Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs

Our new home

Vernal Equinox, Tending What Matters and Poetry!

Sunday, March 22, 2026

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
OPENING BLESSING
No. 627

PRELUDE
LIGHTING THE CHALICE
In the balance of light and dark,
In the turning of the seasons,
The earth begins again.
We light this chalice
To honor the returning light,
To celebrate the quiet work of renewal,
And to remind ourselves
That every life holds seeds of promise.
May we tend what matters with care,
And nurture the fragile beginnings of hope.

OPENING HYMN
No.1074, Turn the World Around
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 and Sharing of Poetry

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING

Offertory Music: "Wind on the Hill," word by A.A.Milne,
music by Douglas Wagner

The Give Away The Plate Recipient for March is Saratoga Pride

STONES AND WATER RITUAL

Hymn No. 123, Spirit of Life

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. 1068, Rising Green

BENEDICTION

No. 542

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