



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.

Welcoming the Excluded Parts of Ourselves

Sunday, February 9, 2025 at 10:00 am

CHIMES & WELCOME

PRELUDE “How Could Anyone” words and music by Libby Roderick, arranged by Mac Huff

LIGHTING THE CHALICE “You Are Beloved and You Are Welcome Here” by Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

All: You are beloved and you are welcome here.

***OPENING HYMN** No.115, God of Grace and God of Glory

*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 No. 1058

*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 “I am WE: A Book of Community” by Susan Verde, Illustrations by Peter H. Reynolds

CHILDREN’S RECESSONAL

Words & Music by Thomas Benjamin
*For we shall go out in joy (2x)
And come back in peace (2x)
Blessed be.*

READING “Snowflakes: A Guide” by Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto

READING “The Moonflower” by Rev. Scott Tayler

SERMON

ANTHEM “One Million Voices” words & music by Brian Tate

A TIME FOR GRATITUDE & GENEROSITY

Words “We Make It Possible” by Jessica Lin
Hymn No.1029, Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear

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A TIME FOR MEDITATION & PRAYER

Meditation Responsive Reading no. 531, The Oversoul (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Sharing of Joys & Sorrows

Hymn No.340, Though Gathered Here to Celebrate

(Please share a Joy or Sorrow by sending an email to the Care Team at careteam@uusaratoga.org)

Prayers of the People

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 “Know You are Not Alone and Discover the Way Our Voices Rise” by Rev. Gretchen Haley

***CLOSING HYMN** No. 1014, Answering the Call of Love

***BENEDICTION** words of Cole Arthur Riley

*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

Laurie Singer, Worship Team
Jenn Pratt, Care Team
Ron Giancola, Board Member

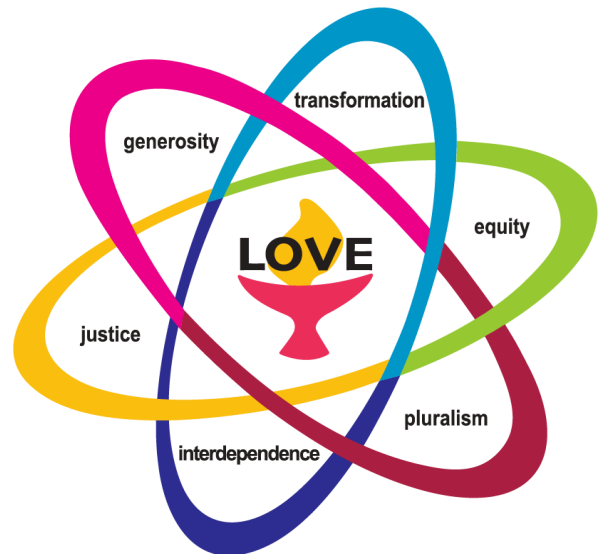
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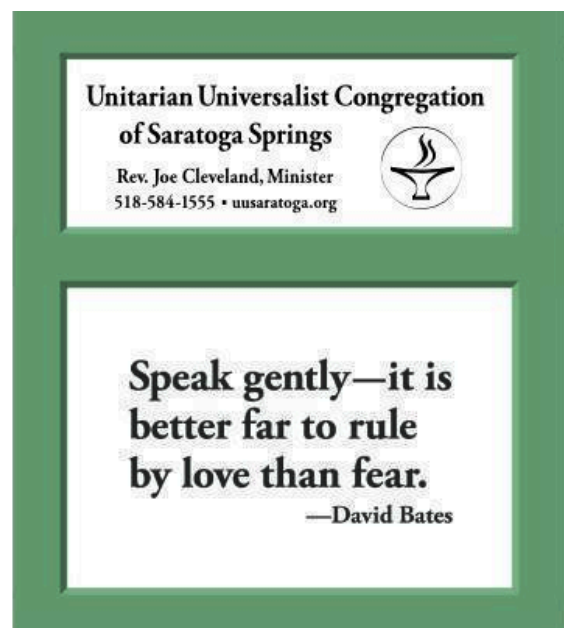
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Lucy Altman-Coe, RE Assistant
Judith Thomas, Music Director
Carol Ann Elze, Choir Director

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 in refreshments and conversation following the service at the back of the sanctuary. 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