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:

- **Childcare** (Nursery/Toddler for ages 3 & under) upstairs in Room 22 opens at 9:45
- PreK 4- Grade 1 meets upstairs in Room 24-25 after the story in service
- **Grades 2-4** meet upstairs in Room 26 after the story in service
- Grades 5-8 meet downstairs in Room B1 after the story in service
- **High School Youth Group** (9th-12th) meets downstairs in Room B8 after the story in service

If you are new or visiting, and your child isn't registered, please accompany them to their room to sign them in. There will be people available to direct you in the hallway after the story in service, and before the service in the "RE" Office Window in the lobby. **Groups run until** 11:15, at which time parents and guardians pick up their children and youth up to and including 8th grade. High school youth are released on their own.

If you are interested in helping out or you would like to ask about our programs, please email the Director of Programs for Children & Youth at dre@albanyuu.org.

We are so glad you are here!

As Unitarian Universalists, 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.

- Unitarian Universalist Association Bylaws

Albany Unitarian Universalist

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Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth
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Forgiveness

Rev. Ann Kadlecek Debbie Brown, Worship Associate

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, September 21, 2025 10:00 AM

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Gathering Music Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

Announcements Debbie Brown, Worship Associate

Ringing of the Chime

Welcome Debbie Brown

Congregational Greeting

Opening Song *Whoever You Are* Music by Adam Podd, Words by Reverend Anna Levy-Lyons

Whoever you are, Whomever you love, Wherever you are in your life journey, You are welcome here.

Call to Community & Chalice LightingRev. Ann Kadlecek & The Torres Family

We light our chalice.
For truth,
For love,
And for forgiveness –
The place where truth and love
meet and merge
- Words adapted from Vanessa Rush Southern

The Web of Life by Sara Ruth Davis

Story Elizabeth Baldes, Dir. of Prog. for Children & Youth *The Forgiveness Garden* by Lauren Thompson **Singing the Children Out** As You Leave this Friendly Place

Joys and Sorrows Randy Rosette & Sharon Babala
Sung Response #123 Spirit of Life

Reading Rev. Ann Kadlecek

After 27 Years My Mother Apologizes for My Childhood by Sharon Olds (abridged)

Sermon Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Music for Reflection Rivers of Grace by Carla Gates

Offering Debbie Brown
Offertory Olga Martinez

Closing Hymn Rivers of Grace by Carla Gates

Benediction & 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 Cindee Herrick. ~ For the Autumnal Equinox. ~

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, 9/21

From Elizabeth Baldes:

Programs for Children & Youth is proud to announce that the picture book library for children in the upstairs hallway is open for your use. The collection includes copies of stories told in service as well as many other wonderful books, all of which are connected to Unitarian Universalist values. All are invited to browse and borrow!

Save the date for our first congregational potluck on Friday, October 17th at 5:30 PM! Food will be provided for anyone not able to make or bring a dish. After dinner there will be light multigenerational UU programming and informal conversation in Channing, as well as the chance to sit quietly in the peace of the Sanctuary. We are calling this series of events, held on the third Friday of the month from October-May, "Friday Night Lights". Hope to see you there, we'll leave the light on for you!

The Web Of Life

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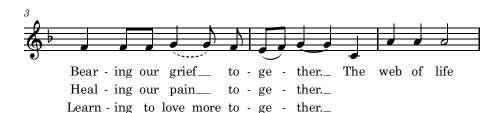
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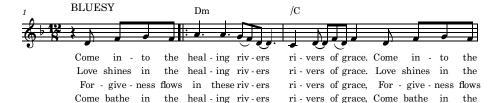
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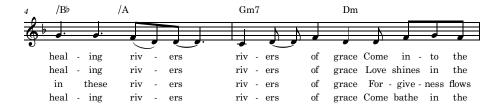


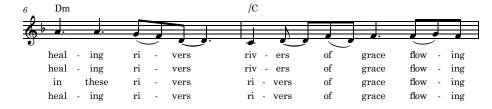




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