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

Childcare in the Nursery/Toddler Room opens at 9:45 for dropoff.

Age-based groups will meet after the story in service. If you are new or visiting, and your child isn't registered, please accompany them to their room to sign them in. Staff and volunteers are available to direct you. **Groups run until 11:15**, at which time parents and guardians pick up their children. Youth in Grade 7 and up are dismissed on their own.

Grade 7/8 Our Whole Lives meets from 10-11:15ish. This is a closed group.

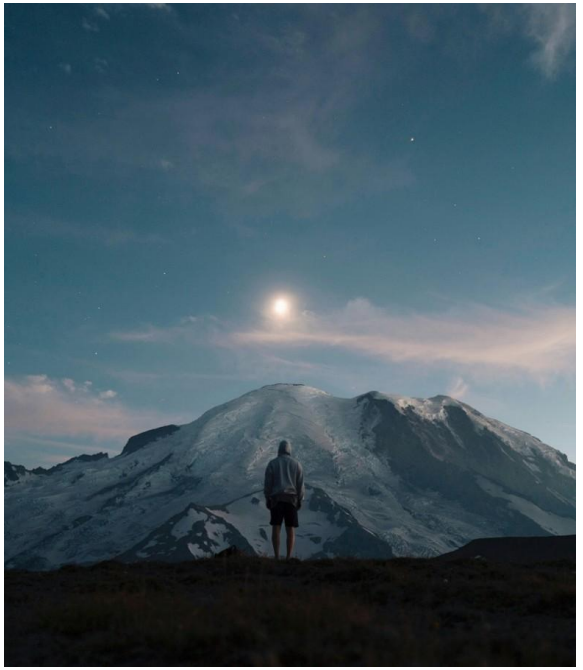
If you have any Programs for Children & Youth related questions on Sunday morning before service please stop by the "RE" Office Window in the lobby. If you are interested in helping out and would like to talk about our programs, please email the Director of Programs for Children & Youth at dpcy@albanyuu.org.

We are so glad you are here!

Worship Theme for November: Healing

Albany Unitarian Universalist
Rev. Ann Kadlecek & Rev. Sarah Richards, Interim Co-Ministers
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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It's Hard to Be Humble

Rev. Ann Kadlecek
Lee Newberg,
Worship Associate

Albany Unitarian Universalist
Sunday, November 15, 2026
10:00 AM

It's Hard to Be Humble

November 15, 2026

Gathering Music Olga Martinez, Director of Music Ministry & Chris Milkins, Musician

Announcements Lee Newberg, Worship Associate

Coffee Hour Connection Joy Library

Ringing of the Chime

Welcome Lee Newberg

Congregational Greeting

Opening Song *Web of Life (verses 1 & 2)* by Sara Ruth Davis

Call to Community & Chalice Lighting by Amy Carol Webb

We light this flame
For the art of sacred unknowing.
Humbled by all that we cannot fathom in this time,
We come into the presence of what we do know,
Perhaps the only thing we can ever know:
That Love is now and forever.

Music *Web of Life (verses 3 & 4)*

Story Lee Newberg, Paula Brewer, Rev. Ann Kadlecek
Super Tiny by Rev. Sunshine Wolfe, adapted

Singing the Children Out *Reeb Children's Benediction*

Candle of Recognition

Joys and Sorrows Jim Chicoine & Frank Traynor

Sung Response #*123 Spirit of Life*

Worship Associate Reflection Lee Newberg

Reading from *Four Quarters* by T.S. Eliot Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Reading from *The Way of Ignorance* by Wendell Berry

Sermon Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Music *Nothing More* by The Alternate Routes
Rich Baldes, Chris Milkins, Olga Martinez

Offering Lee Newberg

Closing Hymn *#16 'Tis a Gift to Be Simple*

Benediction & 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 Debbie & Peter Brown.
~ In Memory of Debbie's mother, Gertrude Bailey, who was an active member of this church from 1955-1965. ~

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 Koinonia Primary Care in November



This month, Albany UU will share half of the collection plate with Koinonia Primary Care.

Twenty-five years ago, Dr. Bob Paeglow and his wife Leanne, a registered nurse, founded this clinic located at the corner of North Lake and Clinton Avenue.

Only a ten-minute walk from Albany UU, Koinonia Primary Care offers both medical and behavioral health services to over 3,000 people of all ages living in West Hill and Arbor Hill. No one is ever turned away.

In addition to these services, they offer community activities such as cookouts and a Christmas store. This clinic has become a crucial neighbor and needs our support.



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

Text your donation using: 844-976-2618.

Learn more about **Koinonia Primary Care** at **koinoniapc.org.**

Announcements for Sunday, November 15:

From the Ministerial Search Committee:

Ministerial Search Update: **Share your Voice to Break Barriers, Build Beliefs.** As a part of our search process for a settled minister, Albany UU will be holding a ***Break Barriers, Build Beliefs Retreat*** on Saturday, December 12 from 11:00 to 3:00. The B4 Retreat is offered by the UUA to help ensure inclusive perspectives and minimize unintentional bias in the search process. **Your voice matters!** In addition to the Board and the Ministerial Search Committee, the B4 Retreat is open to anyone in the Albany UU community. Please RSVP no later than December 7 so that we will have an accurate count for lunch. Scan QR code below to RSVP.

Additionally, everyone at Albany UU is invited to take the Break Barriers, Build Beliefs survey. **Even if you are not planning on attending the retreat,** your input in this survey will help us better understand who our congregation is looking for to be our settled minister. To complete the survey, scan the QR code below:

From the Congregational Life Team:
Celebrate Thanksgiving with your AUU friends. Potluck dinner at 2pm in Channing on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26. Bring a dish to share. The roasted turkey will be waiting for you. Help with set up at noon, appetizers at 1pm, dinner at 2pm, and finally clean up. Singles, families, new members, old friends are all welcome. Use the QR code below to sign up:

From the Sunday Morning Safety Team:
What's with the funny vest? You might have noticed members of our congregation in the lobby on Sunday mornings wearing a safety vest and a radio, while carrying a clipboard. Those are our Sunday Morning Safety Coordinators. They are working to help ensure a safe environment for everyone. If you would like to find out more about the work they do, including learning about the kinds of safety issues that might happen on a typical Sunday, please join them after service today for a discussion with the Sunday Morning Safety Team.

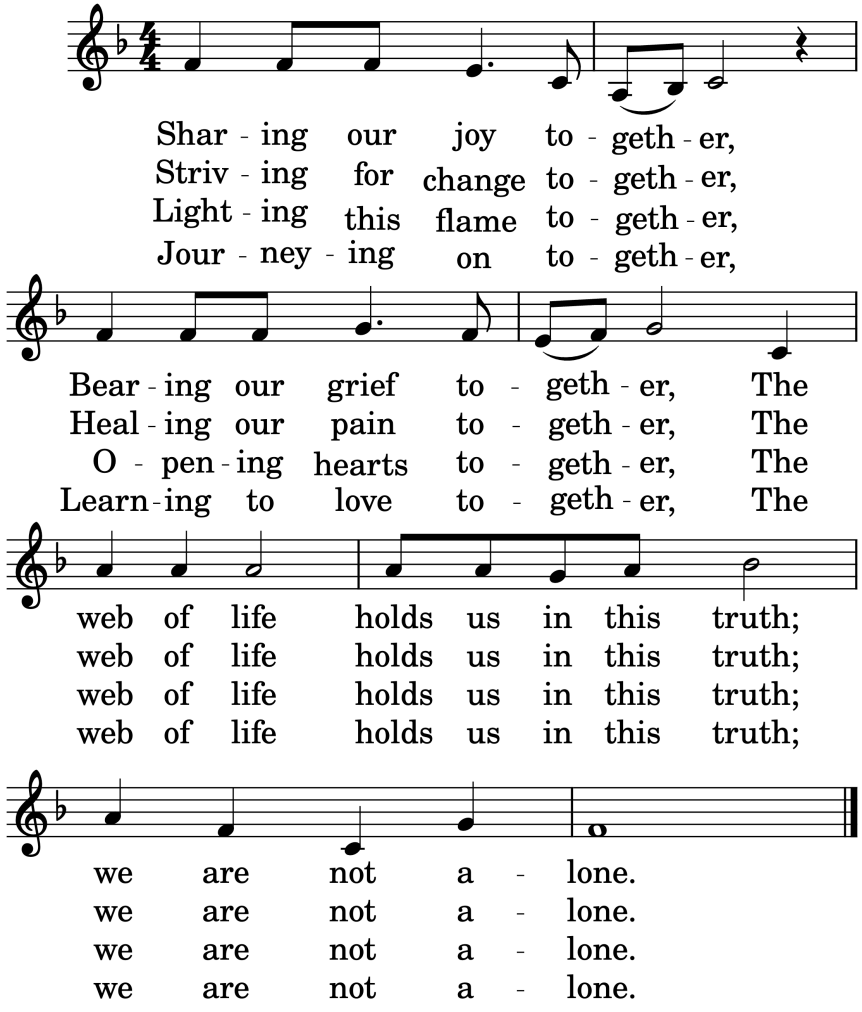
From the Albany UU Youth Group:
Hold onto your hats - the poinsettia sale is back! This year Albany UU Youth Group will be selling poinsettias for the holiday season to support their trip to Seneca Falls and Auburn, New York in April. There they will explore a rich and complex history of social activism by prominent figures including abolitionists Harriet Tubman and William Seward and women's rights activists Matilda Joslyn Gage and Susan B. Anthony. Place your order in advance today or on November 22 in Channing Hall during coffee hour. Pickup will be on December 6th after service. Contact Adrain Cattell with any questions.

From Programs for Children & Youth and the Social Justice Team:
Social Justice Team + Programs for Children & Youth are teaming up in support of Grassroot Givers Month of Simple Giving. Our goal is to collect enough supplies to make 100 personal care kits for Grassroot Givers to distribute to families leaving a shelter, and those living on a limited budget. You can help by leaving new, unopened, full-size shampoo, soap, and toothpaste, along with razors and toothbrushes, in the collection bin in the church entrance lobby. The drive will run until Sunday, November 29, when our children and youth will assemble the kits during their Sunday morning groups.

From the Holiday Bazaar Team:
We need your treasures! We are looking for household goods that need to be re-homed so that we can sell them at the "pay what you wish" table at the holiday fair. Small items only please. No clothing, no books. Items can be left in a box in the coatroom. Thanks so much.

The Web of Life

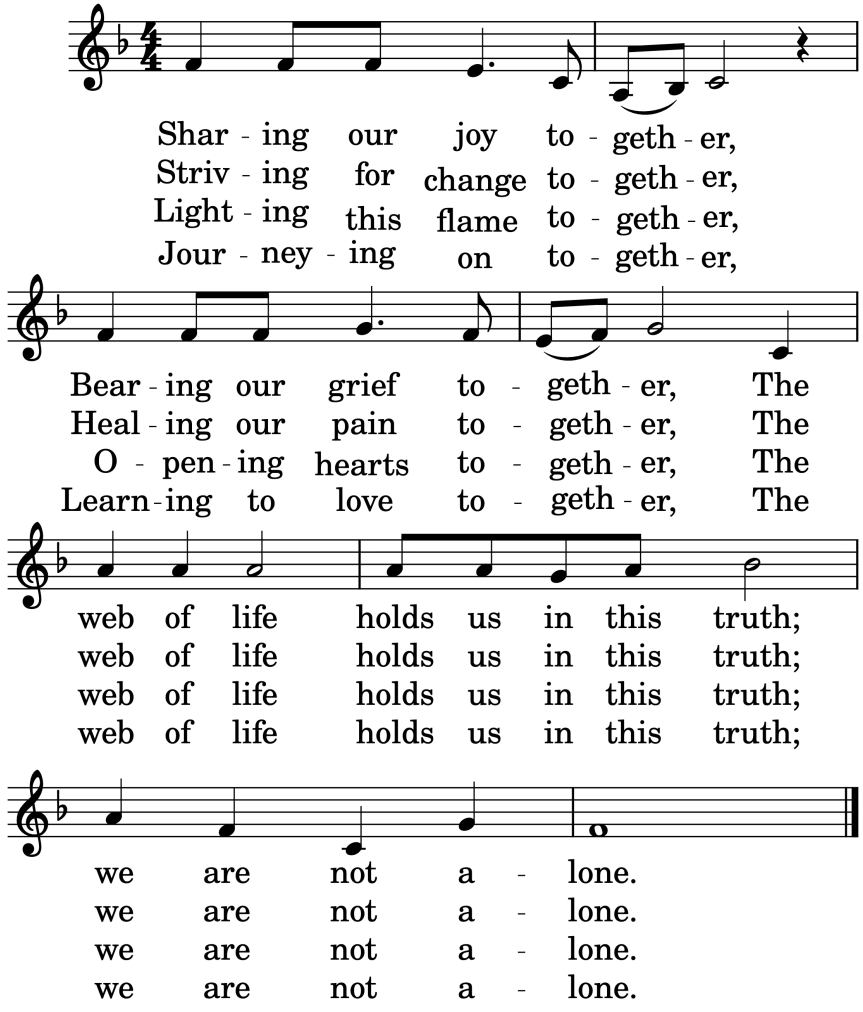
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