

**Champlain Valley
Unitarian Universalist Society
Unwrapping Our Future**

Land Acknowledgement Becky Strum, Worship Associate

Welcome & Pathways to Connection Becky

Gathering Song *We Laugh, We Cry* (Gray #354)

Call to Worship *The Journey Toward Wholeness* Becky

(Guided Meditation #1 for our Social Covenant)

Chalice Lighting by Melanie Davis

If ever there were a time for a candle in the darkness,
this would be it.

Using a spark of hope,
kindle the flame of love,
ignite the light of peace,
and feed the flame of justice.

Financial Update Ann Webster, Treasurer

Choir Music Ronnie Romano & CVUUS Choir

Offering Ashleigh Hickey

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

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

Milestones & Passages Rev. Barnaby

Guided Meditation #2 *Beloved Community*

Hymn *Spirit of Life* (Gray # 123; Sing TWICE)

Guided Meditation #3 *How's It Going?* Rev. Barnaby

Mud Communion Rev. Barnaby, Becky, & Others

The Blessing: "When the Way turns to Mud, it remains the Way. When you are there, we are with you. As I wash your hands today, I am grateful that we find ourselves walking together on the journey toward Spring's promise of renewal."

Hymn *Wake, Now, My Senses* (Gray #298)

Closing Words Rev. Barnaby

Postlude Ronnie

Credits: Thanks to Becky Strum for assisting worship; tech team Mary Hadley, Justin Boyer, Liam Battjes Greenwood and Rich Wolfson; our Choir; Revell Allen & Marnie Wood for seasonal decorations; Brett Millier and Wesley Morgan for ushering; and all others who stepped up to help today, including coverage of our 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.

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 all who attended and helped with our April Fool's Potluck and to those who made a pledge of financial support for our next fiscal year, which you can do at cvuus.org or ask for a print form.

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

Unwrapping Our Future

Rev. Barnaby Feder

April 2, 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*

CVUUS Covenant to Dismantle Systemic Racism and Other

Oppressions: *"We commit to journey toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community through our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."*

Rev. Barnaby's Pride Flag Theft Response: "To the individual who ripped down and stole the Pride flag outside our Sanctuary Sunday afternoon, Thank you for noticing that our congregation supports everyone's human right to search for and express their sexual and gender identity in ways that do not harm others. We are disappointed you felt it necessary to steal in a destructive manner the flag representing our commitment to justice, freedom, and compassion..." Read more in the Blast and April newsletter of what Rev. Barnaby released on *Front Porch Forum* and to the *Addison Independent*. Thanks to Mike & Liam Greenwood and Paul Stone for swift work on its replacement.

Become a Safety Volunteer: We could use help locking our doors once worship has begun and watching to admit latecomers. Report any safety concerns you may have to the Safe Congregation Team which meets on the first Wed of month 9 am by zoom as needed. See Alan Moore or Mike Greenwood.

Ukrainian Music Concert, TODAY Sun April 2, 1 pm: Bandurists Teryn Kuzma and Stephan Zaets will share traditional and classical Ukrainian repertoire for their unique instrument, and the College Community Chorus will premiere a short choral work by Ukrainian composer Dmytro Malyi (b. 1987), commissioned by the Chorus in 2022, Jeffrey Buettner.

Cingles for those age 60+ gather every other Saturday at 1 pm at Stone Mill for fellowship including **THIS Sat April 8**. Join them. See Monty Montgomery, Revell Allen or Marjorie Carsen.

Affordable Housing in Addison County: Thanks to those who came last month when we talked about how to encourage homeowners to explore or support [HomeShare](#) or create apartments (also referred to as Accessory Dwelling Units or ADUs with a [VHIP grant of up to \\$50,000](#)). We'll follow up **THIS Monday April 3, 7 pm in Fellowship Hall**. Catch up at [cvuus.org](#).

Sanctuary Floor Refinishing: Thanks to everyone who removed everything from our floor for its refinishing last Sunday and helped us restore it this week. **We'll need to be extra careful over the next two weeks** as we wait to put rugs down while the floor is still curing. Enter with clean shoes or socks. Thanks!

Have you ever thought about becoming a member of our Governing Board aka the Board of Trustees? As a member of the CVUUS Board you will have opportunities to work collaboratively with the minister, fellow Board members and CVUUS members and friends to ensure the financial, social and organizational health of our congregation. Interested? Contact a member of the Nominating Committee before May: Mike Greenwood or Gordon Gibson.

Events are planned in our sanctuary and can be scheduled with the Office. Check our online calendar at [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 to join.
--**ESL Class** meets in Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11 am. *Seeking babysitter for 2 year old*. Just come.
—**Bereavement Group** hosted by Addison County Home Health & Hospice resumes weekly on Wednesdays from 3 to 4:30 in Fellowship Hall for another 8 week round. To register, call 802-388-7259 and ask to speak with Stephanie Corliss or Stephen Payne who lead the group.