

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs



Our new home

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.

Our Service Participants this week are:

Mike Goodwin, Guest Speaker
Elle Mitchell, Worship Associate
Jackie Goodwin, Reader
Elizabeth Collins, Care Team
Judith Thomas, Pianist
Jolene Crowley, Flutist

A special thank you to our Tech and Hospitality Teams.

Atheism, Humanism and Morality

Sunday, August 9, 2026

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Music: Sweet Hour of Prayer

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

The Words of Jennifer “Jaye” Brooks

For Our Ancestors, For Our Children, For Ourselves

Each Sunday we light the chalice of our religious heritage

We do this for our ancestors who taught us through their

*Various religious traditions and by their actions for
hope and justice.*

We do this for our children who are learning the traditions we teach

And who learn more from our actions than our words.

We do this for ourselves so that we are inspired to remember

Our beginnings, reflect on who we are now, and

Spread our wings as we understand who we seek to become.

OPENING HYMN

No. 188, Come, Come Whoever You Are

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.

OPENING WORDS

“Destruction Revisited” by Mike Goodwin

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

READING

Brandon Sanderson from “The Way of Kings”

SERMON followed by SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING

Music: Prayer for Peace

The Giving Away The Plate recipient for August is

Our Minister’s Discretionary Fund. You can donate

throughout the month by specifying “GATP” on your donation.

STONES AND WATER RITUAL

Hymn No. 123, Spirit of Life

JOYS AND SORROWS

Response: *There is a love holding you.*

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. 133, One World

CLOSING WORDS

Albert Einstein in "Opinions and Ideas"

Peter Sinfield, "Peace - An End"

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.*

PASS THE PEACE