

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 Your children are welcome to stay with you in service, or be with a group of children around their own age under the supervision of screened adult volunteers (two per group). Childcare is available in Room 22 for children three and under during most services. See the easel sign in the lobby or inquire at the Sunday Morning Office Window or Welcome Desk for more information. Most weeks, children and youth go to their groups after the Wisdom Story in service, and someone will be available in the hallway at that time to assist you and your family.

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.

A Time for Turning

Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley



Albany Unitarian Universalist
Sunday, September 24th, 2023
10:00 AM

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Gathering Music Olga Martinez
Ringing of the Chime
Blasts of the Shofar
from *Birthday of the World* with Leonard Nimoy
Welcome Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley
Prelude Randy Rosette
#216 Hashiveinu
Call to Community Rev. Ashley and Michael Hornsby
On Turning
Opening Hymn
#51 *Lady of the Seasons' Laughter* Congregation
Chalice Lighting Michael Hornsby and Rev. Ashley
*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.*
Wisdom Story Elizabeth Baldes
Sammy Spider's First Yom Kippur
Children and Youth Go Forth
#414 *As We Leave This Friendly Place*
Please pick up children & youth in Grade 7 & under from their rooms at 11:15.
Reading Rev. Ashley and Michael Hornsby
A Blended Poem Blended by Mark Hicks
The Bridge Poem by Kate Rushin
This Side of Heaven by Lou Denti
Responsive Song Randy Rosette and Olga Martinez
Avinu Malkein
Reflection Rev. Ashley
A Time for Turning

A Time for Prayer and Meditation

In Silence
In Words from Sharon Salzberg Rev. Ashley
In Music *There is a Love* Congregation
Offering Michael Hornsby
Offertory Randy Rosette
Bashana Haba'ah
Joys and Sorrows Erik von Hausen
Prayer of Affirmation Rev. Ashley
Introduction of Guests & Visitors Michael Hornsby
Closing Hymn Congregation
#217 *O Sing Hallelujah*
Benediction Rev. Ashley
Extinguishing of the Chalice Rev. Ashley and Michael Hornsby
*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.*
Invitations Michael Hornsby

*We invite those who would like to have further conversation with Rev. Ashley
and Michael Hornsby to stay in Community Hall after the service.*

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Today's flowers were donated by Cindee Herrick  
*Flowers cheer the hall.  
Sign up sheet is on the Channing wall.*

**EXCITING NEWS!**

We are thrilled to announce the return of our In-Person Soup/Pie and Craft Sale!! Your favorite homemade soups and pies will be available for sale in Channing Hall on Sundays, Nov 19th and Dec 3rd after the service. Also, on Dec 3rd, select wonderful handmade crafts and gifts to bring home for the holidays. Watch for more details as it gets closer.