

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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Childcare (Nursery/Toddler) opens at 9:45 upstairs. Other groups will be meeting after the story in service:

Preschoolers aka Friendship Finders are welcome in the Nursery/Toddler or to join the older kids in the K-8 group.

Kindergarten - Grade 8 will meet all together after the story in service for a combined age group session.

Youth Group (Grades 9-12) meets after the story in service.

Pickup is at 11:15, except high school age kids who are released on their own. 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 welcomingers in the lobby can help.

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

Thanks to Cathy DeMille for music planning and production.

Albany Unitarian Universalist

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Juneteenth: Joy in Resistance

BIPOC Group

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, June 21, 2026

10:00 AM

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Gathering Music *Oh, Freedom* Amanda Chapin
Traditional African American Spiritual

Announcements Jaye Holly

Coffee Hour Connection Art & Aesthetics Team

Ringing of the Chime

Welcome Léa N'ko Ryman & Jaye Holly

Congregational Greeting

Prelude Nellson Moore

*Hold On Just a Little While Longer
& Hold On Change is Coming*
by Rev. Cleophus Robinson Jr., Billy Steele,
Levi Seacer Jr., Clarence Reid, Willie Clarke,
Larry & Roger Troutman

Call to Community Jaye Holly

Opening Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing*
poem by James Weldon Johnson,
music by John Rosamond Johnson

Chalice Lighting Léa N'ko Ryman & Jaye Holly

*We light this chalice in remembrance
of those whose freedom was delayed,
in gratitude for those who carried joy
through generations of struggle,
and in commitment to resist the erasure of truth
-with love, courage, and hope.*

Story *I Am Every Good Thing* Luis Torres
by Derrick Barnes & Gordon C. James

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

Joys and Sorrows Jim Chicoine

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Readings

Resistance, Resilience, Restoration Jaye Holly
The Death and Life of Voting Rights Luis Torres
Bullet Points: Jericho Brown Nellson Moore
Faith and Fury (adaptation) Ireta London
by Amanda Gorman

Moment of Silence

Offering Léa N'ko Ryman
Offertory *Oh, Freedom* Ireta London

Closing Hymn *We Shall Overcome* Traditional African
American Spiritual, incorporating elements of the 1901
gospel hymn *I'll Overcome Someday* by Rev. Charles
Tindley

Benediction *Still I Rise* by Maya Angelou Nellson Moore

Chalice Extinguishing Nellson Moore & Luis Torres

*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 Cindee Herrick. ~ For the solstice. ~

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 21st:

From the Administrator:

Summer services begin on Sunday, June 28th. Dates and service leaders are listed here. For more information about each service, please see the Windows Weekly newsletter.

Sunday, June 28 at 10:00 with Chris Bystroff
Sunday, July 5 at 10:00 with Rev. Sarah Richards
Sunday, July 12 at 10:00 with Luis Torres
Sunday, July 19 at 10:00 with Rev. Christin Green
Sunday, July 26 at 10:00 with Shawn Stevens
Sunday, August 2 at 10:00 with Rev. Beth Dana
Sunday, August 9 at 10:00 with Rev. Shelley Page
Sunday, August 16 at 10:00 with Nellson Moore
Sunday, August 23 at 10:00 with Rev. Ann Kadlecek
Sunday, August 30 at 10:00 with Rev. Lynn Ashley
Sunday, September 6 at 10:00 with Diane Cameron

From the Arts & Aesthetics Team:

All are invited to help dedicate the temporary art installation by Rowan Pigott, after today's 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.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Poem by James Weldon Johnson

Music by John Rosamond Johnson

Lift ev - ry voice and sing, till earth and

heav - en ring, ring with the har - mo -

-nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re -

-joice - ing - rise high as the his - tening -

skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing

sea. Sing a song full of the

faith that the dark past has taught us;

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has

brought us; fac - ing the

ris - ing sun of our new day be

gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is - won.

Oh, Freedom

Traditional African American Spiritual



We Shall Overcome

Traditional African American spiritual,
incorporating elements of the 1901 gospel hymn
I'll Overcome Someday by Reverend Charles Tindley.

