

# Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

## Sharing Our Winter Holiday Traditions

**Land Acknowledgement** Esther Charlestin, Worship Associate

**Welcome & Pathways to Connection** Esther

**Gathering Song** *Where is the Light*, Peter Mayer

**Call to Worship** Ellen Flight

**Chalice Lighting** Esther

Community is the spirit, the guiding light of the tribe,  
whereby people come together in order to fulfill a specific  
purpose,  
to help others fulfill their purpose,  
and to take care of one another.

Sobonfu Somé, Dagara Tribe, Burkina Faso

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

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

**Offering** Jean Terwilliger

Today we share our plate with the **Institute for Sustainable Communities**. 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** Ellen

**Meditation** Ellen

**Choir Anthem** *Solstice Song*, Peter Amidon

**Reflections** Esther & Ellen

**Sharing Our Holiday Traditions** Ellen/Ronnie/Congregation

**Song** *Good Rest to You, O Gentle Ones*

Liam Battjes-Greenwood

**Closing Words** Ellen

**Postlude** Ronnie

**Credits:** Thanks to Esther Charlestin for assisting worship; our Choir for music; Dinah Smith and our Flower Co-op for seasonal decorations and all who stepped up to help with music, tech, ushering, greeting, safety and social hour.

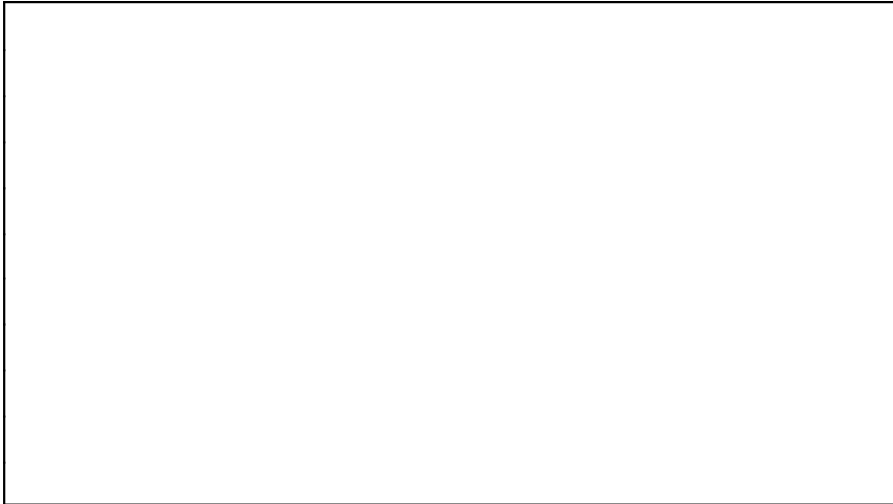
**Hearing Assistance:** Headsets to amplify sound or for hearing the worship service audio while elsewhere in this building are available in the back of the Sanctuary by the sound system.

**Masking optional** for worship. 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](http://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](http://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

### Sharing Our Winter Holiday Traditions

Led by Ellen Flight

December 4, 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:** Everyone (adult or child) get ten tickets at THIS Sunday's service to choose raffle items. The raffle team randomly selects winning tickets and notifies the donors and winners NEXT Sunday Dec 11 during a special lunch following worship. We'd love some congregants who enjoy making events run smoothly and joyfully to assist the organizers with set-up. **Fri. Dec 9 and Sat. Dec 10, 11:30 am to 2** help connect the online and physical tickets to the right raffle locations and then with the random drawing of winners. *For you party fans, help between now and Dec. 11 to plan and execute the festive elements of the Giveaway Winners Announcement at Dec. 11 Social Hour.* Contact Mary Hadley to help with everything (except the party). Contact Mike Greenwood for that.

**Habitat for Humanity of Addison County** raises funds through the sale of annual holiday cards. See Dale Birdsall after worship today and on Dec 18 if interested and thanks to the many CVUUS congregants who have worked on and are currently working on building Habitat houses.

Speaking of housing, CVUUS' **Affordable Housing Conversation** will continue on **Mon. Jan 9 at 7 pm** in Fellowship Hall & Zoom. More in Dec Newsletter (copies in lobby).

Climate Economy Action Center of Addison County and CVUUS Green Team invite you to discuss Kim Stanley Robinson's acclaimed novel ***The Ministry for the Future*** which was described as "masterly" by the New Yorker and of which Bill McKibben wrote, "One hopes that this book is read widely" **THIS Tues Dec 6 at 7 pm in Sanctuary**. Our conversation will be **facilitated by John Elder**, emeritus professor of English and Environmental Studies at Middlebury College. Let Steve Maier or Mike Roy know if you have any questions.

Speaking of reading, come to the final discussion of ***Woke Racism*** on **Wed. Dec 14 at 7 pm**, in Blue Room and [zoom](#).

**Interested in Small Group Ministry?** We have three longstanding groups that meet monthly plus a new [Zoom-only](#) one starting on **Tues. Dec 13 at 6 pm**. Contact Helene Vanderburgh if you are interested in joining it.

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

**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.

--**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. *Please avoid access and reserve parking for them.*

***Thanks for remembering to use our mats and shoe trays to protect our beautiful sanctuary floor from mud, grit, and sticky ice melt. Stay home if not feeling well or roads are unsafe.***