

**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 6/8** Perennial favorite **Matt Meyer** presents a multigenerational service "Joy In Resistance". Room 22 (Nursery/Toddler) will be open at 9:45 for dropoff.

**Next 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](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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# **Joy in Resistance**

**Matt Meyer**

with Kate Pierce-Nimz,  
Service Associate

**Albany Unitarian Universalist**

Sunday, June 8, 2025

10:00 AM

## Joy in Resistance

June 8, 2025

**Gathering Music** Matt Meyer

**Announcements** Kate Pierce-Nimz, Service Associate

**Coffee Hour Connection** Democracy Crisis Response

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

**Welcome**

**Congregational Greeting**

**Call to Community** *I Have Not Come Here Alone*  
Music & Words by The Peace Poets

**Opening Hymn** *Bright Morning Stars* by Matt Meyer

**Chalice Lighting** *A True Story* by Li Kynvi

**Story** Elizabeth Baldes, Dir. of Prog. for Children & Youth  
*'Twas the Night Before Pride* by Joanna McClintock

**Joys and Sorrows** Alice Sage & Anny Lapinski

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

**Readings** Matt Meyer  
*Inciting Joy* by Ross Gay  
*Dayenu* by Rachel Barenblat

**Singing Together** Matt Meyer, Olga Martinez, Chris Milkins  
*I'm Gonna Lift My Sister Up*  
Music and Words by Faya Ora Rose Touré

**Sermon/Reflection** *Joy in Resistance* Matt Meyer

**Moment of Silence**

**Offering** Kate Pierce-Nimz

**Offertory** Matt Meyer & Olga Martinez  
*We Rise* Music & Words by Batya Levine

**Benediction** Matt Meyer

**Closing Song** *This Joy* Music & Words by Shirley Caesar

**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  
Maryann Jablonowski & Reg Foster  
~ *In memory of our dear mothers, Clare and Marie.* ~

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