analysis and understanding of society while pointing the way toward the Beloved Community.

Rev. Joe Paparone is the lead organizer with the Labor-Religion Coalition of NYS. The Coalition seeks to unite faith, labor and community in a statewide movement for social, racial and economic justice, grounded in our deeply held moral and democratic values. Joe is a lifelong New Yorker, and currently lives in Albany with his wife, Lesley, and their dogs, Artax and Nym. He is a licensed minister with the Mennonite Church USA.