

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs



Our new home

Flower Communion Sunday

Sunday, June 7, 2026

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS

A history of the Flower Communion

PRELUDE

From The Seed From The Ground, words and music by
Connie Kaldor, arr. By Peter Amidon

THE FLOWER OFFERING

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

*We are Unitarian Universalists.
Who put love at the center of our lives.
We light this chalice today,
For the light that lives in every person,
And for the garden we create together.
Like flowers reaching toward the sun,
We grow stronger
In a community that flourishes together
And makes room for every kind of blooming.*

OPENING HYMN

No. 78, Color and Fragrance

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: A Garden of My Own, by Patricia McKernon,
Arr. by Daniel Kallman

STONES AND WATER RITUAL

Music: On the Nature of Daylight by Max Richter

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. 1064, Blue Boat Home

THE FLOWER RECEIVING: SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

BENEDICTION

Song For Nobody by Thomas Merton

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
Elle Mitchell, 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.