

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 -Childcare is available in Room 22 for children three and under during most services. From late May-August your children and youth are welcome to stay with you in service. Starting in 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

Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley, Interim Minister

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Kindling the Flame

Albany UU Youth Group



Image by Isi Carrera

Albany Unitarian Universalist
Sunday, May 19, 2024
10:00 AM

“Kindling the Flame”

May 19, 2024

Gathering Music *Violin Sonata 2 Opus 12* by Beethoven *Miquela Torres*

Ringing of the Chime *Deidre Quail*

Welcome *Deidre Quail*

Invitations *Veronica Allen*

Chalice Lighting *Hudson Constantino & Isi Carrera*

*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.*

Call to Community *Veronica Allen & Anna Baldes*

Opening Song *Upside Down* by Jack Johnson *Veronica Allen, Drew Eck,
Anna, Charlotte, & Rich Baldes*

Wisdom Story *Charlotte Baldes*

We Are Better Together by Bill McKibben

Sermon Part 1: Finding Your Passion *Veronica Allen & Eliza Schlesinger*

Building the Fire with Sticks *Congregation*

Sermon Part 2: Applying Your Passion *Anna Baldes & Eliza Schlesinger*

Building the Fire with Flames *Congregation*

Hymn

#347 Gather the Spirit

Programs for Children & Youth Volunteer Appreciation *Elizabeth Baldes*

Coming of Age Credo Presentations *Charlotte Baldes, Lucy Haber,
& Miquela Torres*

Offering *Deidre Quail*

Offertory Performance *Griffin Kullas*

Original Stand Up Comedy

A Time for Community

Welcoming Guests & Visitors *Deidre Quail*

Coffee Hour Connection *Alison Hart for*

Programs for Children & Youth Council

Closing Hymn *Congregation*

#1064 Blue Boat Home

Benediction *Hudson Constantino*

Moment of Reflection *Hudson Constantino*

Extinguishing of the Chalice *Deidre Quail & Isi Carrera*

*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.*

Recessional Music *Veronica Allen & Drew Eck*

Original untitled composition by Veronica Allen; *Tan Yn Llyn* by the group Plethyn

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Flowers for this service were donated by Olga Martinez, in memory of her father Luis Perez.

Coffee Hour is hosted this week by Programs for Children and Youth.

Caring Network plant potting that had been scheduled for Saturday 5/18 has been rescheduled to Tuesday 5/21 from 10-12:00 due to lack of member availability. Please contact Sandy Stone with any questions or to sign-up.

**Blossom Bash:** Let's celebrate together! End of Year Party June 1st 7PM-9:30PM. 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.*