

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.

We Welcome 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 share it by completing a blue card available from an Usher. Pastoral Care Associates, trained in compassionate listening, are available if there is a sorrow or a trauma in your life that you wish to talk about today. You may also 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

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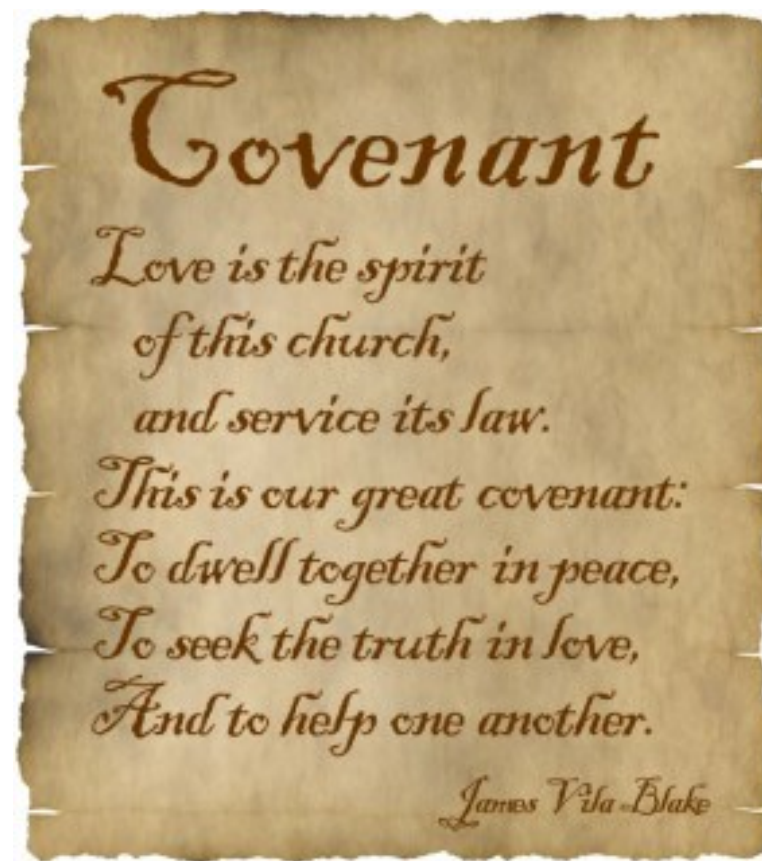
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Of Covenant and Conviction

Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley



Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, February 25, 2024

10:00 AM

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Gathering Music Olga Martinez

Ringing of the Chime

Welcome Ireta London

Prelude Albany UU Choir

We Will Be a Shelter for Each Other

Call to Community Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley

Words from David Blanchard

Chalice Lighting Rev. Ashley and Ireta London

*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

We Are Together

Hymn Congregation

#354 We Laugh, We Cry

Sermon Of Covenant and Conviction Rev. Ashley

A Time for Prayer and Meditation

In Words and Music Congregation

#1037 We Begin Again in Love

In Silence

Choral Response Albany UU Choir

If We Want to See the Sunrise

Offering Ireta London

Offertory Music Albany UU Choir

Let This be a House of Peace

Personal Joys and Sorrows Anny Lapinski

Closing Hymn Congregation

#1008 When Our Heart is in a Holy Place

Benediction Rev. Ashley

Extinguishing of the Chalice Rev. Ashley and Ireta London

*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.*

Coffee Hour Connection Joyce Chicoine

Welcoming Guests and Visitors Ireta London

Invitations and Announcements Ireta London

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Coffee Hour is hosted this week by the Inclusivity Team.

Flowers for this service were donated by Cindee Herrick, in memory of her mother, Jeanne F. H. Herrick.

Do you enjoy seeing fresh flowers in Community Hall during the service? Why not donate some yourself? You can choose any available Sunday and what, or who, the flowers are commemorating. The Flower Committee can arrange and bring in the flowers, or you can arrange the flowers yourself! Look for the signup sheet in Channing Hall, or you can sign up electronically. Contact Cindee Herrick with questions.

The Ministries and Operations Team (MOT) recently found out that the cost to maintain the custom-built pipe organ in the Sanctuary is out of proportion to the organ's use. If you would like to provide respectful input, or put your creative problem-solving skills to use helping the MOT determine next steps in addressing this issue, please communicate with us via the form provided in Weekly Windows by March 11.

*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.*