

**Champlain Valley
Unitarian Universalist Society
Pearl of Great Price**

Land Acknowledgement Abi Sessions, Worship Associate

Welcome & Pathways to Connection Abi

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

Call to Worship *The Bright Thread of Hope*, Gretchen Haley
Abi & Rev. Johanna

Chalice Lighting by Christine Robinson Abi

May the light we now kindle
Inspire us to use our powers
To heal and not to harm
To help and not to hinder
To bless and not to curse
To serve you, Spirit of Freedom.

Hymn *Morning Has Broken* (Gray #38)

Time for All Ages Poppy Rees, Dir of Religious Exploration

Singing the Children Out *Let Us Open Our Eyes*

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)

Milestones & Passages Abi

Prayer & Meditation Joy Haro Rev. Johanna

Choir Music *Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door*
Arranged by Francois S. Clemmons Ronnie & Choir

Reading *The Bright Field*, R.S. Thomas Abi

Sermon *Pearl of Great Price* Rev. Johanna

Benediction and Chalice Extinguishing Abi & Rev. Johanna

Postlude Ronnie & Band

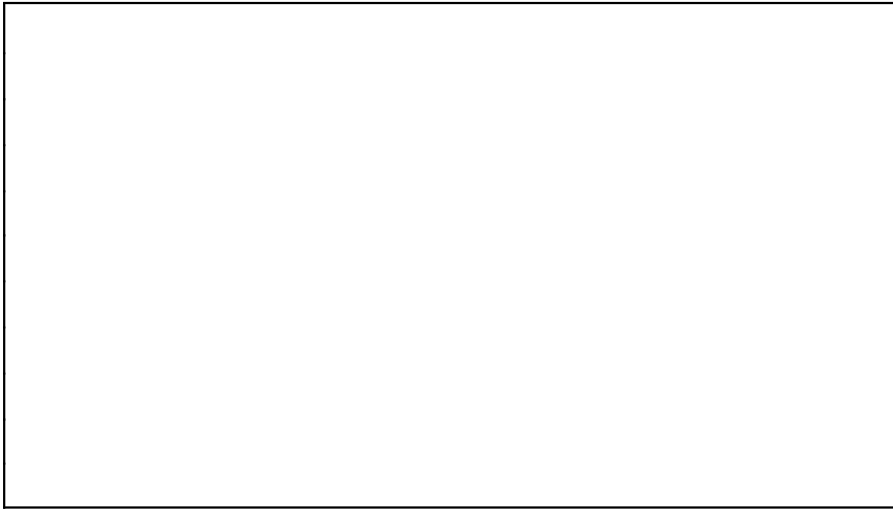
Credits: Thanks to Worship Associate Abi Sessions; tech team Margy Young, Becky Strum, and Rich Wolfson; our Choir and CVUUS House Band; Dinah Smith & Marnie Wood for seasonal decorations; Lise Anderson & Bill Sessions for ushering; Council of Ministries for social hour and all others who stepped up 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.

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 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 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

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Rev. Johanna Nichols
CVUUS Minister Emerita

Easter Sunday

April 9, 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*

Our next meal for Charter House will be made in our CVUUS kitchen **THIS Mon. April 10** for 36. You may sign up to provide part of this spaghetti casserole and green bean supper at [charter house sign up](#) and deliver your contribution to the CVUUS kitchen before 11:30 on that Monday morning, or take it directly to Charter House. You can also sign up to supply cookies for Community Supper on April 28.

Community Chamber Music Concert: Come **Sat, April 15, 7 pm**, Sanctuary. Come here a wide variety of music featuring members of the Middlebury College Choir, students participating in the course Performing Chamber Music, and other community members. Composers might include anyone from Palestrina to Brahms to Schoenberg, or anything in between. It will be an eclectic, engaging mix of repertoire! Free.

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 an urgent 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](#).

Thinking of Going Electric? CVUUS Climate Engagement “Ask me...” Social Hour Project returns April 23. Come share your experiences and learn more about greener transportation options, including electric cars and bikes and carpooling. Bring your EV and offer test rides. See neighborhood clusters for carpooling on Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

CSAC returns to our sanctuary and Fenn House for training this week Monday through Wed from 8- 4 and needs parking and confidentiality. Thanks for accommodating them.

NO PARKING! Along streets (Duane, Water, Charles) or at ACSD Building lot (208 Charles). No parking at MUHS lot when school is in session unless permission cleared by Office. **RESERVED PARKING!** In our lot for those who need accessible spots. **CARPOOL!** See map in Fellowship Hall to plan rideshares and visit Go! VT connectingcommuters.org.

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. More in April newsletter.

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.

Lost and Found: Blue LL Bean winter coat (men's XL tall) with black gloves and Tylenol in pockets for months; black gloves with white cat outline (women's small); maroon glove (sm); black stuffed dog (sm); reading glasses (200); white thermal container with dots (sm); black London Fog umbrella with white floral print; forest green Sherpa polar fleece zip up with headlamp in pocket (left in Fenn kitchen for a while).

Sanctuary Floor Refinishing: We'll need to be extra careful as we wait to put rugs down while the floor is still curing. Enter with clean shoes or socks. Thanks!