

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, 6/7.**

Childcare (Nursery/Toddler) opens at 9:45. If you are not sure where to go, the welcomingers in the lobby can help.

Our service today is multigenerational, meaning children and youth stay for the full service instead of going to their usual groups. There are interactive orders of service and crayons available from the ushers for children to use during our service.

If you have questions about our programs, or are interested in helping out, please email the Director of Programs for Children & Youth at dre@albanyuu.org.

Worship Theme for June: Celebration

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

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The Big Wish

Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Sharon Babala,

Worship Associate

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, June 7, 2026

10:00 AM

The Big Wish

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Gathering Music Chris Milkins, Musician

Announcements Sharon Babala, Worship Associate

Ringing of the Chime

Welcome Sharon Babala

Congregational Greeting

Opening Hymn #361 *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

Call to Community & Chalice Lighting

*We light this chalice
For our wishes
That become action*

Receiving the Flowers Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Story Part 1 *The Big Wish* by Carolyn Conahan
Elizabeth Baldes, Dir. of Prog. for Children & Youth

Reading *One Wish* by Lisa Friedman Rev. Ann Kadlecek
and Sharon Babala

Reflection Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Activity

Story Part 2

Joys and Sorrows Ruth Samuels & Randy Rosette

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Story Part 3 and Activity

Reflection Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Music *This Hope That We Make* Albany UU Choir
by Jason Shelton, conducted by Chris Jensen

Offering Sharon Babala

Blessing and Sharing the Flowers

Song *From You I Receive*

Closing Song *Seed of Hope* by John Kramer

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.*

Thanks to Cathy DeMille for music planning and production.

Thanks to Valerie Gasco, Sandy Stone, Paula Moskowitz, and Anny Lapinski for help with arranging and sharing the flowers today.

Flowers are given by Reg Foster & Maryann Jablonowski.
~ *In loving memory of two strong and extraordinary women: our
mothers, Marie Foster and Clare Jablonowski.* ~

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, JUNE 7th:

From the Religious Services Team:

Our Sunday services bring us together and nourish our spirits every week, as a congregation. In collaboration with our minister, the Religious Services Team oversees all aspects of these services. Would you like to help? We are eager to add a few new members. If you might be interested, and would like more information, contact Rev. Ann, Debbie or Peter Brown, Peter Meixner or Dawn Dana.

From the Arts & Aesthetics Team:

The Arts & Aesthetics Team invites you to the **Congregational Art Show**, opening today in Channing Hall from 12-2pm!

From the Social Justice, PCY, Inclusivity & Congregational Life Team:

Gearing up for Pride. Capital Pride will take place on Sunday, June 14th and Albany UU will be there! You are invited to join us for fun and festivities. If you would like to join us but could use a little assistance with all the walking, please contact Jaye Holly.

Share the Plate with Red Road Reclamation in June

This month, Albany UU will share half of the collection plate with **Red Road Reclamation**. Red Road Reclamation is an interfaith, non-



denominational Native American nonprofit grounded in Indigenous spiritual and cultural ways. Our vision is a world where Indigenous cultural practices are preserved and revitalized, where the

Earth and its waters are healed and protected, and where all people find belonging, connection, and spiritual guidance around a shared fire of respect, harmony, and community.

Through ceremony, storytelling, partnerships, and community programs, we walk the Red Road - the bloodline connections to our Indigenous ancestry - to cultivate harmony, justice, and peace for present and future generations of both the Stockbridge Band of Mohicans community, whose unceded ancestral homelands Albany UU occupies, and communities beyond.



Photos: Joe Plante, New Media Storytellers

Your contribution made by cash, text, online or check made out to Albany UU will be split between Albany UU and **Red Road Reclamation**, 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 Red Road Reclamation, write “all to Red Rd” on the memo line.

Learn more about Red Road Reclamation at redroadreclamation.org.

Seed of Hope

John Kramer



There's a seed of hope in my soul, _ a lit-tle seed of
There's a seed of joy in my soul, _ a lit-tle seed of
There's a seed of peace in my soul, _ a lit-tle seed of



hope in my soul. _ Gon-na tend it ev-'ry day
joy in my soul. _ Gon-na tend it ev-'ry day
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