

**Champlain Valley  
Unitarian Universalist Society  
“Flower Communion, 2023”**

**Land Acknowledgement** Karl Lindholm

**Welcome & Pathways to Connection**

**Opening Song** *Enter, Rejoice and Come In* (#361 gray)

**Call To Worship** Karl Lindholm

**Chalice Lighting** Karl and Laurie Borden

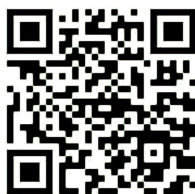
As we light our chalice this morning, may we be mindful of how radical and powerful love is. And how dangerous those who use fear perceive love to be. May we know how necessary and essential it is to keep alive the message of universal love, of humanity, and human dignity, of reverence for life, all life, all creation in our hearts and in our actions. We are now among the keepers of that flame.  
Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

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

**Choir Anthem** *Bless the Hands*, Ed Thompson

**Offering**

Our June donee is the Rutland Area Branch of the NAACP. 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 Romano

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

**Milestones & Passages** Rev. Barnaby

**Meditation**

**Song** *Mother Spirit, Father Spirit* (#8 Gray)

**Musical Reading** *We Are* by Ysaye Barnwell (#1051 teal)

**Homily** *One Hundred Years Young* Rev. Barnaby

**Flower Communion** Rev. B, Flower Buds,  
Karl Lindholm & children

**Closing Song** – *We Laugh, We Cry* (#354 Gray)

**Benediction** Rev. Barnaby

**Postlude** Ronnie Romano

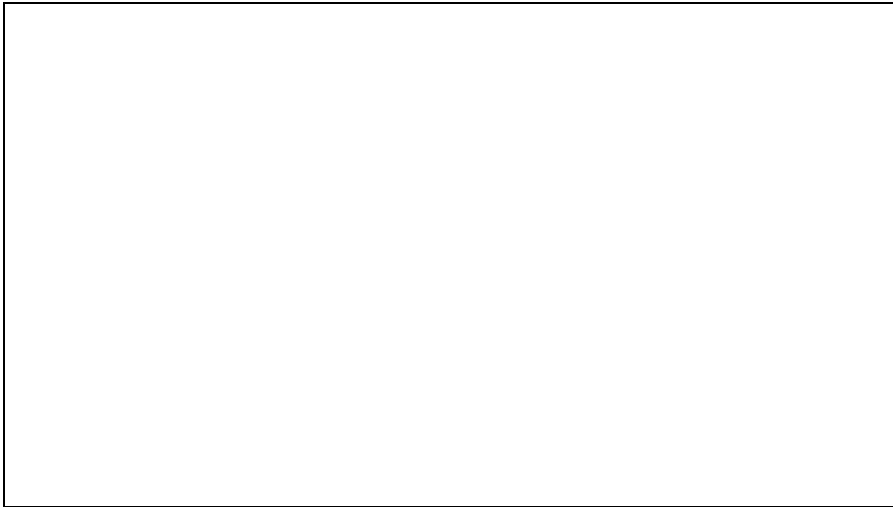
**Thank you!** Thanks to Worship Associate Karl Lindholm, Chalice Lighter Laurie Borden; our tech team: Margy Young, Rich Wolfson, and Liam Battjes-Greenwood; the Flower Buds (Dinah Smith, Alice Berninghausen and Jess Danyow); Mike Greenwood and Alan Moore for safety and social hour coverage; and all 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.

**Our Flowers, 2023 by Rev. Barnaby Feder**

Our flowers who show us heaven, we cherish your names,  
Your shapes, your colors and scents;  
Give us this day nourishing beauty;  
May your families survive our trespasses,  
And inspire us to forgive those who harm us;  
Lure us away from greed and folly and wastefulness;  
May we recognize our glory in yours,  
For all of us bloom from a Spirit of Life-Giving Love  
May it be so, for ever and ever. Amen.

## 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

### Flower Communion

Led by Rev. Barnaby Feder

**June 4, 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:** It takes a village to sustain this special visiting time. We hope you or your ministry team will consider signing up to help this month. You'll have experienced guides.

**Quilts Galore!** The past several months of beautiful photos by Eric Nelson came off the walls of the Ann Ross Fellowship Hall. Thank you, Eric! The next few months will be a sampling of quilts starting with ones from Dorothy Mammen and Kathryn Schloff. Once a more permanent way to display quilts and other art is in place, we'd like other contributions of wall quilts ~ from you! This will be a revolving exhibit of quilts. Stay tuned!

**Community Conversation: Affordable Housing for Addison County** *The bad news:* We have a housing crisis in Addison County. *The good news:* You can explore & support solutions. Come **Today June 4 at 5 pm** to The Congregational Church of Middlebury, UCC to learn about three different initiatives to alleviate Addison County's housing shortage: **HomeShare VT, Tiny Homes, and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)**. Hear case studies and receive a valuable resource sheet. Sponsored by the Middlebury Area Interfaith Affordable Housing Alliance. See Mike Greenwood or Jean Terwilliger.

## Upcoming June Worship Services

**June 11—Farewell Press Conference with Rev. Barnaby**

**June 18—Choir Favorites Sunday** - Enjoy our choir's last Sunday with Ronnie Romano!

**June 25—Flip Flop Sunday.** You're welcome to wear flip flops, but this is really about flipping social hour and the worship service for a day. We'll be streaming the morning's service live from *UUA General Assembly* in Pittsburgh. The service is

scheduled for 11 am, so we'll start our time together downstairs with social hour. Then we will move to the Sanctuary to watch the service.

**Share the Art in You.** Please email [LiamBattjes@gmail.com](mailto:LiamBattjes@gmail.com) two or three photos that reflect the Artistic Spirit at work in your life. These will be shaping the pre-service photos for our summer series on Spirituality and the Arts. You can contribute images of your carpentry, dancing, flower arranging, painting, quilting, card making, favorite photos, a bit of poetry, a nicely mowed yard . . . where does creativity nourish your spirit? Give Liam the title of your creation, or he will creatively title it for you. Thank you for helping us to celebrate our collective creativity.

**World Music Day, Wed. June 21 (4-7), Sanctuary.** CSAC's Community Bridges Program invited us to co-host **World Music Day** in our sanctuary. Our Music Ministry Team agreed. This annual event since 1982 is held *traditionally on the first day of summer as a way to celebrate music and summer*. Musicians register to perform at a venue of their choosing at [makemusicday.org](http://makemusicday.org). Community Bridges lists CVUUS as a site option and publicizes it and hopes we do the same. Focus is on sharing the joy of music. We love that we are sought for music.

Let's go beyond acknowledging that we live on the traditional lands of the Western Abenaki, and learn a bit more about the traditions of Abenaki living on this land! **Abenaki Heritage Weekend is at the Maritime Museum in Vergennes on June 17 and June 18, 10 am - 4 pm.** Admission is free. Liam would love to go with you on Sat. at 11 am. Email him at [LiamBattjes@gmail.com](mailto:LiamBattjes@gmail.com) so we can look out for each other — or ask him to pick you up. Workshops, presentations, drumming, and singing. Brings together citizens of the Elnu Abenaki Tribe, the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation, the Koasek Traditional Band of the Koas Abenaki Nation, and the Missisquoi Abenaki Tribe.