

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

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Spirituality + Science: Partners in Addressing Climate Chaos

Rev. Dr. Leonisa Ardizzone



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Sunday, March 17, 2024

10:00 AM

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Gathering Music

Ringing of the Chime

Welcome and Guest Introduction

Peggy Sherman

Prelude

Olga Martinez , Rich Baldes, and Jose Mora

Fragile, music and words by Gordon Matthew Summer (Sting)

Call to Community

Rev. Dr. Leonisa Ardizzone

"We've Forgotten Who We Are" — United Nations Environmental Sabbath

Chalice Lighting

Rev. Leonisa and Peggy Sherman

*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

#1064 *Blue Boat Home*

Wisdom Story

Elizabeth Baldes

We Are Water Protectors

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.

Reading

Peggy Sherman

"When Time is Short" by Timothy Beal, an excerpt

Sermon

Rev. Leonisa

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A Time for Prayer and Meditation

In Music

Elegy for the Arctic, music by Ludovico Einaudi

In Silence

Offering

Peggy Sherman

Offertory Music

Olga Martinez, Rich Baldes, and Jose Mora

Personal Joys and Sorrows

Alice Sage

Stewardship Testimonial

Al DeSalvo

Closing Hymn

Congregation

#1028 *The Fire of Commitment*

Benediction

Rev. Leonisa

Remember, Remember—Pawnee/Osage/Omaha Native Song

Extinguishing of the Chalice

Peggy Sherman and Rev. Leonisa

*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

John Sherman with the
19th Annual Wine & Cheese Tasting Event

Invitations and Announcements

Peggy Sherman

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Coffee Hour is hosted this week by John Sherman.

Flowers for this service were donated by Al DeSalvo in memory of Susan Thompson. Flowers for Coffee Hour were donated by Margaret Blanco in celebration of Kathleen Hodges' birthday on St. Patrick's day.

The BIPOC Racial Healing Group meeting will be this Sunday, March 17th from noon to 1:15 in Room B3/B4.

On March 29th, at 5:30PM, there will be a potluck in Community Hall followed by Albany UU talent performances at 7PM.

**2024 Community Building Auction:** Donations for our biggest fundraiser of the year, the annual online auction, will be accepting online beginning Sunday, April 14.

*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.*