

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 6/22 began summer programming for children & youth, which will run through **8/31**. PreK and older children can be dropped off by their grownup before or during service for supervised craft and play time upstairs in Room 24/25. For our youngest friends, the Nursery/Toddler Room 22 is available for families to use, but is not staffed and parents and caregivers provide supervision for their own little ones.

Please check in with the PCY staff person in Room 24/25 if you have any questions on Sunday morning.

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

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To Creed, or Not to Creed

Nellson Moore
with Ireta London,
Worship Associate

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, July 13, 2025

10:00 AM

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Gathering Music Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

Announcements Ireta London, Worship Associate

Ringing of the Chime

Welcome

Congregational Greeting

Prelude Nellson Moore & Olga Martinez
Spark by Ed Sheeran & Aaron Dessner

Call to Community Nellson Moore

Opening Hymn #1028 *The Fire of Commitment*

Chalice Lighting Nellson Moore & Ireta London

In faith, together, we light this small scrap of light,
Symbol of Grandmother Sun's enormous power,
Whose energy burns so brightly
In these days of deep Summer,
Catapulting the leaves and vines, vegetables, flowers,
And fruits to astonishing size, lengths and heights,
Spilling over the tops of cages, walls and trellises,
Delighting and nourishing all beings.
We bask in the warmth and the heat of these days,
With lightened hearts and quickened senses,
In gratitude and in faith.

Anthem Nellson Moore & Olga Martinez
From a Distance by Julie Gold

Joys and Sorrows

Debbie Rodriguez

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Reading Nellson Moore
Joyous Sea by Magda Portal

Sermon/Reflection *To Creed, or Not to Creed* Nellson Moore

Moment of Silence

Offering Ireta London

Offertory Nellson Moore & Olga Martinez
Get Happy by Harold Arlen & Ted Koehler

Benediction Nellson Moore
May We Hear the Melody of Life by Joseph Cleveland

Closing Hymn #1064 *Blue Boat Home*

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.*

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