

**Champlain Valley
Unitarian Universalist Society
Spirituality and the Arts Summer Series**

Gardening at Birdsong

Land Acknowledgement Bethany Barry

Welcome & Pathways to Connection Abi Sessions

Gathering Song *Blue Boat Home (#1064 teal)* Ronnie

Call to Worship *For the Beauty of the Earth* Abi
by Barbara J. Pescan

Chalice Lighting

Love is the spirit of this church,
and service is its law.

This is our great covenant:

To dwell together in peace,

To seek the truth in love,

And to help one another.

by James Vila Blake

Time for All Ages *The Gardener* by Sarah Stewart,
illustrated by David Small, read by Elyse Singh

Offering

This month we are sharing our plate with **ReSource 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

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

Milestones & Passages

Abi

Meditation

Song *In the Garden* from the Wellspring songb

Message *Gardening at Birdsong* Bethany Barry

Song of Response *Mother Earth, Beloved Garden (# 1067 teal)*

Closing Words Bethany

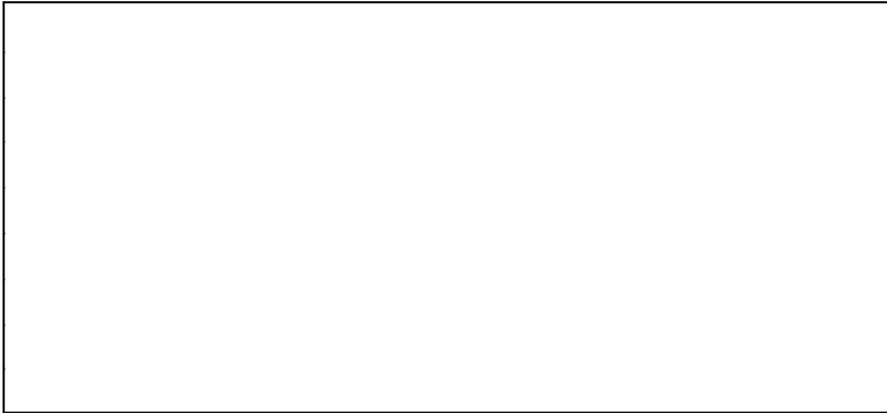
Postlude Ronnie

Welcome Special Guest – Bethany Barry is a member of CVUUS. She has a long history of social activism, creativity, and entrepreneurship. Even in the depths of the COVID pandemic she searched for ways to bring people together and make the world more colorful.

Thank you! Thanks to Worship Associate, Abi Sessions; our tech team: Richard Hopkins, Liam Battjes Greenwood; Alice Berninghausen for flowers; Morgan family for ushering and all who helped with Social Hour and made today possible.

WHAT CVUUS SAYS ABOUT COVID We encourage you to care for yourself and each other in whatever ways you can. **If you have COVID symptoms**, please don't attend CVUUS events (unless you know you have allergies or something like that). **If you have been exposed to someone with COVID**, it's fine to come to CVUUS but please follow the current CDC guidelines: mask inside around others for 10 days after exposure AND test on Day 5 (or earlier if you develop symptoms). **If you need COVID tests but aren't able to get them for any reason**, please let us know and we will get you a test.

FREE THINKER'S SPACE



RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION (RE) FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery is open and staffed from 9:45-11:15 Sunday mornings, Older children may also choose to sit with their adults or at the table on the west side of the sanctuary or go to the nursery.

Stay Connected!

Weekly Blast (Wednesdays) provides links to our upcoming worship service, past services, and events.

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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.



CHAMPLAIN VALLEY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

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Bethany Barry

September 3, 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 Connection

Welcoming our new ministers Rev. Tricia and Rev. Christina!

Look for their emails on the back cover of your bulletin, on our sanctuary bulletin board (center), in our Sept Directory and at cvuus.org/staff. You'll see more of them on site as they attend upcoming retreats of the worship team (Sept 6) and the Board (Sept 8). Look for their introductions in our communications.

Spirituality & the Arts series concludes today. Collect any sketches you want from Fellowship Hall.

Sunday Sept 10—Ingathering Sunday Water Communion:

Riding the Waves Together with Rev. Christina Sillari, Poppy Rees, and the CVUUS Choir *What are you hoping for at CVUUS? How can we foster a sense of connectedness and community for the upcoming year?* Through words, song, and ritual we will explore what it means to ride the waves of life together through co-creating sacred space. Please feel free to bring water to the service (we will also have water). We will use the water in our communion to name our hopes and dreams for this new and interesting congregational year. Kids will stay for the first half of worship and then go with Poppy to Fenn House for free choice art, games, and building. Zoom resumes. Followed by the **Pride Parade in Burlington**. CVUUS will be marching in it again.

Filled with the sound of music: Music Dir. Ronnie Romano welcomes anyone interested in Choir to come to the **Choir Retreat** all day **THIS Thur. Sept 7** from 9 am to 7 pm to prepare for the upcoming year and share potluck lunch. Come and go as you can. He'll be directing rehearsals for CVUUS Choir on Thursdays at 5:30 pm starting Sept 14, **Wellspring** (Hospice singers) on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 5 pm starting Sept 13, and **Middlebury Community Choir** on Sundays and Wednesdays at 7 pm starting Sept 10. Meanwhile, we welcome back **Opera Co of**

Middlebury orchestra for rehearsal the afternoons of Sept 22 and 23 and Sonora Bida (small band) for their monthly rehearsals. All in our sanctuary.

Migrant Worker Solidarity Potluck Lunch and In-gathering, Tues Sept 12, 12 pm, Fellowship Hall: A number of CVUUS folks volunteer to support migrant workers, and others of you may be interested. Let's get together for a potluck lunch to nurture our connections. Come check in with friends, share updates, and connect around what each of us find meaningful in this social justice work. If you work in Middlebury, just scoot over for the meal! There will be plenty of food. (I'll make sure of it.) RSVP Lise Anderson liseand55@gmail.com Even if you can't make it! Note that Mexican Consulate Visit this year is Sat. Oct 28, 9-3.

We'll share our September offering plate with [Resource VT](#) which aims to reduce poverty by creating a marketplace for reuse while providing new opportunities to the under-skilled and long-term unemployed, including training in much needed weatherization and appliance and computer repair work.

YOU CAN HELP EASE THE HOUSING CRISIS Housing advocates say that only about 1,000 people in Addison County know about these resources. 1) [HomeShare Vermont](#) See Abi Sessions, Ellen Flight or Connie Kenna 2) [Accessory Dwelling Units \(ADU\)](#) Basic Info: <https://accd.vermont.gov/adu> Addison County Guide: <https://acrpc.org/regional-programs/housing/> See Mike Small. **Take the ACRPC housing survey** to help them help you construct an ADU. See bulletin board for QR code and online link. 3) [Homes First \(Tiny Homes\)](#) <https://homesfirstvt.org/> See Jean Terwilliger. Come to **Addison Housing Rocks! Community Celebration & Benefit**, Fri Sept 15 (4-8 pm) in Middlebury. **Affordable Housing for Addison Housing** interfaith group will **meet next on Mon. Sept 11, 7 pm** in Fellowship Hall (not Sept 4 since it is Labor Day).