

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs



Soon to be our new home, 400 Loudon Road

Resilience as Shared, Interdependent Strength

Sunday, February 22, 2026

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Valse pour Piano” by Claude DeBussy

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

*We light this chalice, symbol of our living tradition.
Its flame speaks not of private endurance, but of shared resolve.
In a world that tests our strength,
We gather to renew the bonds that sustain it.
May this light call us to resilience rooted in community.*

*OPENING HYMN

No. 318, We Would Be One

*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 FOR ALL AGES

Somebody Loves You Mr. Hatch by Eileen Spinelli

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

For we shall go out in joy (2x)

And come back in peace (2x)

Blessed be.

REFLECTION

QUIET MEDITATION

"You have to grow from the inside out. None can teach you,
none can make you spiritual. There is no other teacher but your
own soul." — Swami Vivekananda

COMMUNAL CARE

Offertory Music: (Belated) "Valentine" by Fred Hersch
The Give Away The Plate Recipient for February is Wellspring.

SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS

Stones and Water Ritual

All: *There is a love holding you.*

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. 128, For All That Is Our Life

BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*Our faith, like a light, illuminates the path before us so that we can
face hurt with love, cultivate compassion, live humbly in
community, and confront despair with the awe of life. Though our
flame is extinguished, our faith shines bright before us.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE