

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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Forest for the Trees

Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn

with Dave Munro,

Worship Associate

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, July 27, 2025

10:00 AM

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Gathering Music Dan Gerken, Musician

Announcements Dave Munro, Worship Associate

Ringling of the Chime

Welcome

Congregational Greeting

Prelude *Minuet # 1 in G* by Johann S. Bach Dan Gerken

Call to Community Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn
The Forest for the Trees by Rena Priest

Opening Hymn #184 *Be Ye Lamps unto Yourselves*

Chalice Lighting

Welcoming all free seekers of truth and meaning,
we gather to excite the human spirit, to inspire
its growth and development, to respond morally
and ethically to a troubled world, and to sustain
a vital and nurturing religious community.

Joys and Sorrows Jim Chicoine

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Reading Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn
*The Forest for the Trees (and the Birds, and the People,
and the Planet)*

Sermon/Reflection Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn

Moment of Silence

Offering Dave Munro
Offertory *Minuet in D* by W.A. Mozart Dan Gerken

Benediction Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn

Closing Hymn #396 *I Know This Rose Will Open*

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!