

# Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

## Beloved Community

**Land Acknowledgement** Becky Strum, Worship Associate

**Welcome & Pathways to Connection** Becky

**Gathering Song** *We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table*  
(#407 Gray)

**Call to Worship** Adapted from *A Network of Mutuality* by  
Martin Luther King, Jr. (see insert) Becky & Congregation

**Chalice Lighting** - Deanna Vandiver Becky

We light this chalice—  
symbol of our faith alive in this world—  
naming our vision of collective liberation,  
and daring to re-member each other into beloved community.

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

**Singing the Children Out** *Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky* (#301)

**Offering** Introduced by Ash Hickey  
Our donee this month is the **Black Lives of  
Unitarian Universalism**. 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** Ronnie Romano, Music Director

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

**Milestones & Passages** Rev. Barnaby

**Meditation** Rev. Barnaby

**Music** *Precious Lord* Dr. Francois S. Clemmons

**Reading** Becky  
From MLK's Ware Lecture, UUA General Assembly 1966

**Sermon** *Defining Beloved Community* Rev. Barnaby

**Hymn** *We Shall Overcome* (#169 Gray)

**Closing Words** Rev. Barnaby

**Postlude** Ronnie

**Credits:** Thanks to Becky Strum for assisting worship; our choir;  
our Flower Co-op for seasonal decorations; videocaster Richard  
Hopkins and all who stepped up to help with tech, ushering,  
greeting, safety and social hour.

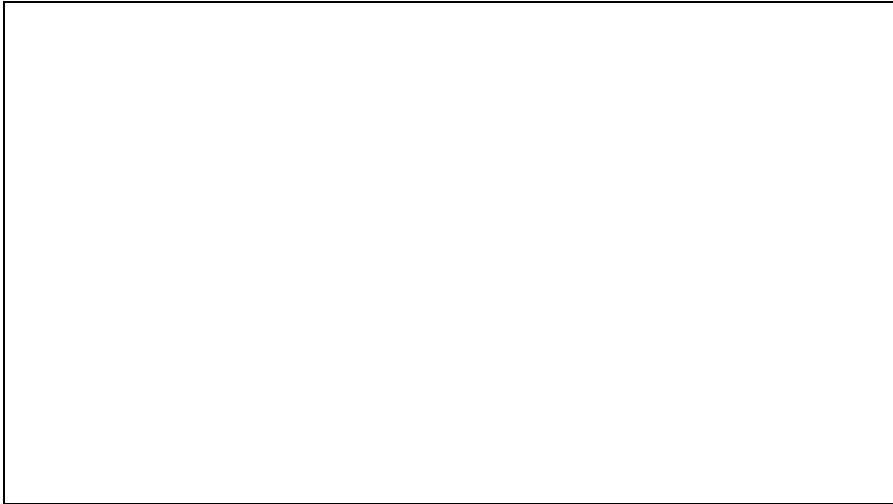
**Hearing Assistance:** Headsets to amplify sound or for hearing  
the worship service audio while elsewhere in this building are  
available in the back of the Sanctuary by the sound system.

**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](http://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](http://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

January 15, 2023

*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.*

**Call to Worship adapted from *A Network of Mutuality*  
by Martin Luther King, Jr.**

We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied to a single garment of destiny.

*Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.*

There are some things in our social system to which all of us ought to be maladjusted.

*Hatred and bitterness can never cure the disease of fear, only love can do that.*

We must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation.

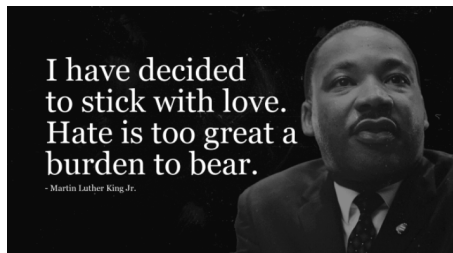
*The foundation of such a method is love.*

Before it is too late, we must narrow the gaping chasm between our proclamations of peace and our lowly deeds which precipitate and perpetuate war.

*One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek but a means by which we arrive at that goal.*

Thus do we gather today to pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means

*To hew out of a mountain of despair, a stone of hope*



**Pathways to *Healthy Connections***

**Congregation Conversation: UU signage at Spirit in Nature (SPiN)** Located on hilly forest land in Ripton, SPiN offers the visitor over a dozen meditative paths, river overlooks, mountain views, a labyrinth, and a gathering area. One of the first paths visitors encounter is the Unitarian Universalist Path. It currently offers 9 quotes to reflect on over its quarter-mile route, mostly from UU sources or hymns. We have an opportunity to recommend updated replacements to SPiN's Board. Which quote would you want posted to reflect who we are? Grab a beverage and meet us today in the Blue Room by 11:30 am.

**Affordable Housing Discussion:** Thanks to those who came to our second one on Monday where we learned about [Homes First VT](#) and more. The intent is to continue discussions on the **first Monday of the month at 7 pm** in the Blue Room and Zoom. Follow what's happening at [cvuus.org/news](http://cvuus.org/news) and join the **next one on Feb 6** in which we welcome other local faith group members in collaboration.

**January Donee (UU Month)** To simplify bookkeeping, the collections from Jan. 8 through the end of the month for the share-the-plate donees will be pooled and equally divided among the four recipients. If you have favorites, you can also support them directly via Blast and newsletter links.

Note that **THIS Wed Jan 18** there's a **Blood Drive** (12– 4:30 pm) and a **Bereavement Group** hosted by Addison County Home Health & Hospice that begins meeting weekly on Wednesdays from 3 to 4:30 in Fellowship Hall. For more, contact Maureen Conrad [mconrad@ahhh.org](mailto:mconrad@ahhh.org). **Al-Anon** also meets weekly on Wed at 1:30. *Please reserve parking for them.*