

**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 16:

- 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 in Room B1 after the story in service.
- Coming of Age (9th) meets 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.

**Silent Auction-** Youth Group is hosting a Silent Auction on **April 6th** to benefit their Second Meal project, where they pack portable, shelf-stable food that is given to the guests at Albany UU's monthly Community Breakfast. This way breakfast visitors enjoy a hot, sit down meal during their time here, as well as a second meal later on.

Donations of new or gently used items in clean, salable condition to be auctioned can be dropped off on Sunday 3/16 and Sunday 3/30.

Interested in helping out? Questions about our programs? Email Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children & Youth, at [ebaldes@albanyuu.org](mailto: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.

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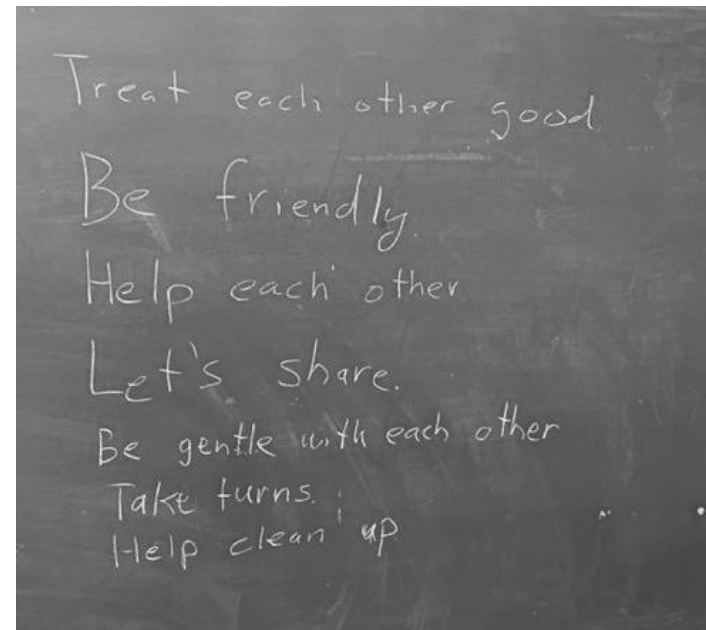
#### Albany Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Ann Kadlecek, Interim Minister  
Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth  
Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry  
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# People of Covenant

Rev. Ann Kadlecek



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Sunday, March 16, 2025

10:00 AM

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**Gathering Music** Chris Milkins, Musician

**Invitations/Announcement** Kate Pierce-Nimz,  
Service Associate

**Stewardship Testimonial** Brian Frank

**Coffee Hour Connection** Butler Book Group

**Ringing of the Chime** Kate Pierce-Nimz

**Welcome**

**Congregational Greeting**

**Prelude** *Like Ripples on a Pond* by Judith Koeller (adapted)  
Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry, & Chris Milkins

**Call to Community** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Opening Hymn** #188 *Come, Come, Whoever You Are*

**Chalice Lighting** by Jennifer Gracen Rev. Ann Kadlecek

We are drawn together  
By a belief, that how we are in the world  
And who we are together  
Matters.  
We light this chalice  
For who we are together.

**Story** Mary Fellows

*How to Grow a Friend* by Sara Gillingham

**Welcoming New Members**

**Singing the Children Out** *As You Leave This Friendly Place*

**Joys and Sorrows** Anny Lapinski & Sharon Babala

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

**Reading** Rev. Ann Kadlecek  
From *Jaber Crow*, by Wendell Berry

**Sermon** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Offering** Kate Pierce-Nimz

**Offertory** Olga Martinez & Chris Milkins  
*One Beautiful Day* by Bob & Sarah Amos

**Benediction** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Closing Hymn**

*We Sing Now Together & We Gather Together*

**Chalice Extinguishing**

*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 were donated by Sharon & Mike Babala.  
~ Honoring the promise of spring and our connection to all around us. ~*

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