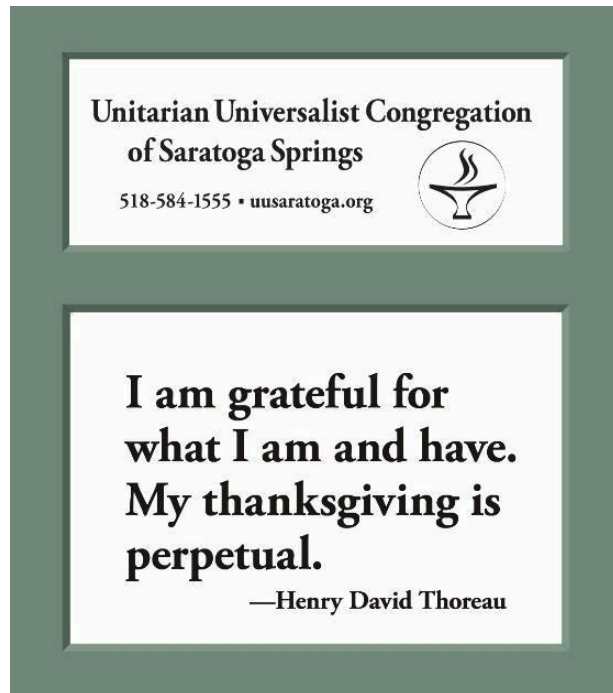


Service Participants:

Melissa O'Brien, Guest Speaker
Barbara FloeserLinda Giancola
Marian Bigelow, Care Team
Bill Boehmke, Board Announcer
Judith Thomas, Music Director
Jolene Crowley, Flutist

A special thank you to our Tech Team and Hospitality Team



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



Let There Be Light
Sunday, December 14, 2025

CHIMES AND WELCOME

PRELUDE The Holly and the Ivy, English Traditional Carol

LIGHTING THE CHALICE The words of Rev. Bruce Southworth

For the gift of this day and for our community of spiritual nurture and compassion, we give thanks.

We light this chalice as a symbol of our faith.

May our many sparks meet and merge in communion of heart and soul.

*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 faith and hope arise

Let peace, good will on earth be sung

Through every land by every tongue

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Everybody Needs A Rock by Byrd Baylor

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

Words & Music by Thomas Benjamin

For we shall go out in joy (2x)

And come back in peace (2x)

Blessed be.

READING

HYMN No. 221, Light One Candle

REFLECTION

A TIME FOR GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY

Offertory Music: The Cherry Tree Carol, Appalachian Folk Song,

SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS

Stones and Water Ritual

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 HYMN** No. 345, With Joy We Claim The Growing Light

*CLOSING WORDS

***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 THE PEACE