

**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**

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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**

Celebration, Concern and Hope

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**Gathering Music**

**Ringing of the Chime**

**Welcome**

*Rev. Margret A. O'Neill*

**Prelude**

*Albany UU Choir*

*23rd Psalm (Dedicated to My Mother)*

**Call to Community**

*Rev. O'Neill*

**Chalice Lighting**

*Rev. O'Neill 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. -*

**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'Neill*

*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'Neill and the Transition Team*

**Closing Hymn**

*Congregation*

*#347 Gather the Spirit*

**Benediction**

*Rev. O'Neill*

**Invitations**

*Peggy Sherman*

**Extinguishing of the Chalice** *Rev. Margret A. O'Neill 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*



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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.*