

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.

Welcoming 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 personal 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 a blue card found on the table in Community Hall lobby; indicate whether you would like it to be read during the service. Joys or sorrows can also be submitted in advance through a link found in each weekly Windows newsletter. If you'd like to speak with someone, Pastoral Care Associates, trained in compassionate listening are on duty; or email Listeners@AlbanyUU.groups.io.

Children- Childcare is available in Room 22 for children three and under during most services. From late May-early September your children and youth are welcome to stay with you in service. Starting in mid-September they can also choose to be with a group of people around their own age under the supervision of screened adult volunteers (two per group).

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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A Cloud of Witnesses

Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley



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Sunday, May 26, 2024

10:00 AM

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Gathering Music *Olga Martinez*
Video of VE-Day Anniversary Dinner, Channing Hall, 1995, by Mike D'Attilio

Call to the Colors *Drew Eck*

Call to Community *Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley*
Heather K. Janules, adapted

Opening Hymn *Congregation*
#107 *Now Sing We of the Brave of Old*

Chalice Lighting *Rev. Ashley and Reese Satin*
*In honor of those we have known and loved in the past,
In recognition of the gifts and sacrifices they have made on our behalf,
And in our sincere hopes that we may be worthy of their memory,
We light our chalice,
We give our thanks,
And we offer our prayers.* — Charles F. Flagg, adapted

Of WWII *Carolyn Stetson*
Video clips of Fred Schroeder, Bob Stierer, Charlie Kahn-Schneider

Of Korea *Rudy Johnson*

Wisdom Story *Elizabeth Baldes*
The Wall by Eve Bunting

Of Vietnam *Bob Franklin*
Video clip of Shirey Archie, courtesy of Chris Howard, Surefooted Productions

Musical Interlude *Rich Baldes and John Edvalson*
Blowin in the Wind by Bob Dylan

Of the Peace Corps *Jon Newell*

Of the Cold War *Reese Satin*

Of the War Years since 2000 *Valerie and Natalie Plamondon*

A Time for Meditation

A Message *Jean-Paul Plamondon*

Silence
Photos provided by Davidson Loehr

Song *Rich Baldes*
Brothers in Arms by Dire Straits

In Memoriam *Rev. Ashley*

Offering *Reese Satin*

Offertory Music *Albany UU Small Ensemble*
In Flanders Fields

A Time for Community

Welcoming Guests & Visitors *Reese Satin*

Personal Joys and Sorrows *Randy Rosette*

Invitations and Announcements *Reese Satin*

Coffee Hour Connection *Charlotte Baldes*

Closing Words *Rev. Ashley*

Closing Hymn *Congregation*
A Dedication by Lea Morris

Extinguishing the Chalice *Rev. Ashley*

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Coffee Hour is hosted this week by Albany UU Youth, as part of the Albany Marching Falcons.

Flowers for this service were donated by Tanya Hotalen in memory of her husband, Thomas Hotalen.

**The Green Sanctuary Team** will be meeting on May 26th in room B7 and on zoom. We will be discussing NYS climate legislation advocacy, the Nature Bus, and other activities. All are welcome!

**Blossom Bash:** End of Year Party June 1, 7PM-9:30PM. Let's celebrate together! Snacks, desserts, soft drinks, beer, wine and skits, music, dancing. Sign up in Channing after service.

*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.*