

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs



Our new home

Earth Day Service: “What does it mean to be in covenant with our living world?” Sunday, April 26, 2026

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lissa Mariano on Mary’s Haven

OPENING WORDS

PRELUDE

Bach Suite BWV 995 (excerpt)

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

We light this chalice in covenant with the living world that made us, sustains us, and will outlast us.

OPENING HYMN

No. 309, Earth Is Our Homeland

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,^[SEP]
Its creed all truth, its ritual works of love.*

STORY

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

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

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING

Music: Sarabande from Partita #1, J.S. Bach (excerpt)

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. 352, Find A Stillness

BENEDICTION

READING

“Leisure” by William Henry Davies

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
Lissa Mariano, Guest Speaker
Wayne Cochran, Worship Associate
Mary Cae Asay, Care Team
Judith Thomas, Pianist
Julia Effinger, Guest Musician

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.