



Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs

Rev. Joseph Cleveland, Minister

Creating a community of love for justice and peace

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs is a Welcoming Community that embraces people of any age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, class, ability, language, or cultural background.

"The Peace of Trees"

"This age needs people like trees, filled with a silent peace, rooted at the same time in solid ground and in the open sky."

—Olivier Clement

10 A.M. December 1, 2024

CHIMES

WELCOME

PRELUDE "O, Tannenbaum"

Jolene Crowley, Flute & Judith Thomas, Piano

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

The Words of Adrienne Rich [#463]

*OPENING HYMN "Bright Morning Star"

Traditional Appalachian

New verses by Fred Small

*OUR COVENANT

Love is the doctrine of this faith,

The quest for truth is its sacrament,

And service is its prayer.

To dwell together in peace,

To seek knowledge in freedom,

To serve human need,

To the end that all souls shall grow into

harmony with the Divine—

Thus do we covenant with one another and

love beyond belief.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Be ours a religion which like sunshine goes everywhere,

its temple all space, its shrine the good heart, its creed all truth, its ritual works of love.

STORY "Everything Possible"

Words & Music by Fred Small

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

Words & Music by Thomas Benjamin

For we shall go out in joy (2x)

And come back in peace (2x)

Blessed be.

READING By Joy Harjo

SERMON "The Peace of Trees"

A TIME FOR GRATITUDE & GENEROSITY

Offertory Music "A Prayer For Peace"

Jolene Crowley, Flute & Judith Thomas, Piano

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Shelters of Saratoga



A TIME FOR MEDITATION & PRAYER

SHARING OF JOYS & SORROWS

Stones & Water Ritual

Hymn no. #1002, "Comfort Me"

Prayers of the People

(To share a Joy or Sorrow, please email the Care Team at careteam@uusaratoga.org)

Response: *There is a love holding you.*

Closing Response:

Leader: May we all know that we are not alone as we hold one another in our hearts.

All: *There is a love holding us.*

There is a love holding you.

There is a love holding all.

We rest in this love.

PRAYER By Steve Garnaas-Holmes

*CLOSING HYMN

“Tree of Life” by Guy Carawan

*CLOSING WORDS By Stephanie Kaza

*EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

words of Elizabeth Selle Jones

*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.*

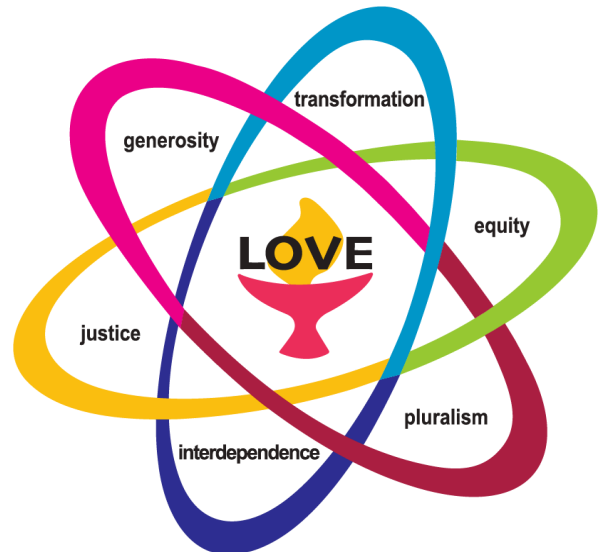
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Service Participants

Rev. Fred Small, Guest Minister
Saahil Cuccria, Worship Team
Jamie Gargano, Director of Religious Exploration
Linda Miner, Care Team
Tari Lee Muth, Board President
Laurie Singer, Worship Team
Judith A. Thomas, Music Director

UU Shared Values



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We extend a warm welcome to all who worship here today, especially those who are visiting for the first time. Please join us in the back of the sanctuary for refreshments and conversation following the service.

We hope this community can be a place of meaning, inspiration, celebration and joy for you and your family.



*Indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit

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