

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**

Today, Sunday, October 6th is our first Family Chapel of the year! Family Chapel is a short, full service for our youngest folks that led by Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children & Youth and Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry on the first Sunday of the month at 10AM in the Sanctuary (older church building). If you would like to attend, simply slip out of Community Hall now and head over to the Sanctuary.

- Child Care (Nursery/Toddler) Room 22 opens for drop-off at 9:45 or drop off after Family Chapel, it's up to you
- PreK 4- Grade 4 meets in Room 24/25 after attending Family Chapel
- Neighboring Religions (5th-8th) is visiting Unitarian Universalist Society of Schenectady
- Youth Group (9th-12th) meets downstairs in B8 after attending Family Chapel

# **Tying the String**

## **Rev. Ann Kadlecek**



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### **Albany Unitarian Universalist**

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## **Albany Unitarian Universalist**

### **Sunday, October 6, 2024**

### **10:00 AM**

Tying the String  
October 6, 2024

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**Gathering Music** *Veronica Allen, Musician*

**Ringing of the Chime**

**Announcements** *Sharon Babala, Service Associate*

**Welcome and** *Sharon Babala*

**Congregational Greeting**

**Prelude** *Veronica Allen*

*Make me Smile (Once Again), by Veronica Allen*

**Call to Community** *Rev. Ann Kadlecek*

*Words adapted from Leah Ongiri*

**Opening Hymn** *Congregation*

*#188 Come, Come Whoever You Are*

**Chalice Lighting** *Sharon Babala and Rev. Ann Kadlecek*

By M. Maureen Killoran

*For every time we make a mistake and we decide to start again,  
we light this chalice.*

*For every time we are lonely, and we let someone be our friend,  
we light this chalice.*

*For every time we are disappointed and we choose to hope,  
we light this, our chalice.*

**Story** *Rev. Ann Kadlecek and Singers*

*Amazing Grace, the Story of John Newston (portions adapted from Heather  
Forest, Wisdom Tales from Around the World)*

**Joys and Sorrows** *Sharon Babala, Pastoral Care Associate*

**Sung Response** *Congregation*

*#123 Spirit of Life*

**Reading** *Rev. Ann Kadlecek*

*On Turning, by Rabbi Jack Riemer*

**Musical Interlude** *Albany UU Choir, Rich Baldes*

*We Return/Hashiveinu, by Elana Arian and Noah Aronson*

**Sermon** *Rev. Ann Kadlecek*

**Song** *Albany UU Choir*

*A New Way, by Mark Burrows*

**Offering** *Sharon Babala*

**Offertory** *Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry*

**Benediction** *Rev. Ann Kadlecek*

**Closing Hymn** *Congregation*

*#318 We Would Be One*

**Extinguishing of the Chalice** *Rev. Ann Kadlecek and Sharon Babala*

*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** *Social Justice Team*

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Flowers for this service were donated by Debbie Brown.

**Enrollment for Mistakes and Miracles ends on October 7th.**

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. 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.*