

Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

Essential Skills for Our Times #2: Decentering

Land Acknowledgement Liam Battjes, Worship Associate

Welcome & Pathways to Connection Liam

Gathering Song *Come, Come Whoever You Are* (#188 Gray)

Call to Worship Liam

Chalice Lighting Liam

We light this chalice
to remind ourselves that
the warmth and light of love
draws us into community
and also lights the faces
of others wandering in
to change and challenge
the ever-changing light
that leads us forward.

Time for All Ages Poppy Rees, Dir. of Religious Exploration

Singing the Children Out *This Little Light of Mine* (#118 Gray)

Offering Rev. Barnaby

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

Offering Music Ronnie

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

Milestones & Passages Rev. Barnaby

Testimonial Skylar Franklin

Meditation Rev. Barnaby

Hymn *I Seek the Spirit of a Child* (#338 Gray)

Reading Liam

Marginal Wisdom (excerpt) by Rev. Leslie Takahashi

Sermon *Decentering Into Abundance* Rev. Barnaby

Hymn *Blessed Spirit of My Life* (#86 Gray)

Closing Words Rev. Barnaby

Postlude Ronnie

Credits: Thanks to Liam Battjes Greenwood for assisting worship; our guest Skylar Franklin for the Testimonial; videocaster and sound controls, Mary Hadley; Martha Fulda for cameras; Dinah Smith for seasonal decorations. Thanks also to our volunteer greeters, ushers, safety rep and social hour hosts.

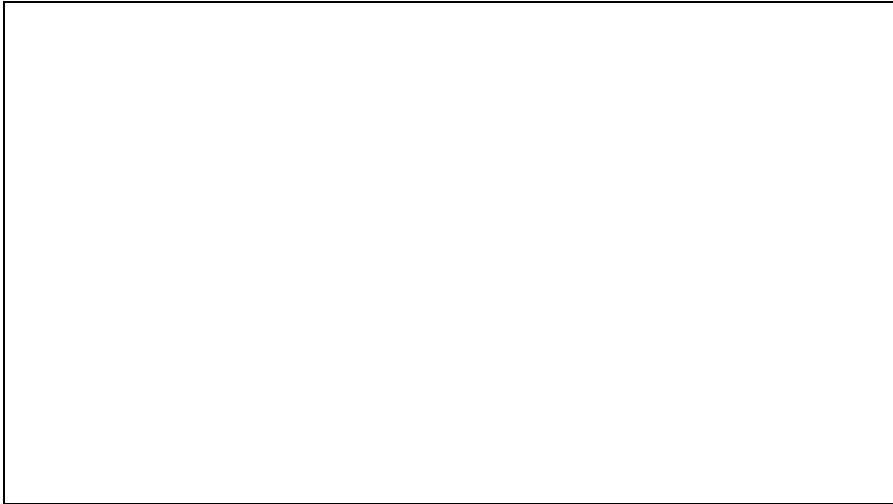
Hearing Assistance: Headsets to amplify sound or for hearing the worship service audio while elsewhere in this building are available in the back of the Sanctuary by the sound system.

Masking optional for worship. Those who wish to mask can sit anywhere or in a reserved-for-masking area toward the west wall. Rapid tests are available in our lobby, and we accept donations of your spare tests. See our policy at cvuus.org.

Opportunities to Volunteer: 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. Thank you!

Our Hospitality Team has store-bought goodies for Social Hour, but we love to also offer homemade cookies, cake, or bars or even healthy vegetables. No need to sign up. Just bring them on Sunday morning whenever the spirit moves 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 preschool 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

Decentering—Essential Skill #2

Led by Rev. Barnaby Feder

November 27, 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*

Radical Love Party: Look for the information table on how you can participate in the Fellowship Hall during Social Hour. Come to our Radical Love Party following worship on Dec 11 for special lunch and free raffle drawings.

Womensafe can use personal care items. Put them in the box on the lower part of the lobby cart.

Are you interested in joining a **small group ministry** that's on zoom for those who want this experience of reflection and sharing but cannot meet in person? Our first zoom meeting will be **Tues. Dec 13, 6 pm**. See Helene Vanderburgh.

Affordable Housing: CVUUS Race in America book group members from *Caste* discussion invite you to begin a conversation with them on what we at CVUUS can do to help address the critical need for affordable housing. We'll convene on **Mon. Nov 28 at 7 pm** in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. For more, see Mike Greenwood and cvuus.org/news and the newsletter.

When Rev. Barnaby retires in June, CVUUS expects to have an interim minister chosen by the Board in May ready to lead us while we prepare to search for Barnaby's long-term successor. The **Board's Interim Minister team** would like to expand to five members by having a couple of congregants join it. If you would consider volunteering and expect to have time in May, please let Kas Singh know.

Librarian Artley Wolfson thanks Marnie Wood for generously donating **copies of Bobbie Loney's and Michele Lowy's wonderful new novels to our library.**

Events are planned in our sanctuary and can be scheduled with the Office. [Watch our online calendar](#) for when we are scheduled and when we are available for your small groups or events. *Mary Johnson staff use our parking lot weekdays till 4 pm* when we're not scheduled.

--**Al-Anon** meets weekly on Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 pm in Fenn Chapel (or outside when weather permits) and seeks anonymity.

--**ESL Class** meets in Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11am.

--**Wellspring Singers** (Hospice) rehearse on the first and third Tuesday's of the month at 5 pm in our sanctuary. Contact Ronnie if you want to join them.

--**Ministry for the Future Book Club**, Tues. Dec 6, 7 pm, facilitated by John Elder in Fellowship Hall. See Steve Maier.

--**Counseling Service of Addison County Training** on Mon. Dec 5 to Wed. Dec 7 from 8:15 am to 4:30 pm in our Sanctuary and returning for more in 2023.