

**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, May 4th: Join us in the Sanctuary at 10AM for Family Chapel, a short, children & youth focused service.

- Child Care (Nursery/Toddler) Room 22 opens for drop off at 9:45
- PreK 4- Grade 4 meets in Room 24/25 after Family Chapel
- Neighboring Religions (5th-8th) is on their visit to the Hindu Temple
- Coming of Age (9th) meets in B7 after Family Chapel
- Youth Group (9th-12th) meets in B8 after Family Chapel

If you are visiting or new to Albany UU, please accompany your child/children to their group to leave contact info with our volunteers. Registration forms are available in the 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](mailto:ebaldes@albanyuu.org).

### **Unitarian Universalist Association Bylaws: Article II Section C-2.2. Values and Covenant**

As Unitarian Universalists, we covenant, congregation-to-congregation and through our Association, to support and assist one another in our ministries. We draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building on the foundation of love.

**Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values.** We are accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of love.

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#### **Albany Unitarian Universalist**

Rev. Ann Kadlecsek, Interim Minister

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## **Being Present for Each Other in Beloved Community**

Pastoral Care Associates  
with Rev. Ann Kadlecsek

**Albany Unitarian Universalist**

Sunday, May 4, 2025

10:00 AM

# Being Present for Each Other in Beloved Community

May 4, 2025

**Gathering Music** Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

**Announcements** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**A Word from the Share-The-Plate Recipient**  
Kelly Gourley from RISSE

**Coffee Hour Connection** Ministry & Operations Team

**Congregational Greeting**

**Ringling of the Chime** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Prelude** *Do Not Leave Your Cares at the Door* Albany UU Choir  
Music by Elizabeth Alexander, Words by Norman V. Naylor

**Call to Community** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Opening Hymn** #18 *What Wondrous Love*

**Chalice Lighting** Donna Meixner & Anny Lapinski

By Marta M. Flanagan

As we light this chalice  
We turn our thoughts to how we can  
Touch and be touched,  
Love and be loved,  
Forgive and be forgiven,  
Heal and be healed.  
So that the goodness of our lives is a shared blessing.

**Story** *The Rabbit Listened* by Cori Doerrfeld  
Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Joys and Sorrows** Donna Meixner & Debbie Rodriguez

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

**Reading** *How to Listen* by Joyce Sutphen Alice Sage

**Reflection** Alice Sage

**Reflection** Randy Rosette

**Hymn** #346 *Come Sing a Song with Me*

**Reflection** Anny Lapinski

**Reflection** Sharon Babala

**Musical Meditation** *Let Me Listen* Albany UU Choir  
Music by Dan Forrest; Words by Charles Anthony Silvestri

**Offering** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Offertory** Olga Martinez

**Benediction** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Closing Hymn** #128 *For All That is Our Life*

**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 Elena Reynolds to celebrate her parents' 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Here's to Leo & Carol Reynolds, their grown children, their partners, and two grandchildren (so far). ~

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