

Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

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Land Acknowledgement Abi Sessions, Worship Associate

Welcome & Pathways to Connection Abi

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

Call to Worship *You Who Are* by Kathleen McTigue Abi

Chalice Lighting - Debra Burrell Abi

Fire consumes, and casts a bright light.

May our chalice flame consume our regrets for the past,

Our fears about the future, and our worries about today.

May it light for us a path of joy and peace.

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

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

Offering Our donee this month is the **UUA's Church of the Larger Fellowship**. 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 *By Night* Ronnie & Choir

Readings

Abi

- 1) *Brave Space* by Micky ScottBey Jones, based on an untitled poem by Beth Strano (excerpt)
- 2) *We Humans are the Worst and the Best...*, Holmes Rolston III (excerpt)

Sermon *We Can Live With That* Rev. Barnaby

Hymn *Though Gathered Here to Celebrate* (#340 Gray)

Closing Words Rev. Barnaby

Closing Music *Bwana Awabariki* Ronnie & Choir

Postlude Ronnie

Credits: Thanks to Abi Sessions 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.

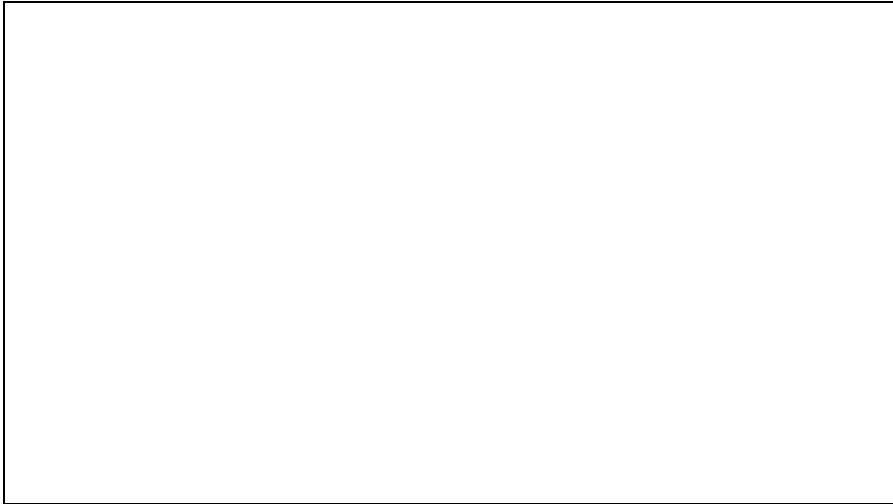
Hearing Assistance: Headsets to amplify sound or for hearing the worship service audio while elsewhere in this building are available in the back of the Sanctuary by the sound system.

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.

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

January 8, 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.

Pathways to *Healthy Connections*

Proposed “8th” UU Principle: Dismantling Systemic Racism:

We’ll continue to explore this proposed principle and how it fits into a current denomination-wide reappraisal of all of the Principles through February. Discussion today in the Sanctuary following the service. Bring your coffee/tea/refreshments.

“We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”

Our next meal for **Charter House** will be made in our CVUUS kitchen Monday January 9. See Alan Moore; details in this week’s Blast.

Interested in **Small Group Ministry**? We have three longstanding groups that meet monthly plus a new [Zoom-only](#) one that meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month; next meeting is Tuesday, January 10. Contact Helene Vanderburgh if you are interested in joining. More on what small group ministry is all about at [cvuus.org here](#).

CVUUS’ **Affordable Housing Conversation** will continue on **Monday January 9 at 7 pm** in the Blue Room and on Zoom. See your January newsletter & [cvuus.org](#) for more information.

Congregation Conversation: UU signage at Spirit in Nature (SPiN) Sun., January 15: 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 in the Blue Room, 11:30 am Sunday January 15 for the discussion.

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.

Jan. 1 —New Brackett Church, Peaks Island, Me.

Jan. 8 — Church of the Larger Fellowship online members all over the world

Jan. 15 —Black Lives of U.U.

Jan. 22 — UURISE Refugee & Immigrant Services & Education

Jan. 29 — Promise the Children

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.--**ESL Class** meets in Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11 am --**Wellspring Singers** (Hospice) rehearse on the first and third Tuesday’s of the month at 5 pm in our sanctuary. Contact Ronnie at [music@cvuus.org](#) if you want to join them. --**Counseling Service of Addison County Training** on Mon. Jan 23 to Wed. Jan 25 ---**Blood Drive** on **Jan 18, 12– 4:30** --**Vermont Book Shop** additional book readings planned for Jan 17 (Henriette Lazardis) and 25 (Janice Obuchowski). —**Bereavement Group** hosted by Addison County Home Health & Hospice will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 3 to 4:30 in Fellowship Hall starting on Jan 18. For more, contact Maureen Conrad [mconrad@ahhh.org](#).