

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:**

**Today, Sunday, December 29th**, Programs for Children and Youth are on break, including Child Care in Room 22. Everyone attending church that day is welcome to go to service in Community Hall. PCY will be back on January 5th!



# A Place at the Table

Rev. David Weissbard



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## Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, December 29, 2024

10:00 AM

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**Gathering Music** Dan Gerken

**Invitations/Announcements** Linda Way

**Ringing of the Chime**

**Welcome**

**Congregational Greeting**

**Prelude ~ This Little Light of Mine** Dan Gerkin  
African American Spiritual

**Call to Community** Rev. David Weissbard

**Opening Hymn ~ # 360 Here We Have Gathered** Dan Gerkin  
Music by Genevan Psalter, Words by Alicia S. Carpenter

**Chalice Lighting** Rev. David Weissbard & Linda Way

We come to this time and this place:

*To rediscover the wondrous gift  
of free religious community;*

To renew our faith in the holiness, goodness,  
and beauty of life;

*To reaffirm the way of the the open  
mind and full heart;*

To rekindle the flame of memory  
and hope; and

*To reclaim the vision of an  
earth made fair, with all her  
people one.*

**Story ~ All Are Neighbors** Rev. David Weissbard  
By Alexandra Penfold & Suzanne Kaufmann

**Joys & Sorrows** Sharon Babala

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

**Reading ~ From "Religion", Words by Edward Scribner Ames**  
Rev. David Weissbard

**Vocal Solo ~ For Everyone Born** Karen Wells

**Sermon ~ "A Place at the Table"** Rev. David Weissbard

**Closing Hymn ~ For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table** Congregation  
Words by Shirley Erena Murray, Music by Brian Mann

**Offering** Linda Way

**Offertory** Dan Gerkin

**Benediction** Rev. David Weissbard

**Unison Extinguishing of the Chalice** Rev. David Weissbard  
& Linda Way

*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.*

**Traveling Music**

\*\*Flowers for this service were provided by Debbie Brown.\*\*

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