

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

Programs for Children & Youth

- Child Care (Nursery/Toddler) Room 22 opens for dropoff at 9:45
- PreK Age 4- Grade 4 meets in Room 24/25 after the story in service
- Neighboring Religions (5th-8th) meets downstairs in B1 after the story in service
- Youth Group (9th-12th) meets downstairs in B8 after the story in service

Next Sunday, October 6th will be our first Family Chapel of the year! Family Chapel is a short, full service for our youngest folks that is usually led by Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children & Youth and Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry on the first Sunday of the month in the Sanctuary (older church building) at 10AM. Hope to see you there!

The Flame of Freedom

Rev. Tom Chulak



Albany Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Ann Kadlecek, Interim Minister

Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth

Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

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Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, September 29, 2024

10:00 AM

The Flame of Freedom
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Gathering Music Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

Ringing of the Chime

Invitations Al De Salvo, Service Associate

**Welcome and
Congregational Greeting** Al De Salvo

Prelude Nellson Jacobs-Moore

Oh, I Wish I Knew How to Feel Free, Music by Billy Taylor, Music and
Words by Billy Taylor, Dick Dallas

Call to Community Rev. Tom Chulak

Opening Hymn Congregation

#118 *This Little Light of Mine*

Chalice Lighting Stephanie Saunders, Kevin Yeh, and Eleanor Yeh

*We light our chalice,
a flame of freedom
in a circle of Love.*

Wisdom Story Elizabeth Baldes, Dir. of Prog. for Children & Youth
Circles of Light by Janeen K. Grohsmeyer

Singing the Children Out

#414 *As We Leave this Friendly Place*

Please pick-up children & youth up to Grade 8 from Room 24/25 at 11:15

Joys and Sorrows Sharon Babala, Pastoral Care Associate

Sung Response Congregation

#123 *Spirit of Life*

Reading Rev. Tom Chulak

Faith of the Larger Liberty, by Vincent B. Silliman

Sermon Rev. Tom Chulak

Moment of Silence

Offering Al De Salvo

Offertory Olga Martinez and Rich Baldes

Ella's Song, Music by Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon, Words by Ella Baker

Benediction Rev. Tom Chulak

Closing Hymn Congregation

#1028 *The Fire of Commitment*

Extinguishing of the Chalice Rev. Tom Chulak and Al De Salvo

*We extinguish this flame but not the light of freedom
The warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*

Coffee Hour Connection Barb & Chuck Manning

In celebration of Rudy Johnson's 90th birthday.

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Flowers for this service were donated by Barb & Chuck Manning in  
celebration of Rudy Johnson's 90th birthday.

Special Thanks to Vincent O'Neil for playing drums.

**Enrollment for Mistakes and Miracles begins now.**

Whether you signed up in the spring with Jan McCracken to participate or wish to do so now, it is necessary to enroll in specific group. Group times, dates and facilitators are posted in Channing Hall and on Friday's Windows. To sign up, see Pam Collins after the service or email her at [collinpj@midtel.net](mailto:collinpj@midtel.net). Enrollment ends on October 7th. Don't hesitate!

*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.*