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 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.

Albany Unitarian Universalist

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Celebration, Concern and Hope: AUU Listens for the Future

Rev. Margret A. O'Neall and The AUU Transition Team



Albany Unitarian Universalist Sunday, May 5, 2024 10:00 AM

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Gathering Music

Ringing of the Chime

Welcome Rev. Margret A. O'Neall

Prelude Albany UU Choir

23rd Psalm (Dedicated to My Mother)

Call to Community Rev. O'Neall

Chalice Lighting Rev. O'Neall and Peggy Sherman

Welcoming all free seekers of truth and meaning,

we gather to excite the human spirit, to inspire its growth and development,

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to respond morally and ethically to a troubled world, and to sustain a vital and nurturing religious community.

Opening Hymn Congregation

#295 Sing Out Praises for the Journey

Introducing Guests & Visitors Peggy Sherman

Personal Joys and Sorrows Alice Sage

A Time for Prayer and Meditation

In Words Rev. O'Neall

A Prayer for Change by George Grimm-Howell

In Silence

In Music Albany UU Choir

A Branch of May

Offering Peggy Sherman

Offertory Music Albany UU Choir

One Voice

Reflection Rev. O'Neall and the Transition Team

Closing Hymn Congregation

#347 Gather the Spirit

Benediction Rev. O'Neall

Invitations Peggy Sherman

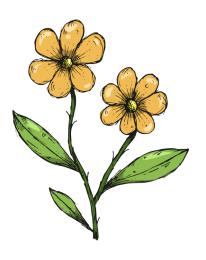
Extinguishing of the Chalice Rev. Margret A. O'Neall and Peggy Sherman

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

Sharon Babala with the Congregational Life Team



Coffee Hour is hosted this week by the **Congregational Life Team**.

Flowers for this service were donated by Cheryl Thomson Reda & Alan Thomson in memory of their mom, Lois Thomson.

The Gardening Team will meeting at the Church on Tuesday, May 7th at 1:30PM to spread mulch in the flower gardens. If you can help, bring gloves and a bucket. Questions - call Jim at 518-859-2802.

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.