

**Champlain Valley
Unitarian Universalist Society**
Everyone's a New UU

Land Acknowledgement Martha Fulda
Welcome & Pathways to Connection Martha
Caring Network Survey Kathryn Schloff
Gathering/Call to Worship Rev. Barnaby
May Nothing Evil (#1)
Chalice Lighting by Rev. Orlanda Brugnola Martha

Flame, friend of our most ancient ancestors,
we kindle you now in this time.
Yet, in truth, you burn always,
in the unique worth of each person,
in the imagination,
in the turning of the heart to sorrow or joy,
in the call to hope and in the call to justice.
Burn bright before us. Burn bright within us.

Song *Jacob's Ladder* Dr. Francois S. Clemmons

Time for All Ages Martha & Barnaby

Offering – Our donee for this 5th Sunday is
**National Association for Mental Illness,
Vermont.** Please write checks to CVUUS. Cash
and checks not otherwise specified will be
split between CVUUS and the donee. You can
donate online with the QR code.



Offering Music Chuck Miller

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

Milestones & Passages Rev. Barnaby

Meditation Rev. Barnaby

Hymn *As Tranquil Streams (#145)*

A Helping of Homily *UU History in a Nutshell* Rev. Barnaby

Musical Interlude *Come, Come, Whoever You Are (#188)*

Another Helping of Homily *Who We Are, How We Operate*

Closing Song *Spirit of Life (#123)*

Benediction Rev. Barnaby

Postlude *Duke Ellington Medley*
Chuck Miller & Steve MacLauchlan

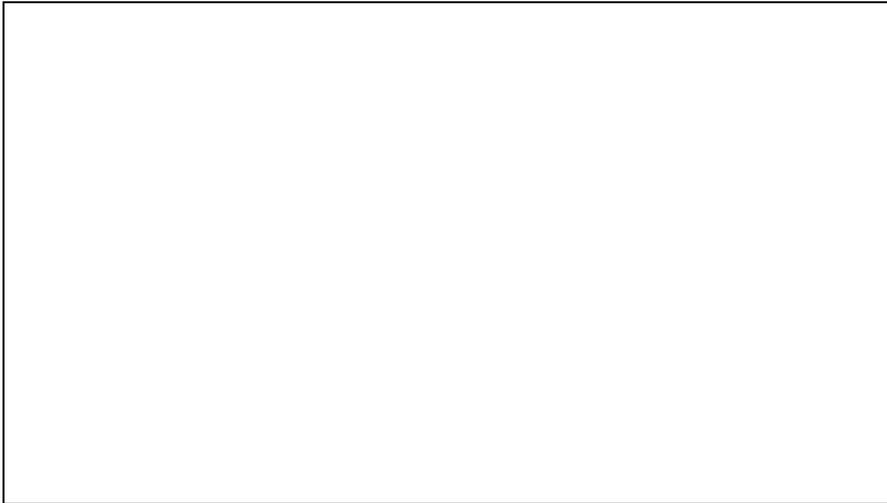
Credits: Thanks to Worship Associate Martha Fulda; our tech team: Mary Hadley, camera operator, Liam Battjes-Greenwood, and Rich Wolfson; Chris Murphy for seasonal decorations; Mike Greenwood and Brett Millier for ushering; and all others who stepped up to help today.

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.

Blue Jeans Sunday: Join us after worship to help beautify CVUUS. There could be free items to claim curbside as we declutter our storage areas. Thanks to our CVUUS choir members for providing food.

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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CHAMPLAIN VALLEY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

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Led by Rev. Barnaby Feder

April 30, 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*

Social Hour Coverage: We love how special this visiting time has become and want to sustain it. Let Alan Moore know if you're interested in hospitality oversight when he's away, especially for this summer. We hope you or your ministry team will consider signing up for May where we only have Facilities covering May 14 and no one for next Sunday. Deep thanks to Alan for creating a sign up system and oversight since we've resumed this year.

Rhubarb Festival June 3 – Planning Has Begun! Refer to the May newsletter and *Rhubarb Times* email blast and visit our table during social hour. More on the history of this fun annual event that helps raise proceeds for HOPE at cvuus.org. Next planning meeting is Tues. May 9 at 5 pm on [Zoom](#). Never too late to jump in! See Lise Anderson or Mary Hadley for more.

Affordable Housing Conversation continues **THIS Mon. May 1 at 7 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Save Sun. June 4 at 5 pm for a *Community Conversation* on three options for how your home and property could help alleviate our housing crisis. Track our earlier conversations, background links and efforts at cvuus.org.

Barnes Brook is a small, mostly urban stream located in the town of Middlebury. This lovely yet largely unnoticed brook near CVUUS and through MUHS hosts a valuable ecosystem that offers many community services even as monitoring reveals it is polluted with phosphorus and salt. **Come to a forum THIS Tues. May 7 at 7 pm in the sanctuary** for your opportunity to become better acquainted with this dear little brook and for the community to begin to discuss strategies to value, protect and restore this natural resource. Contributions include Mary Hogan Elementary students on their experiences with the brook; River Watch on water quality results; Middlebury professors on the effects of salt on an aquatic ecosystem; UVM students' posters on proposed Green Stormwater Infrastructure; perspectives

from the Conservation Commission; and one landowner's story about increasing protection of Barnes Brook through a riparian planting project.

400 Years Concert: Come **THIS Sat. May 6 at 7 pm** when CVUUS will host Dr. Francois S. Clemmons 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.

CVUUS Caring Network Needs YOU! We're a small group of members who keep our ears, eyes and hearts open to supporting any needs the CVUUS family might have in their lives, be they emotional, physical, and/or logistical. To help us better improve our reach and effectiveness and be smarter about you and your needs, we've created a short survey to complete at CVUUS during May. It can also be completed online at cvuus.org. We're hoping for max participation. Place returned surveys in the flowered box under the foyer table.

Events in our facilities are scheduled with the Office. Refer people to cvuus.org about using our spaces:

- Al-Anon** for families and friends of alcoholics meets weekly on Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 pm in Fenn Chapel, seeks anonymity.
- ESL Class** meets in Fenn Chapel Tues and Thurs 9-11 am.
- Wellspring Singers (Hospice)** rehearse Tuesdays at 5 pm.
- Bereavement Group** meets Wed 3 to 4:30 in Fenn Chapel .
- MUHS IB Testing begins THIS Tues May 2 and runs weekdays through May 18 from 8 am to 3 pm.** Avoid access to our Fellowship Hall and sections of our sanctuary main level when they **need things to be quiet** and undisturbed. Please restore tables if you move or use them over the weekend and protect stored testing materials.