

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, 2/22.**

Childcare (Nursery/Toddler) opens at 9:45 upstairs in Room 22. All other 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 February: Love

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### Albany Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Ann Kadlecek, 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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# Healing Spirits & Changing Hearts

Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Alison Hart,  
Worship Associate

**Albany Unitarian Universalist**

Sunday, February 22, 2026

10:00 AM

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

**Announcements** Alison Hart, Worship Associate

**Coffee Connection** Stewardship Team & Board of Trustees

**Ringing of the Chime**

**Welcome** Alison Hart

**Congregational Greeting**

**Opening Song** *Here Together* Albany UU Choir  
by David M. Glasgow

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

Come into this place of peace  
and let its silence heal your spirit;  
Come into this place of memory  
and let its history warm your soul;  
Come into this place of prophecy and power  
and let its vision change your heart.

- William F. Schulz

*We Are the Voices* Albany UU Choir  
by Jim Papoulis

**Story** *Bear Came Along* Elizabeth Baldes,  
Director of Programs for Children & Youth  
by Richard T. Morris, ill. by LeUyen Pham

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

**Joys and Sorrows** Sharon Babala & Randy Rosette

**Sung Response** #123 *Spirit of Life*

**Stewardship Reflection** Alison Hart

**Reading** by A. Powell Davies (abridged) Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Sermon** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Song** *When We Sing Together* by Lia Davis

**Offering** Alison Hart

**Closing Song** *Bridge* by Sarina Partridge

**Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

*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 Pat Bailey.

~ Winifred I. & Wilbur J. Brown, parents of Pat & Peter. ~

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, FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

### **From The Stewardship Team:**

“Shaping Our Shared Future”. Today is Stewardship Sunday. This marks the start of the season where the members and friends of Albany UU express their generosity and commitment to our community through a pledge for the coming year. Over 80% of Albany UU’s annual operating budget comes from these generous financial commitments. Your pledge is one of the most important ways you help sustain our congregation and shape who we are together. Please pick up your pledge packet at the stewardship table in Channing Hall after today’s service. If you can’t stay after the service, we will mail or deliver your packet to you. Contact Alison Hart, Amie Jamieson, Chuck Manning, Randy Rosette, or John Sherman with any questions.

### **From the Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee welcomes interest in candidates for the following positions to be elected at the next annual meeting: Board of Trustees - President, Vice President, Assistant Treasurer, and two Trustees; also, Endowment Trust Board Member and Nominating Committee Member. **The deadline for expressions of interest is Sunday, April 5, 2026;** the elections at the Annual Meeting will be May 17, 2026.

### **From the Congregational Life Team:**

**Join the Albany UU Talent Show — March 13!** Our last two all-church talent shows were a big hit, and we’re excited to make this one even better. Performers of **all ages** are encouraged to sign up and share their talents — or simply come and enjoy the fun! **Time:** 7:00–9:00 PM. Questions? Please contact Peter Brown or Sharon Babala. Whether you’re taking the stage or cheering from the audience, we hope you’ll be part of this joyful night together! Register using the QR code:



### **From Circle Dinners:**

Circle Dinners are an easy and fun way to make new friends at Albany UU. Albany UU members host collaborative dinners. Guests bring part of the meal - make your favorite dish or pick up your contribution at your favorite grocery store. The individual hosts coordinate each guest’s contribution. Sign up now for the Circle Dinner on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Contact John Sherman to sign up and/or be a host. The deadline to sign up is **today**.

# Here Together

David Glasgow



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by Lia Davis



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When we sing to - geth - er, we weave our mem - o - ries,



when we sing to - geth - er, we feel the dance of time,  
when we sing to - geth - er, and love be - comes our guide,  
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when we sing to - geth - er, our voi - ces blend as one\_\_\_ a  
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Sarina Partridge

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- fore,\_\_\_\_\_ And the wa - ter is deep,\_\_\_\_\_ and the wa - ter will keep\_ you a - live\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ and strong\_ You be - long\_ you be - long\_ to the wa - ter\_\_\_\_\_ and mem - 'ries,

22 Verse 2



\_\_\_\_\_ and sto - ry, and song\_ You be - long. \_\_\_\_\_ There's a hope a - cross our

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\_\_\_\_\_ of the fu - ture we sow\_ with love\_\_\_\_\_ with love\_ we are more\_ we are

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Today, with 28 residential units, RWC houses 150 people, mostly single mother-led households. RWC offers services to the neighborhood including English language classes, student homework help, and public health lessons at its Refugee Welcome Center on Ontario Street. RWC operates on very low overhead, with 97% of its spending going towards program. Learn more at [rwcwesthill.com](http://rwcwesthill.com)

Your contribution made by cash, text, online or by check made out to Albany UU will be split between Albany UU and the Refugee Welcome Center, unless you tell us otherwise. If you want your entire contribution to go towards your annual pledge, write “pledge” on the memo line of your check. If you want your entire contribution to go to the Refugee Welcome Center, write “all to RWC” on the memo line.

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