

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 6/15 is our **Juneteenth** service, and younger children are invited to come upstairs after the story in service for a special community service project in Room 24-25. Middle school age and older children and youth are invited to remain in Community Hall for the full service.

Beginning Sunday 6/22 through 8/31 there will be a shift to summer programming for children and youth:

1. Room 22, known as the Nursery/Toddler, will be open for family use but not staffed. Parents/caregivers are welcome to use the space with the understanding that they are responsible for supervising the children in their care.
2. Room 24-25 will be a place for children age 3 and up to play and craft together during service under the supervision of at least one staff person and a volunteer.

Please note that it is an Albany UU rule that there are to be at least two unrelated adults present wherever kids are gathered, even during the summer months. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

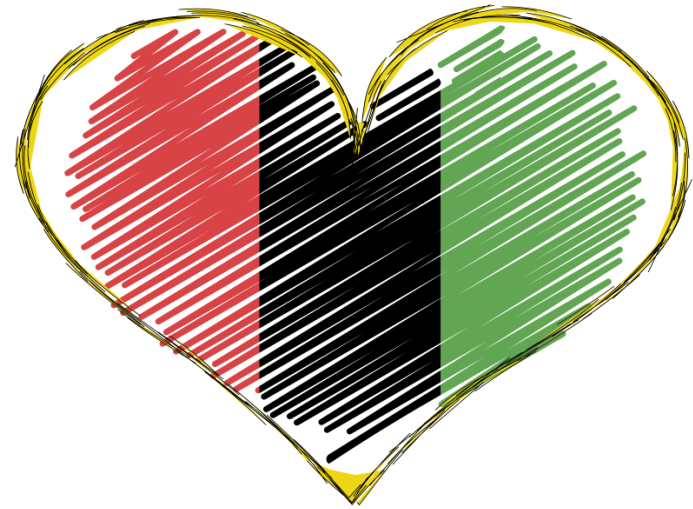
As Unitarian Universalists, we covenant, congregation-to-congregation and through our Association, to support and assist one another in our ministries. We draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building on the foundation of love.

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

Rev. Ann Kadlecek, Interim Minister
Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth
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JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY

Juneteenth

**Rev. Ann Kadlecek
& Nelson Moore
with Luis Torres,
Service Associate**

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, June 15, 2025

10:00 AM

Juneteenth

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Gathering Music Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

Announcements Luis Torres, Service Associate

Coffee Hour Connection Green Sanctuary Team

Ringing of the Chime Luis Torres

Welcome

Congregational Greeting

Prelude *No Chains* song by Miles Brown; video by the
Henrico County Public Schools Black Student Union

Call to Community Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Opening Hymn #153 *Oh, I Woke Up This Morning*

Chalice Lighting Luis Torres & Nellson Moore
We Rose by Kristina Kay

Story Elizabeth Baldes, Dir. of Prog. for Children & Youth
Opal Lee and What it Means to be Free
written and read by Alice Faye Duncan

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

Joys and Sorrows Jim Chicoine & Donna Meixner

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Reading Rev. Ann Kadlecek
The Emancipation Proclamation (abridged)

Reflection Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Musical Interlude *Our People, Gonna Rise (Instrumental)*
Music and Words by Pat Humphries & Sandy Opatow

Reflection Nellson Moore

Musical Reflection *Our People, Gonna Rise*
Olga Martinez & Nellson Moore

Offering Luis Torres

Offertory Olga Martinez
Lead the Way Music and Words by Lea Morris

Benediction from "*Fury and Faith*" by Amanda Gorman
Rev. Ann Kadlecek and Nellson Moore

Closing Song *Everybody Ought to Know* (Traditional)

Chalice Extinguishing Luis Torres & Nellson Moore

*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 Cindee Herrick.
~ *Wishing all a joyous summer.* ~

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