

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

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Toward Trust

Rev. Linda Hoddy



Albany Unitarian Universalist
Sunday, February 4, 2024
10:00 AM

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*Placing your faith in the unknown with no guarantee of the outcome
is at the heart of learning to trust the process of life. — Iyanla Vanzant*

Gathering Music Ryan Devine
Ring of the Chime
Welcome Rev. Linda Hoddy
Prelude Ryan Devine
Lean on Me
Call to Community (Insert) Rev. Hoddy
Words by Eileen B. Karpeles
Chalice Lighting Rev. Hoddy and Al De Salvo
*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
#347 Gather the Spirit
Ancient Testimony Rev. Hoddy
Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37)
Modern Testimony Al De Salvo
#468 We Need One Another (Responsively)
Hymn Congregation
#1012 When I Am Frightened
Sermon Toward Trust Rev. Hoddy
A Time for Prayer and Meditation
In Silence
In Words #654 Impassioned Clay Rev. Hoddy
In Music Flows to Thee Congregation
Offering Al De Salvo
Offertory Music Cathy Demille and Olga Martinez
I Know This Rose Will Open (Vocal Ensemble)
Personal Joys and Sorrows Anny Lapinski
Hymn Congregation
#323 Break Not the Circle

Benediction Rev. Hoddy
Words of Tom Schade
Extinguishing of the Chalice Al De Salvo 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.*
Invitations and Announcements Al De Salvo
Coffee Hour Connection Chuck Manning

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Coffee Hour is hosted this week by Chuck Manning with the Stewardship Committee.

Flowers for this service were donated by Barb and Chuck Manning in memory of Dorothy (Dottie) Crossett, Barb's mother.

*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.*