

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs



Our new home

Crossing The Threshold

Sunday, May 24, 2026

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

Blessing For A New Beginning by John O'Donohue

PRELUDE

Sonata in A Major by Mozart (excerpt)

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

As we light this chalice,
We honor the thresholds of our lives,
The moments of ending, becoming, and beginning again.
May we cross with courage, with open hearts, and
With trust in the path ahead.

OPENING HYMN

No. 87, Nearer My God to Thee

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.*

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING

Music: Sonata #3 by Beethoven (excerpt)

STONES AND WATER RITUAL

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. 121, We'll Build A Land

BENEDICTION

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
Judith Thomas, Pianist

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.