

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, March 2

- 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 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 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.

Interested in helping out? Questions about the program? Email Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children & Youth, at ebaldes@albanyuu.org.

Unitarian Universalist Article II Value for March

Interdependence. We honor the interdependent web of all existence. With reverence for the great web of life and with humility, we acknowledge our place in it. We covenant to protect Earth and all beings from exploitation. We will create and nurture sustainable relationships of care and respect, mutuality and justice. We will work to repair harm and damaged relationships.

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Ann Kadlecek, Interim Minister
Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth
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The Fire of Commitment

Rev. Ann Kadlecek



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Sunday, March 2, 2025

10:00 AM

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Gathering Music Veronica Allen

Announcements Ireta London, Service Associate

Coffee Hour Connection Albany UU Choir

Ringing of the Chime

Welcome

Congregational Greeting

Prelude Albany UU Choir, conducted by Chris Jensen
Look to This Day, For It is Life
Music by Greg Gilpin
Words adapted from Ancient Sanskrit Proverb

Call to Community Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Opening Hymn #300 With Heart and Mind

Chalice Lighting adapted from Joan Griggs Ireta London

As we light this chalice
May it spark in us
A fire of commitment
To one another
And what matters most
In our world.

Joys and Sorrows Donna Meixner & Randy Rosette,
Pastoral Care Associates

Sung Response #123 Spirit of Life

Reading Rev. Ann Kadlecek
The Church That Doesn't Matter
by Kelly Weisman Asprooth-Jackson (adapted)

Sermon Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Musical Reflection *Just One Step* Albany UU Choir
Music and Words by Daniel Brinsmead

Offering Ireta London

Offertory Olga Martinez

Benediction Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Closing Hymn #1028 The Fire of Commitment

Chalice Extinguishing Ireta London
*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.*

*~ Flowers for this service are given in honor of Jon Newell's mentor,
Dr. Samuel Powers Jr., MD. Sam was an excellent surgeon and a fine
teacher. He shaped Jon's life in many ways. ~*

A special thank you to our musicians Vincent O'Neil on percussion
and Rich Baldes on guitar.

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