

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs



Our new home

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 5, 2026

CHIMES

GATHERING MUSIC

“Siciliano” from Eb Sonata, by J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

No. 269, Lo, the Day of Days Is Here

OPENING BLESSING

*Easter is a holiday of miracles:
It is life from death, Joy from sorrow,
Celebration from mourning.
Easter reminds us that all is never lost;
That the story continues as long as we are here to tell it.
So gather up your worries—we are going to bury them beneath the
Ground and watch them transform into flowers of hope,
Pushing through the earth, reminding us on Easter morning that
Love brings us back to life,
Calls us from sadness, from grief, from anxiety,
Into a world renewed, and alive, and filled with joy
Once again.*

PRELUDE

“Partita In C Minor” by J.S. Bach

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

*We light this chalice for the return of life.
For the quiet strength that moves us out of what has been sealed.
For the courage to step into the light once more.*

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

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.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

For we shall go out in joy

And come back in peace

Blessed be.

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM

*"Oh, In The Cherry Garden," Ukrainian Folk Song, arr.
by Douglas Wagner*

OFFERING

Offertory Hymn No. 352, Find A Stillness

STONES AND WATER RITUAL

JOYS AND SORROWS

All: There is a love holding us,

There is a love holding you,

There is a love holding all.

We rest in this love.

CLOSING HYMN

No. 28, View the Starry Realm

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Service Participants

Melissa O'Brien, Interim Pastor

Wayne Cochran, Worship Associate

John Fisher, Care Team

Judith Thomas, Carol Ann Elze, pianist and Choir Director

Elise Henrichs, flutists

A special thank you to our choir and our Tech and Hospitality Teams.

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.

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

