

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.

Nurturing Gratitude

Sunday, November 9, 2025

CHIMES AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Blessings Chant” arranged by Sharon Scholl

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

The words of Kathleen McTigue, adapted

*OPENING HYMN

No. 1010, We Give Thanks

*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

G Is For Gratitude by Samantha Berger

CHILDREN’S RECESSIONAL

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

READING

Excerpts from Maria Poopova ed Resolutions
For A Life Worth Living: Attainable
Aspirations Inspired by Great Humans of the
Past

REFLECTION

ANTHEM

“To Music” 16th Century German chorale
arr. by Betty Bertaux

OFFERTORY

Offertory Music

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

SHARING OF JOYS & SORROWS

Stones & Water Ritual

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.*

CLOSING WORDS

Let Us Give Thanks by Max Coots

*CLOSING HYMN

No. 21, For The Beauty Of The earth

*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:

Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley, Guest Speakers
Linda Giancola, Worship Associate
Bill Boehmke, Board Member
Marian Bigelow, Care Team
Carol Ann Elze, Choir Director

Thanks Also To:

Our Hospitality and Tech Support Teams

OPENING HYMN #1010

We Give Thanks.

*Oh, we give thanks for this precious day,
For all gather'd here, and those far away;
For this time we share with love and care,
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.*

*Oh, we give thanks for this precious day,
For all gather'd here, and those far away;
For this food we share with love and care,
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.*

CLOSING HYMN #21

For The Beauty of The Earth
*For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the
skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around
us lies:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of
grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's
delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and
sight:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of
grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the
night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon
and stars of light:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of
grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human care, sister, brother, parent,
child,
for the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts
and mild:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of
grateful praise.*

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

—Henry David Thoreau