

**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 11th:

- 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 B1 after the story in service, parents/caregivers are invited to join them around 11 (after service ends) for a celebration of all this group has done!
- Youth Group (9th-12th) meets in B8 after the story in service.

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 Kadlecek, Interim Minister

Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth

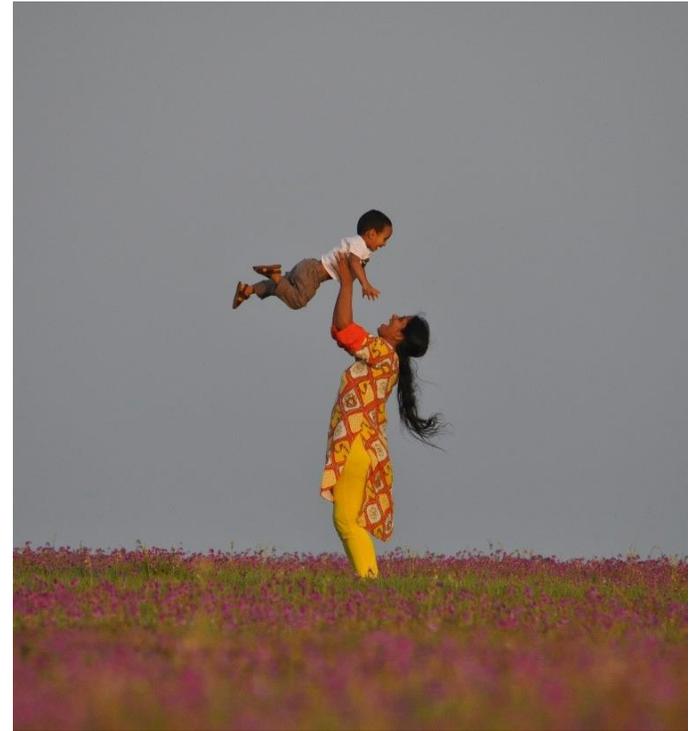
Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

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## **Handle With Care: Reflections on Mother's Day**

Rev. Ann Kadlecek

with Dawn Dana, Worship Associate

**Albany Unitarian Universalist**

Sunday, May 11, 2025

10:00 AM

## Handle With Care: Reflections on Mother's Day

May 11, 2025

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

**Announcements** Dawn Dana, Worship Associate

**Ringing of the Chime**

**Welcome**

**Congregational Greeting**

**Prelude** *Shelter Me* by Lea Morris

Chris Milkins & Olga Martinez

**Call to Community** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Opening Hymn** #299 *Make Channels for the Streams of Love*

**Chalice Lighting** The Torres Family

Adapted from Elizabeth Mount

A flame cannot be lit  
without a spark,  
a life cannot begin  
without the air,  
And we cannot begin  
to find ourselves  
without love.  
We light this chalice  
for the love  
that guides us  
to ourselves.

**Story** Elizabeth Baldes, Dir. Programs for Children & Youth  
*Bloom* by Anne Booth & Robyn Wilson-Owen, Adapted

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

**Joys and Sorrows** Anny Lapinski & Jim Chicoine

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

**Worship Associate Reflection** Dawn Dana

**Reading** *Shoulders* by Naomi Shihab Nye

**Sermon** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Musical Reflection** *El Becerrito* by Simón Díaz  
Olger Rivera & Olga Martinez

**Offering** Dawn Dana

**Offertory** Olga Martinez

**Benediction** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Hymn** #131 *Love Will Guide Us*

**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 Al DeSalvo  
~ In memory of my parents, my brother,  
and my wife, Susan Thompson ~*

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