

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, January 26:

- 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 downstairs in B1 after the story in service.
- Coming of Age meets downstairs in B7 after the story in service.
- Youth Group (9th-12th) meets downstairs 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 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 January
Equity. We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion. We covenant to use our time, wisdom, attention, and money to build and sustain fully accessible and inclusive communities**

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Ann Kadlecek, Interim Minister

Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth

Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

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The Hope Within

Brian Frank

with Rev. Ann Kadlecek

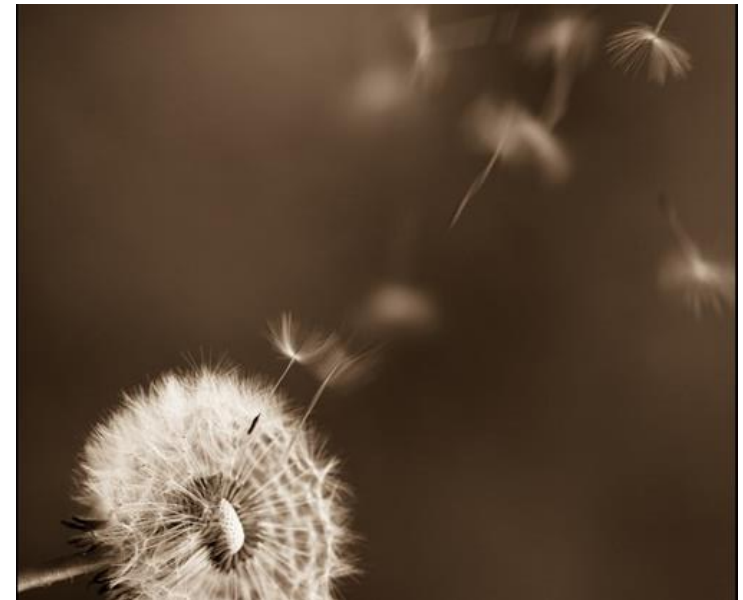


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Sunday, January 26, 2025

10:00 AM

The Hope Within

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Gathering Music Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

Invitations/Announcement Sharon Babala, Service Associate

Ringing of the Chime

Welcome

Congregational Greeting

Prelude *Heart Wide Open* by Lea Morris Albany Voices of Pride

Call to Community Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Opening Hymn #131 *Love Will Guide Us*

Chalice Lighting Brian Frank and the Fisher/Wheeler Family
We are Unitarian Universalists
With open minds, loving hearts
and helping hands
together, we care for our earth
and work for peace and friendship.

Story Elizabeth Baldes, Dir. Programs for Children & Youth
I Am We: A Book of Community
by Susan Verde, art by Peter H. Reynolds

Singing the Children Out

Joys and Sorrows Anny Lapinski & Jim Chicoine

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Reflection Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Musical Interlude Olga Martinez

Reading by John Angell James Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Sermon Brian Frank

Music *Rise Up* Reba Mulderry & Sheila Shea, Soloists
Music by Cassandra Batie,
Words by Jennifer Decilveo, Arranged by Mac Huff

Offering Sharon Babala

Offertory Olga Martinez

Benediction Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Closing Song *Hope Lingers On* Albany Voices of Pride
by Lissa Schneckeburger, arranged by Andrea Ramsey

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 Finance Committee

Flowers for this service were donated by Deborah Vogel.
~ In loving memory of my ballroom dancing, roller skating
mom, Elsie, whose forever birthday is January 28.~

New Paths for Involvement in Worship Services

Are you curious about how we craft our Sunday services? Would you like to help plan and lead them? There's a lot that goes into offering cohesive, inclusive and meaningful services, and you can be a part of it! The Religious Services Team, in collaboration with Rev. Ann, have decided to experiment with revising and expanding the opportunities for involvement in our services. We're holding an information session at **11:15 TODAY! in Community Hall**. Grab your coffee and come learn more about how this happens, and all the ways you can be involved! All are welcome!

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