

# Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

## Slippery Slopes

**Land Acknowledgement** Martha Fulda, Worship Associate

### Welcome & Pathways to Connection

**Gathering Song** *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In* (Gray #361)  
Chuck Miller, Accompanist

**Call to Worship** *Here* by Leslie Takahashi Martha

**Chalice Lighting** *We Light This Chalice* Lois Van Leer (excerpt)

We light this chalice –  
not because we have the truth, but because  
we each come bearing and seeking many truths.  
We light this chalice in connection  
across culture, distance, class, and language...  
We light this chalice to kindle our hearts and our minds.

**Time for All Ages** *If You Give a Moose a Muffin* Rev. Barnaby

**Singing the Children Out** *Let Us Open Our Eyes*

**Offering** Rev. Barnaby

Today we share our plate with **Brigid Alliance**. Please write all checks to CVUUS. Cash and checks not otherwise specified will be split between CVUUS and our donee.



**Offering Music** Chuck

**Receiving the Offering** *From You I Receive* (Gray #402)

**Milestones & Passages** Rev. Barnaby

### Meditation

**Music** *One More Step* (Gray #168) Chuck

**Readings Ancient and Modern:** Martha

Gospel of John 13:34-35;  
*Trusting Change* (excerpt) by Karen Hering

**Sermon** *Slippery Slopes: A Good Place to Meet* Rev. Barnaby

**Music** *Blessed Spirit of My Life* (Gray #86) Chuck

**Closing Words** Rev. Barnaby

**Postlude** Chuck

**Credits:** Thanks to Martha Fulda for assisting worship; Alice Berninghausen for seasonal arrangements; and all who stepped up to help with tech, ushering, greeting, safety and social hour.

**Hearing Assistance:** Headsets to amplify sound or for hearing the worship service audio while elsewhere in this building are available in the back of the Sanctuary by the sound system.

**Masking optional** for worship. Worship leaders and unmasked choir members test for COVID prior to the service. Those who wish to mask can sit anywhere they'd like or in a reserved for masking area toward the west wall. We have rapid tests available in our lobby and welcome your donations of them if you have spares. See our policy at [cvuus.org](http://cvuus.org).

**JOIN A VOLUNTEER TEAM** and increase your connections within CVUUS and all the ways we serve. Look for the posters and scan the QR code to express your interests and to sign up. Or go to [cvuus.breezechms.com/form/volunteer](http://cvuus.breezechms.com/form/volunteer). Thank you!

## FREE THINKER'S SPACE



### RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION (RE) FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- ~ Nursery is open and staffed from 9:45-11:15 Sunday mornings
  - ~ Weekly Sunday morning RE programs for pre-school to grade 7
  - ~ Youth Group (Gr 8-12) meets twice a month, usually Sundays
- For info, contact Poppy Rees, Director of Religious Exploration

#### Stay Connected!

**Weekly Blast (Wednesdays)** provides links to our upcoming worship service, past services, and events and **Weekend Greeting (Fridays)** offers inspirational thoughts.

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## CHAMPLAIN VALLEY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

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Led by Rev. Barnaby Feder

October 16, 2022

*Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society exists to spiritually nourish, challenge, and sustain people of all ages and circumstances, so that they might lead lives of meaning, integrity, and service.*

## Pathways to *Healthy Connections*

Sun 10/16 **Spirit in Nature Hike**, 12 pm, carpool to Ripton  
Join us as we walk the Unitarian Universalists' Path at Spirit in Nature in Ripton following today's worship. Carpool from CVUUS to Ripton. This is a family friendly event. We'll have an initial conversation about the signage on the UU Path: does the signage best reflect who we are? Can't make it? No problem. Additional opportunities for input into the signage on the UU Path will occur at our January Congregation Conversation.

**Intro to Meditation**, 7 pm, [Zoom](#)

Tues 10/18 **ESL Class**, 9 am, Fellowship  
**Wellspring Rehearsal**, 4 pm, Sanctuary

Wed 10/19 **Facilities**, 10:30 am, Blue Room  
**Viva el Sabor Planning**, 2 pm, Fellowship  
**Environmental Justice Panel**, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Thur 10/20 **ESL Class**, 9 am, Fellowship  
**Choir**, 5:45 pm, Sanctuary

Fri 10/21 **Finance**, 10 am, Fenn Chapel

Sat 10/22 **Open Door Clinic Volunteer Appreciation**, 12 pm, Fellowship  
**Cingles for those age 60+**, 1 pm, Stone Mill Patio

Caitlin Gildrien informs us that the **NAACP in Rutland** is giving our beloved **Francois Clemmons** a community service award at their annual **Freedom Fund Dinner on Oct 22**, and he'll be singing as well. Register to attend. Link in Blast.

**Radical Love Party:** Look for the information table on how you can participate in the Fellowship Hall during Social Hour.

**Mexican Consulate planning** and farm health visits are underway. Interested in helping for the visit on Sat Oct 29? Contact Lise Anderson who is coordinating a sign-up list. See Blast and cvuus.org for links.

**Environmental Justice—More than Just a Law:** Green Sanctuary invites you to learn more about how the state and local organizations are making Vermont's Environmental Justice Law passed in May 2022 a priority THIS Wed Oct 19, 5:30-7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Our panel includes:

- State Senator Kesha Ram Hinsdale
- Jen Myers (Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity)
- Lindsey Berk (ACORN)
- Alex Hilliard (Community Member)

**Samhain\* (All Hallows Eve) Service, Sun. Oct 30:** We are planning another one, much like last year's, when we honor and celebrate those who have departed. We need speakers, congregants who will describe *briefly* an ancestor whom they particularly admire or inspires or fascinates them. Let Karl know.

**Gleaning Opportunities:** Green Sanctuary encourages you to participate in upcoming opportunities to pick produce for HOPE. More at cvuus.org/news.

**New Books!** Our newest books are currently shelved, for a bit of time, on the windowsill above the low shelves toward the south end of the blue room on the lower level of the sanctuary. We're seeking new books by CVUUS authors (Michele Lowy and Bobbi Loney), books by Wendell Berry and Anne Lamotte, Bill McKibben's newest book, *The Flag, the Cross, and the Station Wagon*, and other good books of UU interest. More in blast.