

**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**

Programs for Children and Youth **today, 1/11.**

Childcare (Nursery/Toddler) opens at 9:45 upstairs in Room 22. Children and youth start out in service and then go to their age-based groups following the story.

If you are new or visiting, and your child isn't registered, please accompany them to their room to sign them in. If you aren't sure where to go, there is someone to ask at 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](mailto:dre@albanyuu.org).

## **Worship Theme for January: Faith**

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### **Albany Unitarian Universalist**

Rev. Ann Kadlecsek, Interim Minister

Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth

Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

Sophia Garder, Administrator

Nicholee Froese, Congregational Life Coordinator

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# **Sacred Rest: A Unitarian Universalist Sabbath**

Rev. Ann Kadlecsek

Alison Hart, Worship Associate

**Albany Unitarian Universalist**

Sunday, January 11, 2026

10:00 AM

## Sacred Rest: A Unitarian Universalist Sabbath

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**Gathering Music** Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry  
& Chris Milkins, Musician

**Announcements** Alison Hart, Worship Associate

**Coffee Hour Connection** Dick Dana, Art & Aesthetics Team

**Ringling of the Chime**

**Welcome** Alison Hart

**Congregational Greeting**

**Opening Hymn** *Come, O Sabbath Day*

**Call to Community & Chalice Lighting** Rev. Ann Kadleccek

As we light this chalice,  
We stop.  
We pause.  
We pay attention.  
We free ourselves from projects to finish  
and things to do.  
Here, in our grasp, in this moment,  
is the quiet center of the world.  
-adapted from Richard S. Gilbert

*We Will Rest* by Amanda Udis-Kessler  
Olga Martinez & Chris Milkins

**Story** Elizabeth Baldes, Dir. of Prog. for Children & Youth  
*No Lists on the Sabbath* by Marc Gellman

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

**Joys and Sorrows** Ruth Samuels & Randy Rosette  
**Sung Response #123** *Spirit of Life*

**Worship Associate Reflection** Alison Hart

**Sermon** Rev. Ann Kadleccek

**Music** *Return Anew* by Rena Branson

**Offering** Alison Hart

**Benediction** Rev. Ann Kadleccek

**Closing Song** *Mah Rabu* by Chana Rothman

**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 are given by Sandy Stone.  
~ Grateful for community! ~

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

## Come, O Sabbath Day

Words after Gustav Gattheil

Music by A.W. Binder, Adapted



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Work and sor - row cast a - way! Sab - bath is for



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trou - bled heart. Now the dai - ly task is done  
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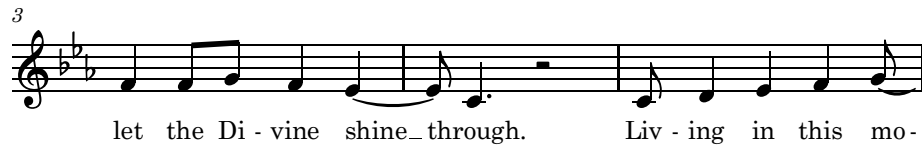
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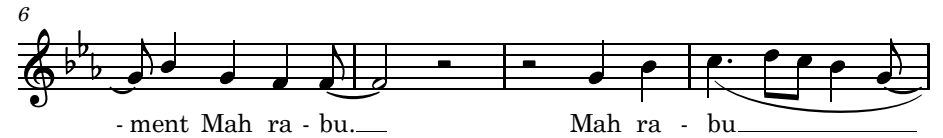
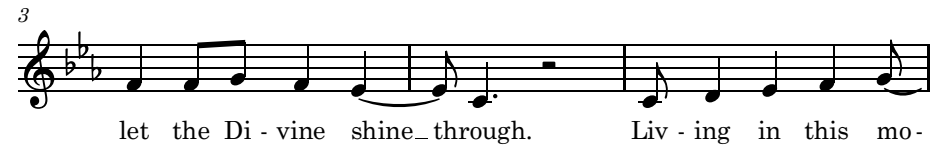


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