

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs



Our new home

Spirit of Life: What Famous Thinkers Have Had to Say

Sunday, August 2, 2026

“The first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes within the souls of people when they realize their relationship, their oneness with the universe and all its powers, and when they realize at the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit, and that its center is really everywhere, it is within each of us.” — Black Elk

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Music: Waltz in E flat (A section) by Chopin

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

The Words of Eric A. Heller-Wagner

OPENING HYMN

No. 1000, Morning Has Come

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 WORDS

The Words of Jane E. Mauldin

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

“In Praise of Mystery,” by Ada Limon

SERMON

OFFERING

Music: Waltz in E flat (B section and Finis) by Chopin

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. 1008, When Our Heart is in A Holy Place

CLOSING WORDS

The Words of Enid A. Virago

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

Service Participants

Rev. Nikki Williams, Guest Minister

Wayne Cochran, Worship Associate

John Fisher, 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.