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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## Juneteenth Michael Hornsby



Michael's great-grandparent's, Lizzie and George Terry.

## Albany Unitarian Universalist Sunday, June 16, 2024 10:00 AM

Juneteenth June 16, 2024

Gathering Music Olga Martinez

Ringing of the Chime

**Welcome** Miquela Torres and Jaye Holly

**Prelude** Ireta London and David Macks

Steal Away by Wallace Williams

Call to Community Pascelle St. Laurent

La Lutte Continue

Chalice Lighting Jaye Holly and Michael Hornsby

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

Deep River by Harry Thacker Burleigh

Wisdom Story Elizabeth Baldes

Juneteenth for Mazie by Floyd Cooper

**Reading** Jaye Holly

8th Principle

**Sermon** *Michael Hornsby and Hillary Torres* 

Why We Celebrate

A Time for Prayer and Meditation

In Words Michael Hornsby

Voices of Our Enslaved Ancestors (video, interviews from the 1930s)

In Silence

**Offering** Jaye Holly

Offertory Music Ireta London

Sugar Hill by Homer Walker

A Time for Community

Welcoming Guests & VisitorsJaye HollyPersonal Joys and SorrowsLaura ParisInvitations and AnnouncementsJaye HollyCoffee Hour ConnectionJoyce Chicoine

with the Inclusivity Team

Closing Hymn Congregation

#104 When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

**Benediction**Luis Torres

**Extinguishing of the Chalice**Michael Hornsby and Jaye Holly

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 is hosted this week by the Inclusivity Team.

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

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.