

**Champlain Valley
Unitarian Universalist Society**
CVUUS as a Garden

Land Acknowledgement Karl Lindholm

Welcome & Pathways to Connection

Gathering Song *Rivers of Babylon* (1042 Teal)

Call to Worship *Born-Again Benediction*

Rev. Barnaby Feder inspired by *For All* by Rev. Robt. M Doss

Chalice Lighting *At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.-- Albert Schweitzer*

Time for All Ages Poppy Rees, Dir of Religious Exploration

Singing the Children Out *Inch by Inch*



Offering – Our donee this month is **Abenaki Helping Abenaki**. 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)

Special Board Report: CVUUS Finances Kerri Duquette-Hoffman

Milestones & Passages Rev. Barnaby

Prayer & Meditation

Choir Music *Peace I Leave With You*

Readings Ancient and Modern: Karl Lindholm

- 1) Genesis 2:8,9,15
- 2) H.D. Thoreau, *Faith in a Seed* (excerpt)

Sermon *Prepared for Miracles* Rev. Barnaby

Closing Song *Mother Earth, Beloved Garden* (v.1,2,5) #1067

Benediction and Chalice Extinguishing

Postlude Ronnie Romano

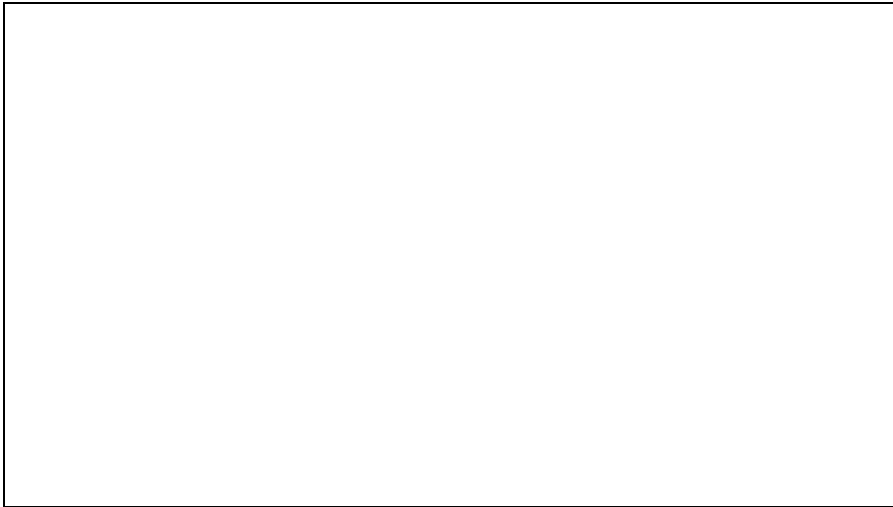
Credits: Thanks to Worship Associate Karl Lindholm; tech team: Margy Young, Justin Boyer, Abi Sessions, and Richard Hopkins; photos from Liam Battjes-Greenwood, Dottie Nelson, Richard Hopkins, and Rich Wolfson; Chris Murphy for seasonal decorations; and all others who stepped up to help today.

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.

Standing on the Threshold of Our Future: Thanks so much to all those who have made a pledge of financial support for our next fiscal year. If you still wish to make your pledge, you can do so online at cvuus.org or ask for a printed form.

Congregational Conversation: Today, 15 minutes after worship, join us in the Sanctuary to share in a non-judgmental setting your thoughts about what concrete steps we should start this spring to live into our new Social Action covenant. How do we answer this call dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions? Led by Rev. Barnaby.

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) - contact Poppy Rees (see below).

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

April 16, 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*

Questions for Laura? – Can they wait? She will be out of the office this week!

Showing Up for Racial Justice invites us to see *Backlash: Misogyny in the Digital Age* THIS Wed April 19, 4:30 or 7 pm at the Marquis Theater with an appearance by Kiah Morris upon whom the documentary is based.

Rhubarb Festival Planning Has Begun! Inquire during social hour how you can join in this fun annual project, which will take place this year on June 3. Contact Lise Anderson for information about the wide range of opportunities for helping us prepare, including group baking events for all ages.

CVUUS Race in America book series continues with *Asian American Histories of the United States*. 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 a social history of the fastest growing group of Americans. Meets third Wednesdays of month – **April 19**, May 17 and June 21 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall & on [ZOOM](#).

CVUUS Climate Engagement’s “Ask me…” Social Hour Project returns April 23. Share your experiences and learn more about greener transportation options, including **electric cars and bikes and carpooling**. Bring your Electric vehicles and offer test rides. Contact Lise Anderson or Steve Maier for information.

Green Tip: See neighborhood clusters on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board near the bathrooms if you want to organize a carpool. Also, visit Go! VT connectingcommuters.org.

Blue Jeans Sunday April 30th: Join our annual effort to clean up our grounds and buildings following worship. Pizza provided. Rain date Sunday May 7. Bring tools or use ours.

Spirituality and the Arts Summer Worship Planning Underway

The Worship Team is planning ten services this summer (from June 2 to September 3). They'd love input from you, members of the congregation, who know an artist from the area who you think would be a good lead speaker. They'd also like help designing a poster for the series. More info in April newsletter.

Have you ever thought about becoming a member of our Board of Trustees? Board members work collaboratively with the minister, each other, congregants, friends to ensure our financial, social and organizational health. It's love in action. Interested? Bring your questions to Nominating Committee members Mike Greenwood or Gordon Gibson before May.

Visit Anne Christie, Mary Lou Bright and Susie Patterson at the **PEO** table in Fellowship Hall during social hour to learn about this **international philanthropic organization that supports women's education** through loans, grants, scholarships and awards. More than 120,000 women have received more than \$400 million for educational support. Our local PEO chapter this month will be in Fenn Chapel on Thurs., April 20 at 3:30 pm.

Events in our facilities must be scheduled with the Office. Refer people about using our spaces [here](#). Some upcoming events:

- Al-Anon** for families and friends of alcoholics meets weekly on Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 pm in Fenn Chapel and seeks anonymity.
- ESL Class** meets in Fellowship Hall on Tues and Thurs 9-11 am.
- Wellspring Singers (Hospice)** rehearse on the first and third Tuesday's of the month at 5 pm in our sanctuary.
- Bereavement Group** hosted by Addison County Home Health & Hospice meets weekly on Wed 3 to 4:30 in Fenn Chapel
- Blood Drive** on Apr 26, 12 – 4. Register [here](#).
- Health of Barnes Brook Community Forum**, Tues May 2, 7 pm, Sanctuary, with Riverwatch
- 400 Years Concert** (Dr. Francois S Clemmons), Sat May 6, 7 pm, Sanctuary