

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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Until We Are Perfect

Rev. Sarah Richards

Dick Dana,

Worship Associate

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, July 5, 2026

10:00 AM

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Gathering Music Randy Rosette, Musician

Announcements Dick Dana

Ringling of the Chime

Welcome Dick Dana

Congregational Greeting

Opening Unison Song *Draw the Circle Wide*
music by Mark Miller, words by Gordon Light

Chalice Lighting Rev. Sarah Richards & Dick Dana

*In a world that feeds on moral outrage,
we are here to cultivate moral courage.
In a time that prizes picking sides,
we gather to draw a wider circle.
And in a culture that teaches us to get for what we give
And to ask "what's in it for me?"
We come to practice generosity and to remember,
we are all in this together.
In the midst of life's bitterness,
we choose to sing, to give thanks,
to laugh together, and to be keepers of beauty
to offer a place of belonging for all who come,
in gladness and in pain,
to resist the push to the next moment, and the next;
to slow down, to breathe more deeply,
to feel a part of something greater.
For this hour, and in this space,
let us be the change we wish to see.*

Come, let us worship together.

by Rev. Gretchen Haley

First Reading Dick Dana

What will we do then, until we are perfect?
by Rev. R.L. Harris

Joys and Sorrows Jim Chicoine

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Second Reading Dick Dana

Never a failure, always a lesson
by adrienne maree brown

Sermon *Until We Are Perfect* Rev. Sarah Richards

Moment of Silence

Offering Dick Dana

Offertory *The Climb* Randy Rosette
music by Jesse Alexander, words by Jon Mabe

Benediction Rev. Sarah Richards & Dick Dana

Fitted for This Day by Rev. Kimberly Quinn Johnson

Closing Hymn #131 *Love Will Guide Us*

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.*

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 5th:

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 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 Kadlecsek

Sunday, August 30 at 10:00 with Rev. Lynn Ashley

Sunday, September 6 at 10:00 with Diane Cameron

Draw the Circle Wide

Gordon Light

Mark A Miller

