

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

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Family Chapel is today! On the first Sunday of the month from October-May, Family Chapel is offered in the Sanctuary at 9:30AM, lasting around 25 minutes. **Sunday morning groups begin at 10AM** on Family Chapel Sundays, and the groups use the extra time to enjoy a snack together. Childcare (Nursery/Toddler) opens at the usual time of 9:45 upstairs in Room 22.

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.

Worship Theme for March: Compassion

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Ann Kadlecek, Interim Minister

Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth

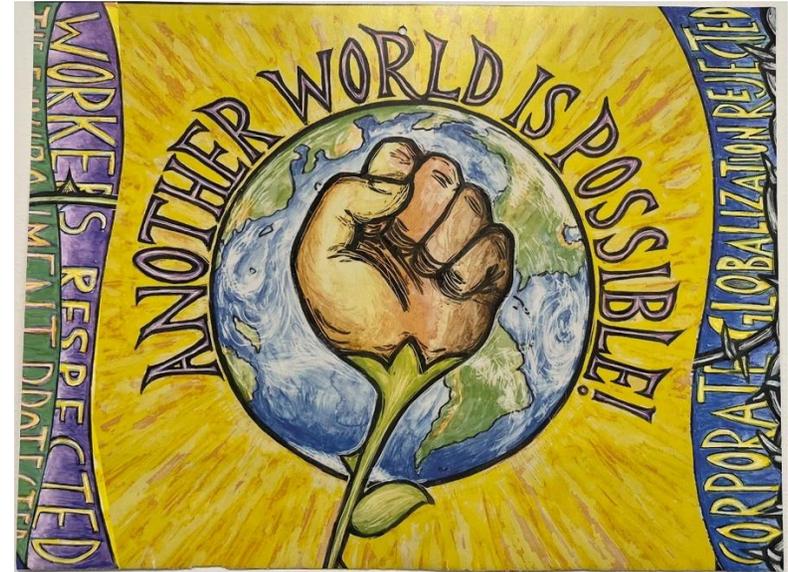
Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

Sophia Garder, Administrator

Nicholee Froese, Congregational Life Coordinator

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Another World is Possible

Rev. Dr. Leonisa Ardizzone

Peter Brown,
Worship Associate

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, March 1, 2026

10:00 AM

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

Announcements Peter Brown, Worship Associate

Coffee Connection Inclusivity Team

Ringing of the Chime

Welcome Peter Brown

Congregational Greeting

Opening Song *Hold On* by Heidi Wilson

Call to Community & Chalice Lighting
Rev. Dr. Leonisa Ardizzone

Are you searching for your soul?
Then come out of your prison. Leave
the stream and join the river that
flows into the ocean. Absorbed in this
world you've made it your burden.
Rise above this world. There is another vision...
- Rumi

The Tide is Rising by Shoshana Meira Friedman
& Yotam Schachter

Story *I Am Love* Elizabeth Baldes,
Director of Programs for Children & Youth
by Susan Verde & Peter Reynolds

Worship Associate Reflection Peter Brown

Joys and Sorrows Jim Chicoine & Randy Rosette

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Reading from *Revolutionary Love* Peter Brown
by Michael Lerner

Sermon *Another World is Possible* Rev. Dr. Leonisa Ardizzone

Music Chris Milkins & Olga Martinez
Sing Our Way Back to Hope by Sarina Partridge

Offering Peter Brown
Offertory Chris Milkins

Closing Song *Another World is Possible* by FLOBOTS

Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing

I pray this day for the courage to be...

*The courage to be humble in the face of inequity and
pain, to know that the power has been given to me to
make a difference, although not to end all suffering or
to save all the whales that populate our days.*

*I pray for the courage of endurance, to keep acting in
the midst of despair, to keep trying in the aftermath of
failure, to keep hoping in the emptiness that follows loss
or change.*

*May courage give me patience and may I ever know
Love's healing presence in the heart and center of my
days.*

-Maureen Killoran

Flowers are given by the Tibbitts-Moritz Family.
~ In memory of Herb Moritz, Dan's father and Tilly's Opa, on his
birthday. We love and miss you. ~

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, MARCH 1ST:

From The Stewardship Team:

Shaping Our Shared Future: Stewardship Season

Thank you for your enthusiastic response to Stewardship Sunday last week! It was an inspirational start to our stewardship season, when 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. If you didn't pick up your packet last week, you should be receiving it in the mail. If you don't receive one, contact Amie Jamieson or Sophia Garder, Church Administrator, at sgarder@albanyuu.org. Please drop off your commitment form in the box at the stewardship table on Sunday mornings or mail it back. Thank you for all the ways you help shape and sustain Albany UU! You can also pledge using this QR code:



From the Congregational Life Team:

A reminder that Picture Day is coming up on Sunday, March 15. We'll be having a professional photoshoot with our very own Shannon Simpson as our photographer. Photos will be used for our website, social media, and other church communications and publicity. If you prefer not to appear in photos, an opt-out sheet will be available, and we will review the photos afterward to remove any images that include those who have chosen to opt out. Thank you for helping us capture the life of our community with care and intention.

From Rev. Ann and the Membership Committee:

Curious about Unitarian Universalism? Want to learn more about Albany UU, membership, or ways to get involved? Join us for *Getting to Know UU*, a two-session gathering where you'll meet Albany UU members and others who are also seeking a spiritual home. **Saturdays, March 14th & 21st from 9:00–11:30 AM.** Coffee, tea, fruit, and muffins will be provided. Sign up at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings, contact the Albany UU Office at **518-463-7135**, reach out to **Barb Manning**, or use the QR code below:



From the Social Justice Team:

The Social Justice Team invites you to nominate a nonprofit to be a future Share the Plate recipient. A form has been developed for members of the congregation to submit suggestions for future Share the Plate organizations. The link to the form will live permanently in the "Useful Links" section of the newsletter. There is a preference for organizations which a congregation member has some personal knowledge of, or experience with. SJT will seek to create a balance between the types of justice-based services selected. While SJT expects that most programs will be from the Capital District, especially our home city, Albany, statewide, national or international organizations could qualify, as will justice-focused UUA initiatives. More information can be found in the newsletter. If you are interested in recommending an organization, please use the QR code below:



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. Use the QR code to learn more:



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:



Share the Plate with UUSC in March



This month, Albany UU will share half of the collection plate with the **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)**.

For 85 years, UUSC has worked to challenge injustice and advance human rights, starting with aid to European refugees in World War II. UUSC

addresses the core causes of injustice by partnering with local communities, amplifying their voices, and advocating for institutional and systemic change. UUSC works with grassroots organizations in over 20 nations, from Papua New Guinea to Poland to the United States.

In Sudan, UUSC funds grassroots mutual aid networks providing food, medical care, and safe evacuation routes. Across the Pacific, UUSC supports Indigenous partners as they face climate-forced displacement. In Mexico, UUSC partners provide lifesaving aid, legal accompaniment, and protection. In the US, UUSC's Community Accompaniment Program with Asylum-Seekers (CAPAS) assists congregations in offering long-term, community-based support to asylum-seekers.

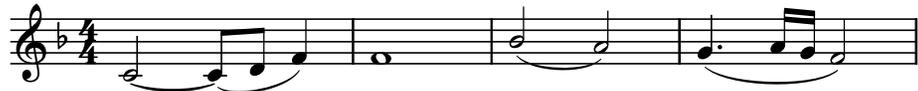


Your contribution made by cash, text, online or check made out to Albany UU will be split between Albany UU and UUSC, unless you tell us otherwise. If you want your entire contribution to go towards your annual pledge, write "pledge" on the memo line of your check. If you want your entire contribution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

Learn more about UUSC at www.uusc.org.

Hold On

Heidi Wilson



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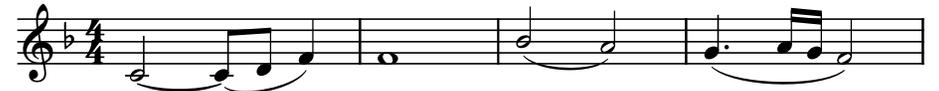
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