

**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, 4/5**

**Family Chapel is today!** On the first Sunday of the month from October-May, Family Chapel is presented in the Sanctuary at 9:30AM and lasts for 25 minutes or so. One combined age Sunday morning group will **begin at 10AM** today in Room 24-25 following Family Chapel and the children and youth will enjoy a snack and some Easter-themed activities.

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, please 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.

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

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 April: Courage**

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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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# **The Hope that Raises Us**

**Rev. Ann Kadlecek**

**Carolyn Stetson,**

**Worship Associate**

**Albany Unitarian Universalist**

**Sunday, April 5, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

The Hope that Raises Us

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

**Announcements** Carolyn Stetson, Worship Associate

**Coffee Hour Connection** Art & Aesthetics Team

**Ringing of the Chime**

**Welcome** Carolyn Stetson

**Congregational Greeting**

**Prelude** *Roll Away the Stone* Albany UU Choir  
words by Hannah C. Brown,  
music from Southern Harmony

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

We light this chalice  
for the hope  
that raises us -  
not someday  
but every day,  
again and  
again.

from Jan Richardson (adapted)

*Come My Way, My Truth, My Life*  
music by Ralph Vaughn Williams,  
words by George Herbert

**Story** *The Easter Story* Elizabeth Baldes,  
Dir. of Prog. for Children & Youth

**Joys and Sorrows** Jim Chicoine & Frank Traynor

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

**Reading** *Mark 15-16* Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Sermon** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**Music** *Love Will Rise Again* Albany UU Choir  
by Mark A. Miller

**Offering** Carolyn Stetson

**Closing Song** *Lo, the Day of Days is Here*  
words by Frederick Lucian Hosmer,  
music: Easter Hymn (Lyra Davidica)

**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 are given by Sandy Stone  
~ In celebration of renewal! ~

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, APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>:**

### **From The Nominating Committee:**

**Today, Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> is the last day to nominate people for the Ministerial Search Committee!!** How do you nominate? Paper ballots are available in Channing Hall after the service. You can also use the link in the newsletter or use the QR code below:



### **From the Administrator's Office:**

The Hudson Mohawk Cluster Service is on April 19, 2026, at 10:30 AM at UU Schenectady & Zoom. We are hoping to recruit five volunteers from Albany UU. If you are interested in helping at the Welcome Table, as an Usher, or as Security, please reach out to Administrator, Sophia Garder at [sgarder@albanyuu.org](mailto:sgarder@albanyuu.org).

### **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 **THIS COMING FRIDAY, April 10th**. Please see the newsletter or contact Sophia at [sgarder@albanyuu.org](mailto:sgarder@albanyuu.org) for more information.

### **From The Green Sanctuary Team:**

The Green Sanctuary Team will be meeting at 11:30 on April 12 in room 3/4 and on zoom. We will be discussing the NYS legislative session and numerous opportunities available for environmental action including one on April 18. All are welcome! The Zoom link can be found in the newsletter. Please reach out to Chuck Manning with any questions.

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

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

We're getting there! The generosity of those who have already pledged have brought us more than 80 percent of the way to our stewardship goal—a huge thank you to those who have pledged. Now we're counting on the rest of our community to help us cross the finish line. The Board meets April 17<sup>th</sup> to finalize next year's budget. Knowing whether we have reached our stewardship goal is critical to that work, so please get your pledge in before then. In the coming week, church members will be reaching out personally to those who haven't yet pledged. We hope you'll welcome that conversation! And if you're ready to act now, we've made it easy. Visit the stewardship table during coffee hour, or pledge online—scan the QR code below or visit the link. **Please get your pledge in before April 17<sup>th</sup>.** We're so close, and you can help get us there.



### **From the Building Connections Auction Team:**

Albany UU Building Connections Auction, our biggest fundraiser — and a wonderful way to connect with one another! The Annual Auction helps support Albany UU while creating opportunities for fun, friendship, and shared experiences throughout the year. Do you have a dinner to host, a skill to share, or a fun outing to offer? Simple gatherings, services, and family-friendly activities are some of our most popular offerings — and new donors are especially welcome! Donate: April 12–29. Share a gathering, service, or item. Preview Online: April 30–May 2. Auction Open: May 3–17. Buy and connect! Whether you donate, browse, or purchase, everyone can participate! Scan the QR code to learn more:



## Share the Plate with the FOCUS Food Pantry in April

This month, Albany UU will share half of the collection plate with the FOCUS Interfaith Food Pantry.

Last year, **the FOCUS Food Pantry served more than 3,700 households, including more than 2,900 children** from its



site at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 275 State Street. The Food Pantry is open Monday through Friday mornings as well as the last Saturday of the month.

FOCUS is supported by six “covenant congregations” as well as 9 affiliates. As an affiliate,

Albany UU has supported the FOCUS Food Pantry since at least 1977. We are sharing the plate with FOCUS during three different months every year.

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



Learn more about the FOCUS Food Pantry at [www.focuschurches.net/food-pantry](http://www.focuschurches.net/food-pantry).

# Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Words by George Herbert

Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams



Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



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Music: EASTER HYMN (Lyra Davidica)



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Fields are smil - ing in the sun, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Lo, the Eas - ter - tide is here, Al - - le - lu - ia!



Fes - ti - val of hope and cheer! Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Loos - ened stream - lets sea - ward run, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Mu - sic thrills the at - mos - phere, Al - - le - lu - ia!



At the south - wind's gen - nial breath, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Ten - der blade and leaf ap - pear, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Hearts are strong and voic - es sing, Al - - le - lu - ia!



Na - ture wakes from seem - ing death, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
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Love and\_ hope and thanks - giv - ing, Al - - le - lu - ia!

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