

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.

Love & Work

Diane Cameron

Albany Unitarian Universalist
Sunday, September 3rd, 2023
10:00 AM

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Gathering Music	Randy Rosette
Ringing of the Chime	Al DeSalvo
Welcome	Al DeSalvo
Call to Celebration	Al DeSalvo
Prelude	Randy Rosette
<i>Sixteen Tons by Merle Travis</i>	
Chalice Lighting	Al DeSalvo
<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	Congregation
<i>We Choose Love, by Ana Egge and Adam Podd</i>	
Reading	Diane Cameron
<i>Summer Work</i>	
Spoken Meditation	Diane Cameron
<i>The Butterfly, by Nikos Kazantzakis</i>	
Silent Meditation	
Sermon	Diane Cameron
<i>Love & Work</i>	
Offering	Al DeSalvo
Offertory	Randy Rosette
<i>9 to 5, by Dolly Parton</i>	
Joys and Sorrows	Anny Lapinski
Prayer of Affirmation	Diane Cameron
Introducing Guests & Visitors	Al DeSalvo
Announcements	Al DeSalvo
Benediction	Diane Cameron
<i>A Closing Blessing</i>	
Closing Song	Congregation
<i>#390 Gaudeamus Hodie</i>	

Unison Extinguishing of the Chalice

Diane Cameron

*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.*

Join us for lemonade and cookies in the back!

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Homecoming Sunday, Sept 10th - Welcome Back Social Hour Join us for a light lunch after the Homecoming Service on Sept 10th. The Reception Team will provide sandwiches. Coffee, tea, lemonade and water will also be provided. We would appreciate contributions of FINGER FOODS for the lunch as well – Veggies, fruit, cheese, crackers, hummus, cookies, brownies, chips, popcorn, etc. Any questions, ask Sandy Stone (dsalbany@nycap.rr.com or 518-489-8293) or Barb Manning (BarbaraCManning@hotmail.com or 518-439-4226).

**Next Sunday, September 10th**  
**10am –Homecoming and Water Communion**  
**Rev. Linda Hoddy and Rev. Lynn Ashley**

**At the center of our service is our annual Water Communion. Everyone is invited to bring a small container of water from someplace faraway or near, that touched your spirit from streams, rivers, great lakes, oceans, backyard ponds, or straight from household taps. Just as waters come together to make ever-greater bodies, we come together at this beginning of a new church year to join waters collected during the summer.**