

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs



Soon to be our new home, 400 Loudon Road

The Courage To Begin Again

Sunday, March 1h, 2026

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

No. 434

PRELUDE

“Let It Be,” words and music by John Lennon and Paul McCartney,
arr. by Eric Baumgartner

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

As we light this chalice, we gather with open hearts.

*Life invites us again and again into new beginnings.
Each morning brings another chance to grow, to mend, and to step
forward with courage.
May this small flame remind us that renewal is always possible, and
that together we can find the strength to begin again.*

OPENING HYMN

No.38, Morning Has Broken

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*

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

*For we shall go out in joy
And come back in peace
Blessed be.*

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING

Offertory Music:

The Give Away The Plate Recipient for March is Saratoga Pride

STONES AND WATER RITUAL

Music: "Opus 23" by Dustin O'Halloran

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. 130, O Liberating Rose

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, Minister
Richard Wilkinson, Worship Associate
John Fisher, Care Team
Carol Ann Elze, Choir Director

A special thank you to 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 refreshment and conversation.

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