

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

From 6/28-9/6 a combined age group for children is being offered during service. The room opens at 9:45 and is supervised by staff and screened volunteers. Our time together will be lightly structured with opportunities for arts and crafts along with free play.

The group is intended for around age 3 and up. Younger children and their families are welcome to join us, and to use the Nursery/Toddler space as needed, however the Nursery/Toddler is not staffed during the summer.

Not sure where to go? Inquire at the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

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

Rev. Ann Kadlecsek, Interim Minister

Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth

Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry

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Retirement

Chris Bystroff

**Dave Munro, Worship
Associate**

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, June 28, 2026

10:00 AM

Retirement
June 28, 2026

Gathering Music Chris Whittaker, Musician

Announcements Dave Munro

Ringling of the Chime

Welcome Dave Munro

Congregational Greeting

Opening Song *Becoming* by Mary E. Grigolia

Call to Community Dave Munro

Chalice Lighting Chris Bystroff & Dave Munro

*Welcoming all free seekers of truth and meaning,
we gather to excite the human spirit,
to inspire its growth and development,
to respond morally and ethically to a troubled world,
and to sustain a vital and nurturing
religious community.*

Music Chris Whittaker
La fille aux cheveux de lin from Préludes, Book 1, No. 8
by C. Debussy

Joys and Sorrows Frank Traynor

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Reading from *Kitchen Table Wisdom* Dave Munro
by Rachel Naomi Remen

Sermon *Retirement: The Bucket List* Chris Bystroff

Moment of Silence

Offering Dave Munro

Offertory *Romance* Chris Bystroff & Chris Whittaker
by Ralph Vaughn Williams

Benediction Chris Bystroff

Closing Song *There is a Spirit* by Mary E. Grigolia

Chalice Extinguishing Chris Bystroff & Dave Munro

*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 Debbie Brown.
~ For Peter & Debbie's Anniversary. ~

Musicians and other service leaders are grateful for your appreciation. However, we ask that you refrain from audible applause during the service. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 28th:

From the Administrator:

Summer services begin today. Dates and service leaders are listed here. For more information about each service, please see the Windows Weekly newsletter.

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

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.

There is a Spirit

Mary E. Grigolia



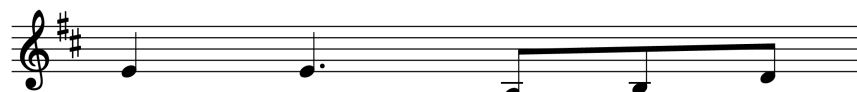
There is a spir - it Flow - ing
Now let it guide me, Teach - ing
I feel its pow - er Ev - er



'round me, Flow - ing with me, Flow - ing
pa - tience Teach - ing mer - cy, Teach - ing
chang - ing, Ev - er lift - ing, Ev - er



in me It's the spir - it, ho - ly
wis - dom, It's the spir - it, ho - ly
grow - ing, It's the spir - it, ho - ly



spir - it of life and
spir - it of life and
spir - it of life and



love, Just like a
love, Just like a
love, Just like a

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riv - er Mov - ing on - ward, mov - ing
cir - cle Al - ways hold - ing, al - ways
foun - tain Bring - ing jus - tice, bring - ing



bold - ly, mov - ing sure - ly. Ho - ly
danc - ing, al - ways sing - ing Ho - ly
heal - ing, bring - ing peace Ho - ly



spir - it, the bless - ed
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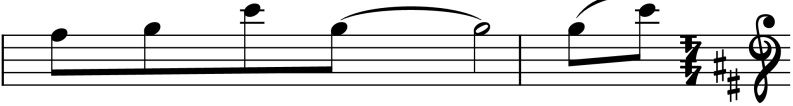


spir - it of life and love, of life and love.
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Becoming

Mary E. Grigolia

I am who I'm be -
You are who you're be -
We are who we're be -



- com - ing, I am all I have done. I
- com - ing, you are all you have done. You
- com - ing, we are all we have done. We



am what I am dream ing -
are what you are dream ing -
are what we are dream ing -
I've dream ing -



on ly just be - gun.
on ly just be - gun.
on ly just be - gun.
I You We



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am who I'm be - com ing, I
are who you're be - com ing, you
are who we're be - com ing, we



am all I have done. I
are all you have done. You
are all we have done. We



am what I am dream ing -
are what you are dream ing -
are what we are dream ing -
I've dream ing -



on ly just be - gun.
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