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. Following the service, please join us for refreshments and conversation 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.

A Broken Angel

Sunday, October 12, 2025

CHIMES AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Open Our Hearts," words and music by Michael Leuchtenberger

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

We gather this hour as people of faith With joys and sorrows, gifts and needs. We light this beacon of hope, sign of our quest for truth and meaning, in celebration of the life we share together

*OPENING HYMN

No. 134, Our World Is One World

*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

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

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

THE LEGACY OF ANDREW JACKSON

SHARING OF JOYS & SORROWS

Stones & Water Ritual Hymn No. 128, For All That Is Our Life

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

OFFERTORY

Offertory Music

"As The Deer," Martin Nystrom; setting by Joel Raney

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Your donation made to the Give Away the Plate fund during the month of October supports LifeWorks.

REFLECTION

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ANTHEM

"How Could Anyone" words and music by Libby Roderick; arr. By Mac Huff

CLOSING WORDS

A Mother Counsels Her Daughter As She Comes Of Age by Wayne Cochran

*EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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:

Jim Caverly, Guest Speakers Richard Wilkinson, Worship Associate Tari Lee Muth, Board Announcer Elizabeth Collins, Care Team Carol Ann Elze, Choir Director

Thanks Also To:

Our Hospitality and Tech Support Teams

OPENING HYMN No. 134, Our World Is One World

Our world is one world: what touches one affects us all:

the seas that wash us round about, the clouds that cover us, the rains that fall.

Our world is one world: the thoughts we think affect us all: the way we build our attitudes, with love or hate, we make a bridge or wall.

Our world is one world: its ways of wealth affect us all:

the way we spend, the way we share, who are the rich or poor, who stand or fall?

Our world is one world, just like a ship that bears us all: where fear and greed make many holes, but where our hearts can hear a different call.

STONES AND WATER HYMN No. 128, For All That Is Our Life

For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for all life is a gift which we are called to use to build the common good and make our own days glad.

For needs which others serve, for services we give, for work and its rewards, for hours of rest and love; we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

For sorrow we must bear, for failures, pain, and loss, for each new thing we learn, for fearful hours that pass: we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for all life is a gift which we are called to use to build the common good and make our own days glad.