

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 30:

- 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) is on a visit to the Church of Latter Day Saints.
- Youth Group (9th-12th) meets in the balcony to attend service in support of their fellow group member Deedee Q.

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 an in-person Silent Auction at Coffee Hour 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. Donations of new or gently used items in clean, salable condition to be auctioned can be dropped off in the lobby today after service. You can also support the effort by bringing a few dollars to shop at the auction next week!

Interested in helping out? Questions about our programs? 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.

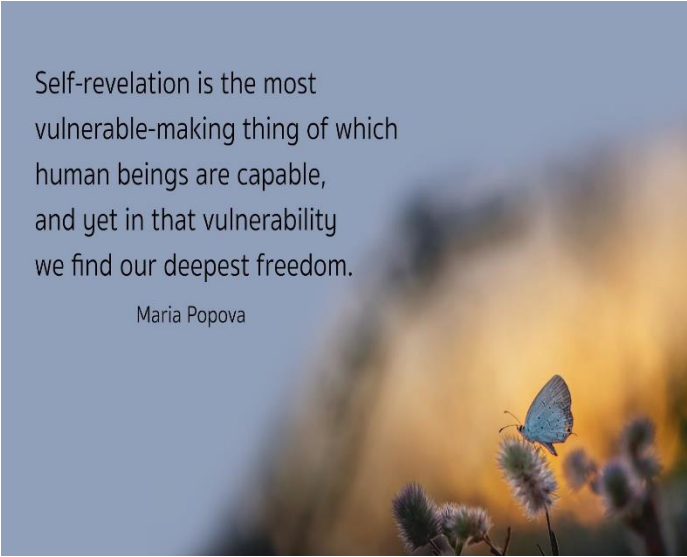
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Rev. Ann Kadlecek, Interim Minister
Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth
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This I Believe

Sigrin Newell



Self-revelation is the most
vulnerable-making thing of which
human beings are capable,
and yet in that vulnerability
we find our deepest freedom.

Maria Popova

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, March 30, 2025

10:00 AM

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Gathering Music Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

Announcements Sigrin Newell, Service Associate

Coffee Hour Connection Cub Scouts

Ringing of the Chime Sigrin Newell

Welcome

Congregational Greeting

Prelude *For a Faith* Olga Martinez
Words & Music by Amanda Udis-Kessler

Call to Community An adaptation of a poem by Beth Strano
Sigrin Newell

Opening Hymn #360 *Here We Have Gathered*

Chalice Lighting Rev. Scott Taylor Sigrin Newell & Zoe Hutchins

We light this flame as an act of faith
We come with our doubts,
worn out and worn down,
wanting, once again, to trust,
to believe
that hope is not as fragile as it sometimes appears,
And so we might light this flame as an act of faith,
a reminder
a rededication
a rekindling
of the trust
that darkness can't ever shut out the light,
that kindness is more powerful than we know,
that humility and accountability allow us to change,

that together we can most certainly bend the arc of this
beautiful universe
toward justice.

Story Elizabeth Baldes, Dir. Programs for Children & Youth
Petra by Marianna Coppo, adapted

Singing the Children Out #414 *As You Leave This Friendly Place*

Joys and Sorrows Debbie Rodriguez & Donna Meixner

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Introduction of Speakers Sigrin Newell

Reflections Deidre Quail, Zoe Hutchins, Paula Moskowitz

Moment of Silence From *Thirst* by Mary Oliver Sigrin Newell

Offering Sigrin Newell

Offertory Olga Martinez

Benediction by Rev. Misha Sanders Sigrin Newell

Hymn #1064 *Blue Boat Home*

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 Ilene Kane.

~ In Memory of Diane Kane. ~

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