

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.

Immigration, A Moral Dilemma

Sunday, October 26, 2025

CHIMES AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

“We Are Called to Welcome Strangers,”
words by Sheena Evans, music by Simon
Hancock

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

*May the light of this chalice give light and
warmth to our community when we are joyful
and when we despair. And may we feel the
warmth spread from our circle to wider and
wider circles, until all know they belong to the
one circle of life.*

*OPENING HYMN

No. 148, Let Freedom Span Both East and
West

*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

Until Someone Listens by Estela Juarez;
illustrated by Teresa Martinez

CHILDREN’S RECESSIONAL

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

READING

Come, Come Whoever You Are by Matthew
Johnson (adapted)

HYMN

No. 188, Come, Come Whoever You Are

REFLECTION

ANTHEM

“When The Poor Ones” by David M.
Cherwien

OFFERTORY

Offertory Music

“When Worlds Collide” by Alexis Ffrench

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Plate fund during the month of October
supports LifeWorks.

MEDITATION

Commitment by Dorothy Day

SHARING OF JOYS & SORROWS

Stones & Water Ritual

Hymn No. 1002, Comfort Me

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 HYMN

No. 149, Lift Every Voice and Sing

*CLOSING WORDS

The words of Margaret Mead

*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:

Eric Lawson, Guest Speaker
Lucy Manning, Worship Associate
Sue Fisher, Board Member
Doretta Miller, Care Team
Carol Ann Elze, Choir Director

Thanks Also To:

Our Hospitality and Tech Support Teams

OPENING HYMN #148, Let Freedom Span Both East and West

*Let freedom span both east and west,
and love both south and north,
in universal fellowship
throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In beauty, wonder, everywhere,
let us communion find;
compassion be the golden cord
close-binding humankind.*

*Beyond all barriers of race,
of color, caste, or creed,
let us make friendship, human worth,
our common faith and deed.
Then east and west will meet and share,
and south shall build with north,*

*one human commonwealth of good
throughout the whole wide earth*

HYMN #188, Come, Come Whoever You Are
*Come, Come, Whoever You Are
Wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
It doesn't matter.*

*Ours is not a caravan of despair.
Come, even if you have broken your vows
a thousand times
Come, yet again, come, come.*

STONES & WATER HYMN #1002 Comfort Me

*Comfort me, comfort me,
comfort me, oh my soul.
Comfort me, comfort me,
comfort me, oh my soul.*

Sing with me, sing with me...

Speak for me, speak for me...

Dance with me, dance with me...

CLOSING HYMN #149, Lift Every Voice and Sing

*Lift every voice and sing,
till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise
high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.*

*Sing a song full of the faith that
the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that
present has brought us;
facing the rising sun*

*of our new day begun
let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet
come to a place for which our fathers sighed.*

*We have come over a way that
with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path thru
the blood of slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past,
till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might
led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.*

*Lest our feet stray from the places,
our God, where we met thee;
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of
the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand,
may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.*