

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.

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Linda Hoddy, Interim Co- Minister

Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley, Interim Co-Minister

Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth

Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

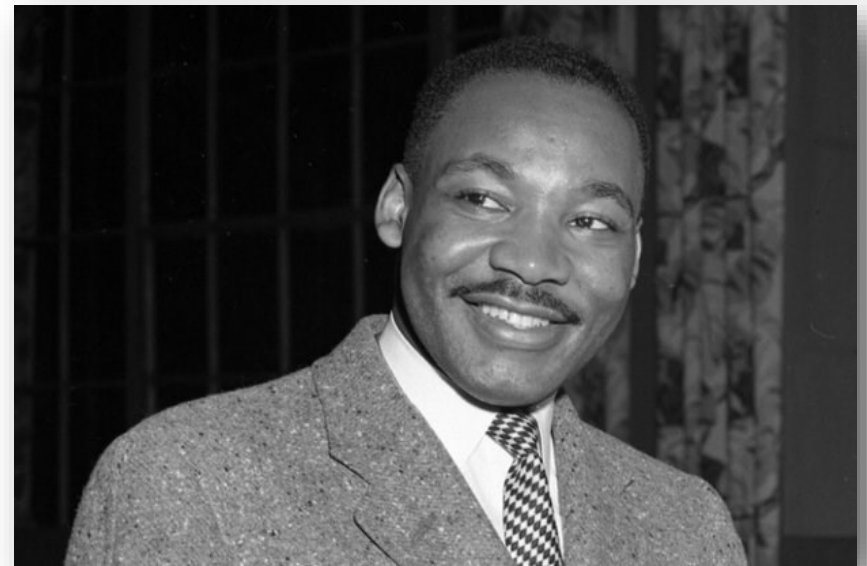
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Peace Through the Eyes of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Rev. Linda Hoddy



Albany Unitarian Universalist
Sunday, January 14, 2024
10:00 AM

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Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal. — Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Gathering Music Olga Martinez

Ringling of the Chime

Welcome Rev. Linda Hoddy

Prelude Olga Martinez

When Will The Fighting Cease

Call to Community Nellson Jacobs-Moore

Read Responsively, #584 A Network of Mutuality

Chalice Lighting Rev. Hoddy and Nellson Jacobs-Moore

*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. .*

Hymn Congregation

#161 Peace the Perfect Word is Sounding

Wisdom Story Elizabeth Baldes

A Picture of Peace

Singing the Children Out

#414 As We Leave This Friendly Place

Please pick up children & youth in Grades 7 & under from their rooms at 11:15.

Sermon Rev. Hoddy and Nellson Jacobs-Moore

Peace Through the Eyes of MLKing

A Time for Prayer and Meditation Congregation

In Silence

In Words Rev. Hoddy

Words adapted from Lao-Tse

In Music

Instrumental, #163 For the Earth Forever Turning

Offering Nellson Jacobs-Moore

Offertory Music Olga Martinez

"From a Distance" by Bette Midler

Personal Joys and Sorrows Erik von Hausen

Introducing Guests and Visitors Nellson Jacobs-Moore

Benediction Rev. Hoddy

Closing Hymn Congregation

#162 Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield

Invitations and Announcements Nellson Jacobs-Moore

Coffee Hour Connections Anny Lapinski

Extinguishing of the Chalice Nellson Jacobs-Moore and Rev. Hoddy

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.

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Coffee Hour has been provided today by Anny Lapinski with the Meditation Sangha.

Flowers for this service were donated by Kate Steere.

Join us for our new-comer event, "Getting to Know.UU," on Saturday, January 20th from 9am to 11:30 at Albany UU .Sign up at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings, or call our office (518-463-7135).

*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.*