

**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 to 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 can also write your joy or sorrow on the blue cards found on the table in Community Hall lobby, indicating whether you would like it to be read aloud to the congregation. Joys or sorrows can also be submitted in advance through a link found in each weekly Windows newsletter. If you'd like to talk, we have Pastoral Care Associates on duty who are trained in compassionate listening; email [Listeners@AlbanyUU.groups.io](mailto:Listeners@AlbanyUU.groups.io) 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.

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### **Albany Unitarian Universalist**

Rev. Linda Hoddy, Interim Co- Minister

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# **Seeking Environmental Justice in Albany**

## **Green Sanctuary Team with Owusu Anane, Rev. Marc Johnson, and Susan Cotner**



**Albany Unitarian Universalist**

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

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**Gathering Music** *Dulcimer Consort*  
*Blue Boat Home* by Peter Mayer

## Ringing of the Chime

**Welcome** *Chuck Manning*

**Call to Community** *Chuck Manning*

**Chalice Lighting** *Chuck Manning and Chris Bystroff*

*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. -*

**Song** *Members of Albany UU Choir with Dulcimer Consort*  
*Gather Us In* by Marty Haugen

**Wisdom Story** *Carol Butt*  
*A Neverending Albany Story* by Elizabeth Baldes

**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.*

**What is Environmental Justice?** *Chuck Manning*

**Environmental Justice in Albany** *Owusu Anane,  
Albany Common Council Member*

## A Silent Moment for Reflection

**Environmental Justice in the South End** *Rev. Marc Johnson,  
Minister of St. John's Church of God and Environmental Activist*

## A Silent Moment for Reflection

**Action to Foster Environmental Justice** *Susan Cotner,  
Executive Director of the Affordable Housing Partnership*

## A Silent Moment for Reflection

**Offering** *Chuck Manning*

**Offertory Music** *Members of Albany UU Choir with Dulcimer Consort*  
*Appalachian Round*

## A Time for Community

**Introducing Guests & Visitors** *Chuck Manning*  
**Personal Joys and Sorrows** *Anny Lapinski*

**Invitations** *Chuck Manning*  
**Coffee Hour Connection** *Paula Moskowitz Garden Committee*

**Closing Song** *Albany UU Choir*  
*We Are All One Planet* by Molly Scott

**Benediction** *Sandy Steubing*

**Extinguishing of the Chalice** *Chuck Manning and Chris Bystroff*  
*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.*

**Postlude** *Congregation and Dulcimer Consort*  
*Blue Boat Home (Reprise)* by Peter Mayer

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Coffee Hour is hosted this week by Paula Moskowitz with Garden Committee.

Flowers for this service were donated by Barbara Manning in memory of Barb's dad, James Crossett.

**Meet the Candidates:** We have a contested election for the 5 open seats on the Nominating Committee. Please meet the candidates, who will be guiding our transition, in the back of Community Hall after service today.

*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.*