

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.

Albany Unitarian Universalist

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U.S. @ 250: Equality, Freedom, and Liberty...For All?

Luis Torres

**Sharon Babala, Worship
Associate**

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, July 12, 2026

10:00 AM

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Gathering Music Chris Milkins, Musician

Announcements Sharon Babala

Ringing of the Chime

Welcome Sharon Babala

Congregational Greeting

Opening Hymn #119 *Once to Every Soul and Nation*

Call to Community Sharon Babala

Chalice Lighting Luis Torres & Sharon Babala

*Welcoming of 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.*

Joys and Sorrows Randy Rosette

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Reading #561 by Margaret Mead

Sermon Luis Torres
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Moment of Silence

Offering Sharon Babala
Offertory Chris Milkins

Benediction Luis Torres

Closing Hymn #1035 *Freedom is Coming*

Chalice Extinguishing Luis Torres & Sharon Babala

*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.*

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



Share the Plate with Equinox in July

This month, Albany UU will share half of the collection plate with Equinox.

Equinox, Inc. is a dynamic human services organization with deep roots in New York's Capital Region. Its mission is **to change lives and strengthen communities in the Capital Region.**

Equinox supports youth, adults and families whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence, drug and alcohol addictions, behavioral health, and youth homelessness. By providing counseling, support, and shelter, Equinox serves these individuals as they move forward on their paths to recovery, healing, and independence.

Engaged in this work since 1947, Equinox continues to faithfully partner with our community, serving thousands of individuals each year.

Your contribution made by cash, text, online or check made out to Albany UU will be split between Albany UU and Equinox, 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 Equinox, write "all to Equinox" on the memo line.

Learn more about **Equinox** at **equinoxinc.org**.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SUNDAY, JULY 12th:

From the Administrator:

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

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