

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*

### Article II Value for the Month of October

**Justice.** We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all thrive.

We covenant to dismantle racism and all forms of systemic oppression. We support the use of inclusive democratic processes to make decisions within our congregations, our Association, and society at large.

### Programs for Children & Youth

Sunday, October 13th Child Care (Nursery/Toddler) Room 22 will be open for dropoff at 9:45. Older children and youth are welcome to stay in service with their grownups. Age-based groups will not be meeting today, but will resume next Sunday, 10/20.

Monday, October 14th is Indigenous People's Day. If you are interested in learning more about local Native Americans, check out these family-friendly community events:

- Stories From the People of the Longhouse offered by the Albany Public Library on October 19
- Haudenosaunee Stories of Winter with Perry Ground offered by the NYS Museum on December 28

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### Albany Unitarian Universalist

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# Democracy

## Chris Bystroff



The Tree of Peace

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**Albany Unitarian Universalist**  
**Sunday, October 13, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**

Democracy  
October 13, 2024

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**Gathering Music** *Chris Bystroff, Musician*  
*Cello Suite #2, Prelude, by J.S. Bach*

**Announcements** *Dawn Dana, Service Associate*

**Ringling of the Chime**

**Welcome and  
Congregational Greeting** *Dawn Dana*

**Prelude** *Chris Bystroff*  
*Sonata for Viola, Op. 9 #2, by Edmond Knollys*

**Call to Community** *Chris Bystroff, Guest Speaker*

**Opening Hymn** *Congregation*  
*#158 Praise the Source of Faith and Learning*

**Chalice Lighting** *Dawn Dana and Chris Bystroff*

*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.*

**Story** *Video Recording*  
*Iroquois Confederacy: The Birth of Democracy by Untold History*

**Joys and Sorrows** *Laura Paris, Pastoral Care Associate*

**Sung Response** *Congregation*  
*#123 Spirit of Life*

**Reading** *Chris Bystroff*  
*The Tree of Peace, Story of Haudenosaunee*

**Sermon** *Chris Bystroff*  
*Democracy Then and Now: Founding Fathers to Modern Day*

**Moment of Silence**

**Offering** *Dawn Dana*  
**Offertory** *Video Recording*

*Peace and Power, by Joanne Shenandoah*

**Benediction** *Chris Bystroff*  
*Black Elk Speaks, by John Neihardt*

**Closing Hymn** *Congregation*  
*#345 With Joy We Claim the Growing Light*

**Extinguishing of the Chalice** *Chris Bystroff and Dawn Dana*  
*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** *John & Peggy Sherman*

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Flowers for this service were donated by Elena Reynolds in honor of Dorothy Bukantz: social justice activist, storyteller, survivor and alternative educator.

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*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.*