

**Champlain Valley
Unitarian Universalist Society
*Our Mother of Ministry***

Land Acknowledgement Ellen Flight

Welcome & Pathways to Connection Ellen

Musical Call to Worship *Gather the Spirit* (#347)

Chalice Lighting Claudene (Deane) Oliva Ellen

We light this chalice for mothers and mothering;
to celebrate those who have taken on the task of nurturing a
young one—baby, child, or youth—into adulthood;
to celebrate those who have nourished the light of truth and
compassion in growing minds and hearts;
to celebrate those who have committed time, money, energy
to the growth of others in this world. We light this chalice to
celebrate and hold dear this flame of love.

Time for All Ages Poppy Rees, Dir. of Religious Exploration

Singing the Children Out *Let Us Open Our Eyes*

Choir Anthem *Calling My Children Home*, arr. Joseph Jennings
Ronnie Romano & CVUUS Choir

Offering Allison Pouliot

Our May donee is **Have a Heart Food Shelf** in
Bristol, VT. 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 Ronnie

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

Milestones & Passages Rev. Barnaby

Meditation

Hymn *23rd Psalm*, (#1038 Teal, by Bobby McFerrin)

Readings *Born* (excerpt) by Wislawa Szymborska Ellen

Sermon *Our Mother of Ministry* Rev. Barnaby

Closing Song *If Every Woman in the World* (#1026 Teal)

Benediction Rev. Barnaby

Postlude Ronnie

Thank you! Thanks to Worship Associate Ellen Flight; our tech team: Rich Wolfson, Mary Hadley, Becky Strum, and Liam Battjes-Greenwood; our Choir; our friendly ushers: Brett Millier and Mike Greenwood; Jess Danyow for seasonal decorations; our Facilities Team for social hour coverage; Michele Lowy and Donna Blaszczyk for birthday cake, 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 have yet to make your pledge, you can do so online at cvuus.org or ask for a printed 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) - 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

The Mother of Ministry

Led by Rev. Barnaby Feder

May 14, 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*

Rev. Barnaby's Farewell Lunch, NEXT Sun. May 21, 11:30 am to 2 pm: We hope as many come as possible, especially kids, following worship to celebrate Rev. Barnaby. We're plotting a family-friendly **baseball-themed party** with grilled hot dogs and such outside, as weather permits. Vegetarian and vegan options will be available. Find Ellen Flight during social hour to let her know if you'd like to help with the fun and testimonials.

Social Hour Coverage: We love how special this visiting time has become and want to sustain it. We hope you or your ministry team will consider signing up for May 28 (Memorial Day Weekend) when we still need coverage.

Rhubarb Festival June 3 (10 am-1 pm)– Visit our table during social hour. It's never too late to jump in! Look for our *Rhubarb Times* emails.

CVUUS Caring Network Needs YOU! Help us better improve our reach and effectiveness and be smarter about you and your needs. Complete a short survey during May. Print surveys are available in the foyer with the flowered box into which they should be returned. You can opt to complete it online (link in Blast and at cvuus.org). Contact Lynne Ballman for any help with getting, completing or returning it.

***Asian American Histories of the U.S.* book discussion** completes **THIS Wed May 17 at 7 pm on Zoom.** We hope you'll read the fascinating highlights on the first session that appeared in the May newsletter (copies in lobby) even if you can't attend the discussion. Consider reading the book at some point.

Affordable Housing Conversation Come **Sunday June 4 at 5 pm** to the Congregational Church of Middlebury, UCC (Unity Hall) to

learn about three ways to alleviate our housing crisis rapidly. Hear case studies and receive a valuable resource sheet.

June Worship Services

June 4—Flower Communion (followed by our Annual Meeting)

June 11—Farewell Press Conference with Rev. Barnaby

June 18—Choir Sunday

June 25—Flip Flop Sunday where you're welcome to wear flip flops. This is really about flipping social hour and the worship service that day. We'll be streaming the morning's service live from *UUA General Assembly*. GA is in Pittsburgh which shares our time zone and the service is scheduled for 11 am. We'll start our time together downstairs with social hour and then head upstairs in time for the start of the GA Service at 11 am.

Summer Worship: Spirituality & the Arts (July-Aug) Worship Team has been setting up the services which will be led by several of our fellow congregants at seven of our ten services.

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 .
- PEO (Philanthropic Education Organization)** meets monthly on 3rd Thursdays at 3:30 pm in Fenn Chapel. See Anne Christie.
- MUHS IB Testing finishes this week on May 18 (8 am to 3 pm).** Avoid access to 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.