

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs



Our new home

The Larger House

Sunday, June 21, 2026

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE LIFT UP OUR FATHERS

OPENING BLESSING

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth, setting by Joel Raney

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

Faith In Summer by Ellen Hamilton

OPENING HYMN

Hymn No. 66, When the Summer Sun is Shining

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.*

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

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

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING

Music: Adagio by Soren Bebe

STONES AND WATER RITUAL

Music: River Flows In You: Yiruma

JOYS AND SORROWS

*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. 1008, When Our Heart Is In A Holy Place

BENEDICTION

*The larger house has many rooms: rooms of grief and joy, solitude
and companionship, certainty and mystery.
We leave this gathering knowing that no single chapter, belief,
achievement, or loss can contain the fullness of a life.
The walls are wider than we imagined.
The doors are more numerous than we knew.
We go forward with open hearts, ready for the next room. Amen.*

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.*

Service Participants

Melissa O'Brien, Interim Pastor
Madzy Vida, Worship Associate
Tari Lee Muth, 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 refreshments and conversation.

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