

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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God-Talk or Not?

Rev. Linda Hoddy

Pamela Collins



Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, April 7, 2024

10:00 AM

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*You need not accept someone else's [religious] language as your own.
You do not even have to speak another religious language fluently,
but you should try to understand enough that you can carry on a
meaningful conversation, build mutual understanding,
and forge lasting relationships across religious difference. — George Tyger*

Gathering Music

Randy Rosette

In the Secret by Andy Park

Ringing of the Chime

Welcome

Rev. Linda Hoddy

Prelude

Randy Rosette

Songs Without Words, Op. 62 No25 by Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Community (#439 Read Responsively)

Rev. Hoddy

Chalice Lighting

Rev. Linda Hoddy and Pam Collins

*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

#10 *Immortal Love*

Neuroscience of Spirituality

Video by Dr. Lisa Miller

Reflection

What's in a Name?

Pamela Collins

Reflection

Re-frame It!

Rev. Hoddy

A Time for Prayer and Meditation

In Words

Rev. Hoddy

Words of Nancy Schaffer

In Silence

In Music

Randy Rosette

Bells in the High Tower, a Hungarian Carol

Offering

Pam Collins

Offertory Music

Randy Rosette

Tuxedo Junction by Erskine Hawkins, Bill Johnson, Julian Dash

A Time for Community

Introducing Guests & Visitors

Pam Collins

Personal Joys and Sorrows

Erik vonHausen

Invitations

Coffee Hour Connection

The Joy Library

Closing Song

Randy Rosette

Put a Little Love in Your Heart

by Jackie DeShannon, Jimmy Holiday, and Randy Myers

Please, join in as the spirit calls.

Benediction

Rev. Hoddy

Words of Richard Fewkes

Extinguishing of the Chalice

Rev. Hoddy and Pam Collins

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 is hosted this week by **the Joy Library**.

**Flowers** for this service were donated by Paula and Steven Moskowitz, memory of Rosyln Moskowitz.

**Discussion:** Rev. Linda and Pam Collins will remain in Community Hall for a discussion about religious language with any who are interested. Come and discuss!

Join the **Walker Book Group** online on Sunday, April 14 at 6:15PM for time to socialize followed by a discussion of *Crook Manifesto* by Colson Whitehead, beginning at 6:30PM. Learn more at <https://albanyuu.org/walker-book-group>.

*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.*