

Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

The Dark Side of Christmas

Land Acknowledgement Karl Lindholm, Worship Associate

Welcome Karl

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

Call to Worship Karl

* **Chalice Lighting** - Rev. Barnaby

We kindle this flame in gratitude
For the blessing of gathering freely
in this Sanctuary for the nourishment of
Memory, Caring, Wisdom,
Accountability, and Hope.

Readings (1) To Jesus on His Birthday (Millay, # 620)

(2) Matthew 2:16-18

Sermon *The Dark Side of Christmas* Rev. Barnaby

***Song** *Come Sing A Song With Me* (#346 Gray)

Pathways to Connection/Milestones Rev. Barnaby

***Meditation**

* **Song** *The Dark of Winter* (#55 Gray)

* **Press Conference** – ask anything! Rev. Barnaby

Offering Our special donee today is the **New Brackett Church, Peaks Island, ME**, the newest UU congregation. Please write checks to CVUUS. Cash and checks not otherwise specified will be split between CVUUS and our



donee. Or you can donate online with the QR code.

* **Offering Music** *From You I Receive* (#402 Gray)

Hymn *The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time* (#350 Gray)

Benediction Rev. Barnaby

Postlude Ronnie

***Social Hour** – in Ann Ross Fellowship Hall and on-line

Credits: Thanks to Karl Lindstrom for assisting worship; our Flower Co-op for seasonal decorations; gatherer Richard Hopkins and videocaster Margy Young, and all who stepped up to help with tech, ushering, greeting, safety and social hour.

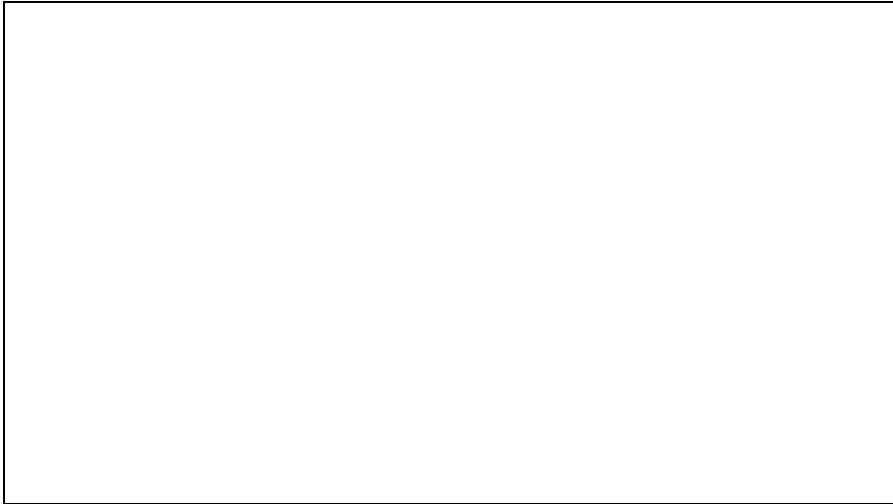
Hearing Assistance: Headsets to amplify sound or for hearing the worship service audio while elsewhere in this building are available in the back of the Sanctuary by the sound system.

Masking optional for worship. 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 on how to express your interests and to sign up. Or go to cvuus.breezechms.com/form/volunteer. Thank you!

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.

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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Led by Rev. Barnaby Feder

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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.