

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 and Youth. Sunday, December 22nd:

- Child Care (Nursery/Toddler) Room 22 opens for drop off at 9:45
- PreK 4- Grade 4 meets in Room 24/25 after the story in service
- Neighboring Religions (5th-8th) meets in Room B1 after the story in service
- Coming of Age (9th) meets downstairs in Room B7 after the story in service
- Youth Group (9th-12th) meets in B8 after the story in service

If you are visiting or new to Albany UU, please accompany your child/children to their groups to leave contact info with our volunteers. Registration forms are available in the lobby if you'd like to sign up.

Pickup is at 11:15, except for high school age kids who are released on their own

Next Sunday, December 29th, Programs for Children and Youth is on break, and all attending church that day are welcome to go to service. We'll be back on January 5th!

THANK YOU to all our pageant participants who made last week's service so delightful! You brought the joy of the season to life and we are all so grateful.

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Ann Kadlecek, Interim Minister

Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth

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Light One Candle

Rev. Ann Kadlecek



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Sunday, December 22, 2024

10:00 AM

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Gathering Music Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

Invitations/Announcements Dave Munro, Service Associate

Ringing of the Chime

Welcome

Congregational Greeting

Prelude Olga Martinez

Call to Community & Chalice Lighting Rev. Ann Kadlecek
& Fisher/Wheeler Family

Responsive Reading by Rabbi Rami M. Shapiro

One: We kindle this light in honor of hope.

Many: May we never lose heart in our quest for justice.

One: We kindle this light in honor of action.

Many: May we never mistake wishing for doing.

One: We kindle this light in honor of nature.

Many: May our eyes never dim to her wonders nor our ears grow deaf to her cries of pain.

One: We kindle this light in honor of unity.

Many: May we celebrate our differences, and yet have the courage to see beyond them.

One: We kindle this light in honor of knowledge.

Many: May we free ourselves from opinion that we might open ourselves to truth.

One: We kindle this light in honor of kindness.

Many: May we cultivate compassion in thought, word, and deed.

One: We kindle this light in honor of heroism.

Many: May we never surrender to tyranny no matter how dear we hold the tyrant.

Opening Hymn ~ #221 Light One Candle Congregation

Story ~ Hannukah Story Elizabeth Baldes,
Dir. of Prog. for Children & Youth

Singing the Children Out ~ Hanukkah, O Hanukkah Congregation

Joys & Sorrows Dave Munro

Sung Response ~ #123 Spirit of Life Congregation

Reading ~ Chanukkah, by Lynn Ungar Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Sermon Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Anthem ~ Light is Returning Olga Martinez
Words and Music by Charlie Murphy

Offering Dave Munro

Offertory Olga Martinez

Closing Hymn ~ #168 One More Step Congregation

Benediction Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Extinguishing of the Chalice Rev. Ann Kadlecek & Dave Munro

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 Library Team

Christmas Eve Services: This year we are offering two services on Christmas Eve, at 5:15 and 7:00pm. Both will be held in the sanctuary, and are liturgically the same. All are welcome to attend whichever service best fits your schedule, and to join us for cookies in Channing Hall between the services.

Musicians and other service leaders are grateful for your appreciation. However, we ask that you refrain from audible applause during the service. Thank you!