

# Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs



Our new home

## Honoring Freedom

Sunday, July 5, 2026

### CHIMES

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING BLESSING

Responsive reading #598

*All: May every living being, weak or strong, the long and the small, the short and the medium-sized, the mean and the great,*

*May all attain inward peace*

*Let no one, from antipathy or hatred, wish evil to anyone at all.*

*Display a heart of boundless love for all the world in all its height and depth and broad extent,*

*Then as you stand or walk, sit or lie, until overcome by drowsiness, devote your mind entirely to this: It is known as living the life divine.*

### PRELUDE

Music: My Country Tis of Thee

### LIGHTING THE CHALICE

The Words of Tracy Johnson

## **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.*

## **OPENING HYMN**

Hymn No. 1028, The Fire of Commitment

## **A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

## **SERMON followed by SILENT REFLECTION**

## **OFFERING**

Music: America the Beautiful

## **STONES AND WATER RITUAL**

Hymn No. 123, Spirit of Life

## **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. 1060, As We Sing of Joy and Hope

## **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

## **PASS THE PEACE**

### **Service Participants**

Melissa O'Brien, Interim Pastor  
Madzy Vida, Worship Associate  
Marian Bigelow, Care Team  
Judith Thomas, Pianist  
Jolene Crowley, flutist

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.

