

# Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

## *Our Radical UU Roots*

### *A Celebration in Word and Song*

**Land Acknowledgment** Abi Sessions, Worship Associate

**Welcome & Pathways to Connection** Abi

**Gathering Song** *It Sounds Along the Ages* (#187 Gray)

**Call to Worship** Ralph Waldo Emerson Rich Wolfson

#### **Chalice Lighting**

As we light this chalice, its flame symbolizes:

The warmth of friendship—a friendship that extends back to our UU forebears;

The light of truth—a truth revealed not by priests and scripture, but to each and every one of us individually;

The fire of commitment—commitment to act on the basis of our own beliefs in what is right.

**Time for All Ages** *Big Orange Splot*, Daniel Pinkwater Abi

**Speaking the Kids Out** *The Great End in Religious Instruction*, William Ellery Channing (Responsive Reading #652) Rich

#### **Offering**

Our October donee is **ACORN Food Hub**. 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** Abi

**Time for Contemplation** Abi

**Choir Anthem** *As Tranquil Streams That Meet and Merge*

**Reflection/Readings** *Our Radical Old World Roots* Rich, Abi

**Musical Interlude** Ronnie

**Reflection/Readings** *UU in America* Rich, Abi

**Musical Interlude** Ronnie

**Reflection/Readings** *The Fire of Commitment* Rich, Abi

**Closing Song** *Once to Every Soul and Nation* (#119 Gray)

**Closing words** Barbara Pescan Rich

**Postlude** Ronnie

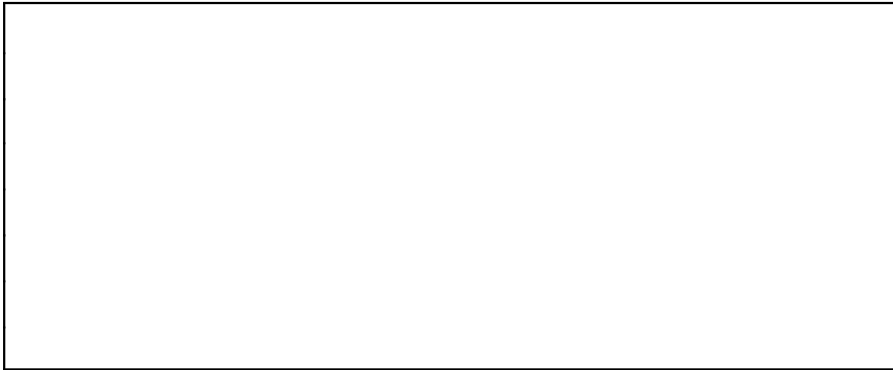
**Thank you!** Thanks to Worship Leader Rich Wolfson, Worship Associate Abi Sessions; Tech Team Richard Hopkins, Mary Hadley, and Karl Lindholm; Zoom social host Steve Butterfield; our greeters Brett Millier and Helene Vanderburgh; Marnie Wood for seasonal decorations; and all others who stepped up to help today.

**Social Hour:** Thanks to Dana Roark, Gayle Muenchow, Pat Schmitter, and Hannah Sessions for coverage today. Let Alan Moore know if your ministry team or small group would like to take a turn covering this. Find sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

**Radical Love Exchange is underway!** Look for the flyer in Fellowship Hall (or Mike Greenwood) and more in our October newsletter on the welcome table, the Blast and at [cvuus.org](http://cvuus.org).

**COVID Rapid tests are available free again (4 per household)**  
Donate your unused ones to us. See Blast for links & more.

## 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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**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.



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Worship Leader: Rich Wolfson

Worship Associate: Abi Sessions

**October 15, 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*

**NEXT SUNDAY Shared Ministry: What Is It? A Congregational Conversation.** You have probably heard the phrase "Shared Ministry" at least once in the last few months. You may have thought it referred to the two Ministers we presently have who are "sharing" the role of a minister here at CVUUS. It is that, and much more. It refers to the fact that all of us have a role in making Unitarian Universalism prosper here at CVUUS and in the wider community. Rev. Tricia said in a discussion with Rev. Christina in the 10 minute video they made to introduce themselves to us you can view at [cvuus.org](http://cvuus.org), that CVUUS "is ripe for deep transformation". Without shared ministry that will not happen. Tell us what your interpretation of Shared Ministry is, and how it might happen here at CVUUS. Rev. Tricia will moderate after leading worship on Part 2 of our changing story.

**Lost and Found/Office Supplies:** We have a growing collection in our coat rack area. Any unclaimed ones will go to our consignment stores by the end of this month.

CVUUS will host the **Mexican Consulate Visit** on **Sat. Oct 28** near the Day of the Dead which we'll celebrate with displays and food while legal documents, the main focus for migrant workers, are processed. Sign up to bring food and to help with greeting, translating, parking, set up, clean up and child care. See sign up links in Blast. Follow efforts to support our migrant neighbors [cvuus.org/news](http://cvuus.org/news).

**The Homeless: Reflection and Opportunity:** A conversation led by Tom Morgan, Thursday, October 19, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall.

**Affordable Housing for Addison County** interfaith group invites you to explore 3 options to **alleviate the housing crisis**. Learn about these at a Community Conversation on Sun. Oct 29, 4 pm,

at Congregational Church of Middlebury. Tour a tiny house starting at 2 pm (parked on Seymour St near fire station)!

**Discerning Our Obligations to Respond to Climate Change,** Wed. Oct 25, 5 pm, Middlebury College Dana Auditorium. Chuck Collins, author of *Born on Third Base*, returns to Middlebury to discuss his new book, *Altar to an Erupting Sun*.

Speaking of books, **Steven Fidler** invites us to contact him about his first book *The Two Paths: Finding the World Beyond Belief* and how he can be included in your groups to speak to it. He'll be launching it at Ilsley Library on Sat. Oct 21, 12:30 pm. He joins a number of CVUUS congregants who are authors. Look for their donated books in our library.

CVUUS provides nut-free **baked goods (300 cookies) on FOURTH Friday of month for community supper** at the Congregational Church of Middlebury (Oct 27 this month). We look for 6 bakers to make 50 items each. Sign up in Blast.

**CVUUS Writers' Group:** Mon., Nov 13, 3 PM, Fenn Chapel.

**Let's Eat Together,** Tues. Oct 24, Noon, Eastview. Bring your own lunch. All ages welcome. (Meets 4th Tuesday of each month.)

**CVUUS Cingles:** Gathering for those 60+ 1 PM Sat. Oct 28, Little Seed Coffee Shop, Merchants Row (meets every other Sat).

Events in CVUUS space are scheduled through the Office. Our meeting spaces are well-ventilated and feature wifi access and gender-inclusive bathrooms. *See our online calendar at [cvuus.org](http://cvuus.org) for availability.* **American Red Cross** for blood drives **THIS Wed Oct 18** (10-5), Fri Nov 24, Wed Dec 27. **Pollinator Pathways of Addison County** in our sanctuary **THIS Mon Oct 16**, 7 pm to inspire us on gardening measures (free seeds).