

**Champlain Valley  
Unitarian Universalist Society  
Trans as Sacred**

**Land Acknowledgement** Liam Battjes-Greenwood

**Welcome & Pathways to Connection** Liam

**Call to Worship** by Rev. M.J. Kaiser Liam & Ollie

**Gathering Song** *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place* (#1008)

**Chalice Lighting** UUA First Principle, adapted by Liam Liam

We light this chalice committing to see  
the inherent worth and dignity  
within every person – especially when  
other voices and systems of oppression  
question the worth of some souls  
and undermine their dignity  
by failing to see the Light of Love  
shining in the eyes of all of us.

**Canvass Report** Kate Gridley & John Barstow

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

**Singing the Children Out** *Everything Possible* by Fred Small

**Readings** Ezra Klein, Alok Menon Liam & Ollie

**Offering**

Our donee this week is **Homes First VT**  
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** Aida O'Brien

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

**Milestones & Passages** Liam

**Meditation** Liam

**Song** *Filled With Loving Kindness* (Teal # 1031)

**Reading** UUA Statement Supporting Trans  
and Non-Binary People Congregation

**Call to Hope** Elio Farley, Guest Speaker

**Closing Song** *Turn the World Around* (Teal # 1074)

**Closing Words** Elio

**Postlude** Aida

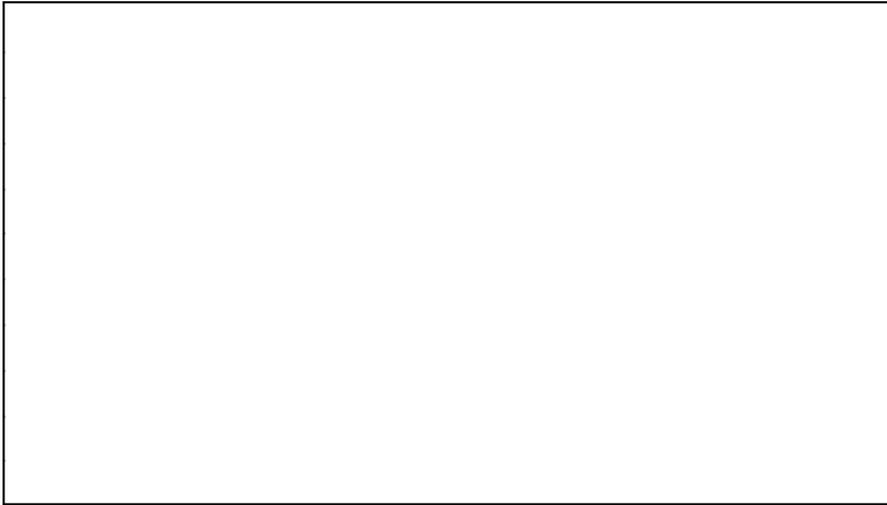
**Credits:** Thanks to Liam Battjes-Greenwood as Worship Associate and service planner; Ollie Cultrara for reading; Elio Farley for speaking; Aida O'Brien for music; gatherer Rich Wolfson; audio/videocaster team Mary Hadley and Jordan Young; Jess Danyow for seasonal decorations; Dinah Smith & Bill Sessions for ushering; and all who stepped up to help today.

**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.

**Opportunities to Volunteer:** Look for the posters on how to express your interests and to sign up.

**Standing on the Threshold of Our Future:** Thanks so much to those who made a pledge which you can do easily at [cvuus.org](http://cvuus.org) or ask for a print form. Celebrate! ❤️ April Fool's Potluck!!!  
❤️ Sat. April 1, 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

## 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

### Trans as Sacred

Elio Farley, Guest Speaker

March 26, 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*

**UPLIFT** is UUA's blog for *Uplifting LGBTQ+ experience within and beyond Unitarian Universalism*. It highlights LGBTQ+ issues and concerns by featuring related programming, reflections, and content circulated in a quarterly email newsletter. See Blast.

**Sanctuary Floor:** Thanks for your help in clearing the floor after worship for our biannual refinishing this week. Wellspring & Choir will rehearse in Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your patience in limiting & adjusting your access this week and for all you do to protect our floor of grit in mud season.

**Counseling Service of Addison County Thanks:** "We can't tell you how very much we appreciate meeting in your beautiful space. It is so affirming. We love how your values align with ours. We love the many signs and postings welcoming gender inclusivity and your land acknowledgements."

**Spirit in Nature UU Path Input Sought:** Let Mike Greenwood know of your suggestions for new quotes by THIS Fri March 31. See March newsletter and [cvuus.org/news](http://cvuus.org/news) for more.

*Save the date!* On the evening of **May 6<sup>th</sup>**, CVUUS will host a concert by **Dr. Francois S. Clemmons** to celebrate his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday and to raise funds for a recording of Francois singing the music for which he is best known and is a foremost practitioner. This record will be the capstone of Francois' extraordinary career and **the concert (titled "400 Years") will be a preview of the Spirituals rendered on the album.** Ronnie will accompany Francois. More to follow.

**Low Carbon Diet:** This is not about food dieting. It's about reducing your household's carbon footprint by 5,000 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> in 30 days. We meet weekly for a month to mobilize each

other in meeting our goals. Contact Laura Asermily if you are interested in a future round.

**Worship April 2—Springing Forth with Our Covenant**—Rev. Barnaby, with input from our Board, explores next steps in living into our new covenant in **eliminating systemic racism and other oppressions**. Assisted by Becky Strum. We'll share our offering with *Abenaki Helping Abenaki* for April.

**CVUUS Race in America book series continues with *Asian American Histories of the United States*** by Catherine Ceniza Choy, a nearly 200-year history of Asian migration, labor, and community formation in the US. Reckoning with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the surge in anti-Asian hate and violence, award-winning historian Catherine Ceniza Choy presents an urgent social history of the fastest growing group of Americans. Meets third Wednesdays of month – **April 19, May 17 and June 21**, 7 pm in Fellowship Hall & ZOOM. See Mike.

**Events** are planned in our sanctuary and can be scheduled with the Office. Check our online calendar at [cvuus.org](http://cvuus.org) for availability —**Al-Anon** for families and friends of alcoholics meets weekly on Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 pm in Fenn Chapel, seeks anonymity. —**Wellspring Singers** (Hospice) rehearse on Tuesday at 5 pm in our sanctuary. Contact Ronnie at [music@cvuus.org](mailto:music@cvuus.org) to join. --**Counseling Service of Addison County** returns April 10-12 & June 5-7 for more training in our Sanctuary & Fenn House --**Ukrainian Music Community Concert** (Sun April 2, 1 pm), **400 Years Concert** (Sat April 6, 7 pm), and **Community Chamber Music Concert**, ( Sat April 15, 7 pm), all in our Sanctuary —**Blood Drive** on **April 26**, 12 – 4. --**MUHS IB Testing**, May 2-18, Fellowship Hall --**Meet the Singers Opera Co of Middlebury**, Sun May 21, 5 pm, Sanctuary