

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

Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley, Interim Minister

Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth

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Gifts of Love

Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley



Albany Unitarian Universalist
Sunday, May 12, 2024
10:00 AM

Gifts of Love
May 12, 2024

Gathering Music

Ringing of the Chime

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley

Prelude

Olga Martinez

Call to Community

Rev. Ashley

Chalice Lighting

Rev. Ashley 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. .*

Opening Hymn

Congregation

#38 Morning Has Broken

Wisdom Story

Elizabeth Baldes

Alma & How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal

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.

Reflections

Rev. Ashley and Reese Satin

Presentation of the Quilt Plaque

Letting Go, Welcoming In

Pam Collins

Offering

Pam Collins

Offertory Music

Olga Martinez

Recognition of Volunteers

Reading

Rev. Ashley and Pam Collins

Blessed are Those

Responsive Hymn

Congregation

#318 We Would Be One

A Time for Community

Welcoming Guests & Visitors

Pam Collins

Personal Joys and Sorrows

Laura Paris

Invitations and Announcements

Coffee Hour Connection

*Anny Lapinski with
the Pastoral Care Associates*

Closing Hymn

Congregation

#311 Let It Be a Dance

Closing Words

Rev. Ashley

Extinguishing of the Chalice

Rev. Ashley 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 Pastoral Care Associates.

Flowers for this service were donated by Cindee Herrick, for all the mothers.

Thanks to all who participated in another successful Community Breakfast yesterday.

**Albany UU Annual Meeting next Sunday, May 19 at 12PM:** Childcare will be provided. If you are not able to be present on May 19, members may vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots can be signed out at the church office.

**The Online Auction closes next Sunday, May 19.** Learn more at [www.albanyuu.org/auction2024/](http://www.albanyuu.org/auction2024/)

*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.*