

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, 6/14**

Childcare (Nursery/Toddler) opens at 9:45 upstairs and other groups will be meeting after the story and Bridging ceremony in service. If you are new or visiting, and your child isn't registered, please accompany them to their room to sign them in. If you are not sure where to go, the welcomers in the lobby can help.

Groups end at 11:00 today so people going to march in the Pride Parade have time to get to Washington Park. Barb at the Welcome Desk will let you know where the Albany UU group will be in the lineup, so you know which part of the park to head towards.

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
Nicholee Froese, Congregational Life Coordinator
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Naming Ourselves

Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Dick Dana,

Worship Associate

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, June 14, 2026

10:00 AM

Naming Ourselves

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Gathering Music

Rich Baldes, Musician

Announcements

Dick Dana, Worship Associate

Ringing of the Chime

Welcome

Dick Dana

Congregational Greeting

Call to Community & Chalice Lighting

Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Opening Song *Let Your Voice Be Heard* by Sarina Partridge

Story *Wherever You Go*

Elizabeth Baldes,
Director of Programs for Children & Youth
by Alexandra Penfold & Suzanne Kaufmann

Bridging Ceremony

Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Congregation: *We wish for you a flower to smell,
a hand to touch,
a voice to cheer,
and a heart to gladden.
And we wish for you people to love,
as we love you.*

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

Joys and Sorrows

Sharon Babala & Jim Chicoine

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Reflection

Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Music *I am Light* by India Airie

Rich & Anna Baldes

Offering

Dick Dana

Benediction

Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Closing Song *Benediction* by Eva Conley Kendrick

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 Deborah Vogel.

*~ In loving memory of Dan Duggan (May 29, 2026) - hammered
dulcimer wizard and caring, funny friend of many near and far.
Making joyful music with schoolchildren and the Susquehanna String
Band, and the mischievous trio Jamcrackers with beloved wife, Peggy
(Ayres) Lynn and fellow troublemaker/dear friend, Dan Berggren.
Your extraordinary music will echo in our hearts and in the
Adirondacks forever. ~*

Thanks to Cathy DeMille for music planning and production.

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 14th:

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

SIDE-BY-SIDE, WE SHOW OUR PRIDE! Today is Capital Pride and Albany UU will be there! Here's what to know if you want to join us in the parade. **WHAT TO DO:** Meet at the Welcome Desk in the lobby after service. From there, you'll be given directions to the location of "Big Red," our ride for Pride! Big Red will lead the way for marchers, while providing a safe and comfortable ride for anyone who could use a lift. Anyone participating in the parade must be in the line up and ready to go by 11:30, so please be sure to stop by the Welcome Desk so you will know where to find us. (If you are not planning to be at church, text Jaye Holly to learn the location of Big Red.) **WHAT TO WEAR:** If you have an Albany UU Pride t-shirt, please wear it! If you have a Side with Love t-shirt, you can wear that! If you don't have either, wear what you've got! Comfortable clothing is the dress code of the day. Sneakers or other shoes with good support are recommended for walking. A hat is a good idea and sunscreen is also recommended. Of course, feel free to wear your favorite Pride gear - beads and baubles, tutus and top hats - the more, the merrier!! (Note that it is a "rain-or-shine" event, so plan your wardrobe accordingly.) **WHAT TO BRING:** It is a good idea to have a water bottle, as the day will be quite warm. Make sure your cell phone is charged so you can take plenty of pictures. Most importantly, bring your joy! It is a celebration, after all! (Remember that anything you bring, you will have to carry as you walk the parade route, so choose wisely.)

From the Arts & Aesthetics Team:

All are invited to help dedicate the temporary art installation by Rowan Pigott, Sunday June 21st after the service at 11:30. Since this art installation was conceived as part of the curriculum of our Coming of Age program, we very much hope that children and their parents will attend. It's an opportunity for our children to see for themselves what might come of their efforts in class. We are holding the ceremony right after the children are dismissed from their classrooms at 11:30. The ceremony will be brief, so people will have time to attend coffee hour after the dedication.

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.



Benediction

Eva Conley Kendrick

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May you go out with your minds



o - pen. May you go out with your hearts__



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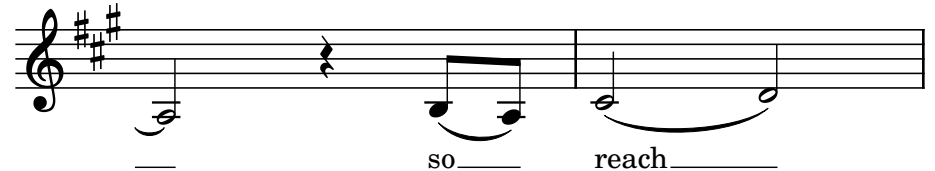
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