

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.

Gratitude That Arises In Challenging Times

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Giving Thanks - A Native American Good

Morning Message by Chief Jake Swamp

Hymn No. 18, What Wondrous Love

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.

CHIMES AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

Send The Light by Charles Gabriel

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

The words of Betsy Darr

*OPENING HYMN

No. 1000, Morning Has Come

*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

*From all that dwells below the skies
Let songs of hope and faith arise
Let peace, good will on earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.*

STORY

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

For we shall go out in joy, (2x)

And come back in peace. (2x)

Blessed be.

READING

Making Our Souls Great by Abraham Joshua
Heschel, the rabbi, scholar, and philosopher

SERMON

OFFERTORY

Offertory Music Sweet Hour of Prayer,
arr. by Gary Lanier

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(uusaratoga.org/donate) to donate, please be sure
to select the appropriate fund for your donation.

Your donation made to the Give Away the
Plate fund during the month of November
supports the Saratoga Immigration Coalition.

MEDITATION

Creator, Great Spirit, Infinity by Alice Walker

SHARING OF JOYS & SORROWS

Stones & Water Ritual

MEDITATION

*CLOSING HYMN

No. 128, For All That Is Our Life

*BENEDICTION

*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:

Melissa O' Brien, Guest Speakers
Lucy Manning, Worship Associate
Art Holmberg, Board Member
Jenn Pratt, Care Team
Judith Thomas, Music Director
Jolene Crowley, Flute

Thanks Also To:

Our Hospitality and Tech Support Teams

OPENING HYMN #1000

Morning Has Come

*Morning has come, arise and greet the day!
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!
The light of hope here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.*

*A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n.
Wonder fills this moment shared together.
The light of peace here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.*

*Open our eyes to see that life abounds;
open hearts to welcome it among us.
The light of love here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.*

STONES & WATER HYMN #18

What Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that brings my heart
such bliss,
and takes away the pain of my soul, of my soul,
and takes away the pain of my soul.*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down,
sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath my sorrows
ground,
friends to me gather'd round, O my soul, O my
soul,
friends to me gather'd round, O my soul.*

*To love and to all friends I will sing, I will sing,
to love and to all friends I will sing.
To love and to all friends who pain and sorrow
mend,
with thanks unto the end I will sing, I will sing,
with thanks unto the end I will sing.*

CLOSING HYMN #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 a
and make our own days glad.*

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**Only that day
dawns to which
we are awake.**

—Henry David Thoreau