

Service Participants:

Rev. Nikki Williams, Guest Speaker

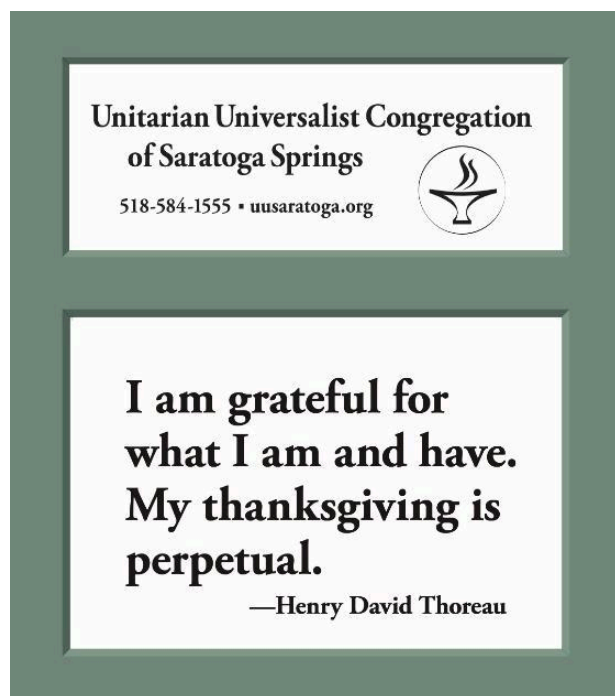
Barbara Floeser, Worship Associate

Elizabeth Collins, Care Team

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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.



Advent for Unitarian Universalists

Sunday, December 7, 2025

CHIMES AND WELCOME

PRELUDE The Quiet Place -words and music: Sharon Scholl

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

*If ever there were a time for a candle in the darkness,
this would be it.*

*Using a spark of hope,
kindle the flame of love,
ignite the light of peace,
and feed the flame of justice.*

***OPENING HYMN.** No. 224, Let Christmas 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 faith and hope arise
Let peace, good will on earth be sung
Through every land by every tongue*

STORY FOR ALL AGES Purple and Pink Candles

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 The Waiting Time (adapted) by Megan Lloyd Joiner

REFLECTION Advent for UUs

SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS

Stones and Water Ritual

Hymn No. 225, O Come O Come Emanuel

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*

A TIME FOR GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY

Offertory Music Dark of Winter/ words and music : Shelley Jackson
Denham

***CLOSING HYMN** No. 226 People Look East

***BENEDICTION**

***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