

**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, February 2:** Join us in the Sanctuary at 10AM for Family Chapel, a short, children & youth-focused service led this month by Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry.

- Child Care (Nursery/Toddler) Room 22 opens for drop-off at 9:45.
- PreK - Grade 4 meets in Room 24/25 after Family Chapel.
- Neighboring Religions (5th-8th) meets at 10:45 AM at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.
- Youth Group (9th-12th) meets downstairs in B8 after Family Chapel.

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 church 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.

**Unitarian Universalist Article II Value for February**

**Pluralism. We celebrate that we are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology. We covenant to learn from one another in our free and responsible search for truth and meaning. We embrace our differences and commonalities with Love, curiosity, and respect.**

---

**Albany Unitarian Universalist**

Rev. Ann Kadlecek, Interim Minister

Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth

Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

Sophia Garder, Administrator

Ben Warner, Tech Support

405 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York • AlbanyUU.org

**Contact us:** 518.463.7135 • office@albanyuu.org

# What Are We Doing Here?

Rev. Ann Kadlecek



**Albany Unitarian Universalist**

Sunday, February 2, 2025

10:00 AM

## What Are We Doing Here?

February 2, 2025

**Gathering Music** Veronica Allen, Musician

**Invitations/Announcement** Dawn Dana, Service Associate

**Ringing of the Chime**

**Welcome**

**Congregational Greeting**

**Prelude** *Here and There* by Veronica Allen Veronica Allen

**Call to Community** Rev. Ann Kadlecek & Dawn Dana

**Opening Hymn** #346 *Come, Sing a Song with Me*

**Chalice Lighting** by Marjorie C. Skwire

We come together  
In faith and hope,  
To find what meaning life holds for us,  
To laugh and sing with one another,  
To soothe the wounds of daily life,  
And to grow together in wisdom and love.

**Story** *The Messiah is Among You* Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Joys and Sorrows** Randy Rosette & Sharon Babala

**Reading** by Gordon Atkinson Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Sermon** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Offering** Dawn Dana

For today, all donations (unless otherwise indicated) will be given to Releasing Aging Persons from Prison (RAPP). **Please make checks out to First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany** and put RAPP in the memo line.

**Offertory** Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry  
*Gathering Music* by Karen LeFrak

**Benediction** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Hymn** #1018 *Come and Go With Me*

**Extinguishing Chalice**

*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** Stewardship Committee

Flowers for this service were donated by Chuck & Barb Manning.  
~ In memory of Barb's mom, Dorothy Crossett~

**The Transition Team** is facilitating a gathering to go deeper and discuss steps AlbanyUU could take to achieve the purpose we want. We will meet in person following the service **today at 11:15 in Community Hall** for no more than an hour. If you cannot attend this session, there will be a second session on Zoom on Wed Feb 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

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