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 16:

- Child Care (Nursery/Toddler) Room 22 opens for drop-off at 9:45.
- Everyone from PreK 4 through Youth Group meets upstairs in Room 24/25 after the story in service for a combined age group activity.

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
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A Vibrant and Beloved Community

Jaye Holly with Rev. Ann Kadlecek



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Sunday, February 16, 2025 10:00 AM

A Vibrant and Beloved Community

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Gathering Music Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

Announcements Sharon Babala, Service Associate

Ringing of the Chime

Welcome

Congregational Greeting

Prelude We Shall Be Known Albany UU Choir

Music and Words by Karisha Longaker

Call to Community Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Opening Hymn #1014 Answering the Call of Love

Chalice Lighting by Carolyn Hayek

Sharon Babala & Jaye Holly

We light our chalice as a reminder of the Beloved Community we aspire to become:

Friends and neighbors of diverse backgrounds,

Coming together in an interdependent relationship of love, kindness, respect, and care,

Working toward equity and justice in the local community and around the world.

Story *Only Ants for Andy* by Jashar Awan

Adrian Cattell, Lead Youth Group Advisor

Singing the Children Out

#414 As You Leave This Friendly Place

Joys and Sorrows

Randy Rosette & Alice Sage

Sung Response #123 Spirit of Life

The 8th Principle and Unitarian Universalist Values

Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Musical Reflection The Way It Is by Bruce Hornsby

Rich Baldes, Matt Vilmany, Vincent O'Neil & Olga Martinez

Sermon Jaye Holly

Musical Reflection Albany UU Choir

Do Not Leave Your Cares at the Door

music by Elizabeth Alexander, words by Norman C. Naylor

Offering Sharon Babala

Offertory Olga Martinez

Benediction Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Hymn/Song #1017 Building a New Way (verses 1-3)

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

Inclusivity Team

Flowers for this service were donated by Ilene Kane. ~*In memory of my parents, Eunice and Jerry Weinstein*~

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