

**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, 3/29.**

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.

**On 4/5** please join us for **Family Chapel**, presented in the **Sanctuary at 9:30AM**. Family Chapel is a short, full service designed for our youngest folks that is usually led by the Director of Programs for Children & Youth and the Director of Music Ministry on the first Sunday of the month from October-May. When Family Chapel is over, the children and youth can attend a special Easter-themed combined age group session from 10-11:15 AM.

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 March: Compassion**

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### **Albany Unitarian Universalist**

Rev. Ann Kadlecek, Interim Minister

Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth

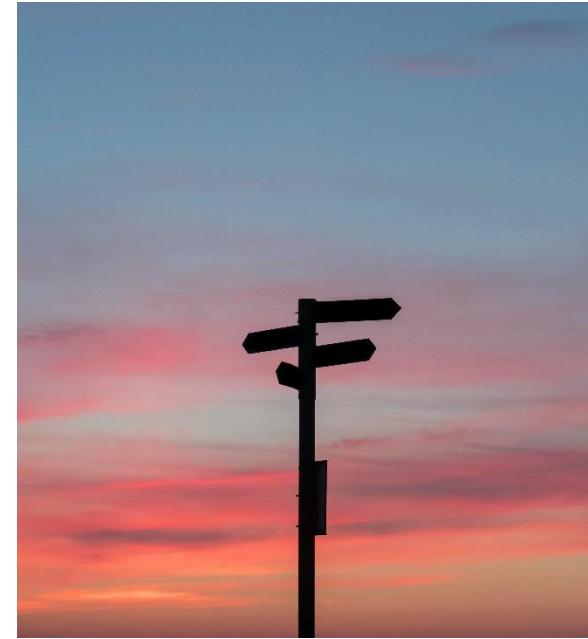
Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

Sophia Garder, Administrator

Nicholee Froese, Congregational Life Coordinator

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# **Signs of the Times**

**Rev. Ann Kadlecek**

**Peggy Sherman,**

**Worship Associate**

**Albany Unitarian Universalist**

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

Signs of the Times

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**Gathering Music** Cathy DeMille, Lead Musician  
& Chris Milkins, Musician

**Announcements** Peggy Sherman, Worship Associate

**Coffee Hour Connection** Flowers Committee

**Ringing of the Chime**

**Welcome** Peggy Sherman

**Congregational Greeting**

**Opening Hymn # 40** *The Morning Hangs a Signal (verses 1 & 2)*

**Call to Community & Chalice Lighting** Rev. Ann Kadlecek  
& The Saunders-Yeh Family

We light this chalice  
For the old stories  
that illuminate  
our world  
and the Love that holds all

*Hold Fast the Hope* Small Ensemble  
music by Paulette Meier,  
words by Quaker Founder, George Fox

**Story** *Palm Sunday Story* Elizabeth Baldes,  
Dir. of Prog. for Children & Youth

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

**Joys and Sorrows** Jim Chicoine

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

**Worship Associate Reflection** Peggy Sherman

**Sermon Part 1** *Introduction to the Text* Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Reading** *Mark 11:1-11*

**Sermon Part 2** *Signs of the Times* Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Music** *Deep Calls to Deep* by Mary Alice Amidon

**Offering** Peggy Sherman

**Closing Song** *Look Into My Heart* by Mike Menefee

**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.*

Thank you to musicians, Ruth Samuels & Chris Bystroff.

Flowers are given by Sigrin Newell  
~ *Providing flowers for a church service is a lovely way to honor  
a loved one or a special memory. Contact the office for details.* ~

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 29<sup>th</sup>:

### From The Nominating Committee:

Albany UU Ministerial Search Committee--Request for Nominations. The process of selecting a settled minister is one of the most significant actions in the life of a congregation. Achieving a synergistic minister-congregation partnership can strengthen our community as well as help move positively into the future. While the Nominating Committee takes the lead on this process, YOU are an integral part. By giving thoughtful nominations, you can bring forward the names of fellow Albany UU members who you think will best serve in the role of Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) member. You can also nominate yourself.

Please remember that all MSC members must be willing to invest significant time and effort in the search process for a full year starting July 2026. We encourage you to read more about this in the Windows Weekly newsletter.

**Nominations must be received by April 5th, 2026.** If you have questions about this process, please contact Zoe Hutchins, Nellson Moore, or Vida Wehren

at: [nomcommsc@albanyuu.org](mailto:nomcommsc@albanyuu.org). **How do you nominate?**

Paper ballots are available in the church office, or in Channing Hall on Sundays. If you need a ballot mailed to you, please contact the AUU office at 518-463-7135. You can use the link in the newsletter or use the QR code below:



### From The Stewardship Team:

#### **Shaping Our Shared Future: Stewardship Season**

The generous pledges of Albany UU members and friends have brought us three quarters of the way to our stewardship goal—and we're counting on the rest of our community to help us cross the finish line. Your financial support makes possible the work that matters most to this community: vibrant programming for children and youth, music that inspires, and meaningful service to our neighbors, and the countless other ways Albany UU shows up for its members and the wider world. If you've already returned your pledge form, thank you for helping build the foundation for the year ahead. Three quarters of the way is real progress, but the Board meets on April 17th to finalize next year's budget, and knowing whether we've reached our goal is critical to that work. Every pledge between now and then makes a difference. If you've been meaning to pledge but haven't found the moment, we've made it easy to act on that intention. Visit the stewardship table during coffee hour and fill out a form there, or pledge by scanning the QR code below.



### From the Administrator's Office:

#### **2025-2026 Annual Report**

In anticipation of our **Annual Meeting on May 17th**, our administrator, Sophia Garder, will be compiling reports from all committees, teams, staff, and groups of the congregation into our **2025-2026 Annual Report**. Reports are due by **April 10th**. Please see the newsletter or contact Sophia at [sgarder@albanyuu.org](mailto:sgarder@albanyuu.org) for more information.

## 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](http://www.uusc.org).

# Deep Calls to Deep

Mary Alice Amidon



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Heart calls to heart in the souls we still re - mem - ber  
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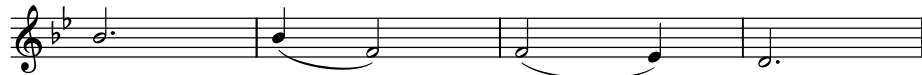
Look in my heart and you'll find there is long - ing;  
How can we know what to - mor - row will bring us?  
So, in the light of the love all a - round us,



deep in my heart where the love knows no end.  
What we be - gin is a path with - out end.  
here in the strength of this cir - cle of friends,



Called now to serve, will I know how to ans - wer?  
Path leads to path, and they join, in - ter - wo - ven.  
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