Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs

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

A UU Gospel According To Dan

Sunday, September 7, 2025, 2025

CHIMES AND WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

Words of Betsy Darr

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

DAN-PART ONE

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

Words & Music by Thomas Benjamin

For we shall go out in joy (2x) And come back in peace (2x) Blessed be.

OFFERTORY

Words of Rev. Erik Walker Wikstrom When you text to (518) 333-9140 or go online (uusaratoga.org/donate) to donate, please be sure to select the appropriate fund for your donation. Any donation made to Give Away the Plate fund during September goes to SNACpack.

WORDS FOR GATHERING

Words of Kate Steinberg

DAN-PART TWO

STONES AND WATER RITUAL

Music by Dan

SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS

Response: There is a love holding you.

Closing Response:

There is a love holding me. There is a love holding you. There is a love holding all. We rest in this love.

*CLOSING WORDS

Words of Richard S. Gilbert, adapted from Robert French Leavens

*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:

Dan Berggren, Guest Speaker Linda Giancola, Worship Associate Jenn Pratt, Care Team Bill Boemkhe, Board Announcer

Thank you to our Hospitality Team and our Tech Team

PARKING

Since we are temporarily having services at Caffe Lena until the new meetinghouse is completed (2026) the closest parking options are as follows:

- *Library parking lot...for non-members until 12:00
- *Garage- West of Putnam St 2nd floor access off Phila St
- *Surface lot East of Putnam St.
- *Street parking on Phila St, Spring St. Circular St.

The theme for September is



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May the long time sun shine upon you, all love surround you, and the pure light within you guide your way on.

-Mike Heron

Be sure and read our weekly newsletter, Journey Well, for all the news you need to know as we transition. Our website is also a great way to find out what's happening with UU Saratoga!