

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 25: Child care is available in Room 22 Nursery/Toddler, otherwise Programs for Children & Youth is on break this Memorial Day weekend. Everyone is always welcome to attend service!

While weekly age-based programming is wrapped up for the church year, June services are specifically planned with children, youth, and their families in mind as we celebrate annual traditions and core UU values. Here is what to expect in the coming weeks:

- **Sunday 6/1** Annual Flower Communion service, which will also include New Member Welcome and **Programs for Children and Youth Volunteer Appreciation!** This is another service for everyone to attend and enjoy together, as we celebrate the beloved UU flower tradition and our wonderful church community. Programs for Children & Youth Council will be hosting Coffee Hour after service with ice cream and other frozen treats for all to enjoy.
- **Sunday 6/8** Perennial favorite **Matt Meyer** presents a multigenerational service "Joy In Resistance" followed by Albany UU's tradition of marching in the **Pride Parade** across the street in Washington Park.
- **Sunday 6/15** is our **Juneteenth** service, with a community service activity upstairs in Room 24-25 for younger children after the story in service. Middle school age and older children and youth are invited to remain in Community Hall for the full service.

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

Albany Unitarian Universalist

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A Just War: The Moral Question

Thomas Mercer
with Carolyn Stetson, Worship
Associate

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, May 25, 2025

10:00 AM

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Gathering Music Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

Announcements Carolyn Stetson, Worship Associate

Coffee Hour Connection Social Events Team

Ringing of the Chime Carolyn Stetson

Welcome

Congregational Greeting

Prelude Olga Martinez & Chris Milkins
The Lone, Wild Bird by William Walker

Call to Community Tom Mercer
Called by Loss, Called by Peace by Heather K. Janules

Opening Song *America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)*
by Samuel Francis Smith

Chalice Lighting Carolyn Stetson

On this Sunday commemorating Memorial Day,
We light our chalice in honor of those who have given their
last full measure in service to our country.

Story Elizabeth Baldes, Dir. of Prog. for Children & Youth
Terrible Things by Eve Bunting

Joys and Sorrows Alice Sage

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Readings

Carolyn Stetson

Excerpts from:
"Gettysburg Address"- A. Lincoln
"War is a Racket" - Gen. Butler
"Henry Johnson" - Wiki

Sermon *A Just War: The Moral Question* Tom Mercer

Moment of Silence

Offering Carolyn Stetson

Offertory Olga Martinez & Chris Milkins
Standing on the Shoulders by Joyce Rouse

Benediction Tom Mercer

Hymn #411 *Part in Peace*

Chalice Extinguishing Carolyn Stetson

*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 Reese Satin
~ In memory of my beloved wife, Jan. ~*

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