

## Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

### *The Art of Gratitude*

**Land Acknowledgment** Esther Charlestin, Worship Associate

**Welcome & Pathways to Connection** Esther

**Gathering Song** *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place* (#1008)

**Call to Worship** Esther

**Chalice Lighting** Rev. Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe, UUA

On this Transgender Day of Remembrance, we remember those who have been murdered for being who they are, those who face violence on a daily basis, those who have lost loved ones, and those who worry for loved ones. May we come to a time when we cease to shame children around gender roles and expression, where we allow for freedom and exploration of identity and expression, and to a world that operates from love especially when things are difficult and confusing. May all of us who live with the threat of violence find support, strength, community, hope, and safety from violence.

### **Offering**

Our October donee is **Gedakina**. 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** Tim Guiles

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

**Milestones & Passages** Esther

**Silent Meditation** Esther

**Song** *For All That Is Our Life* (#128 Gray)

**Conversation** Esther & Sophia Domeville

**Song** *For the Beauty of the Earth* (#21 Gray)

**Closing words** Esther

**Postlude** Tim

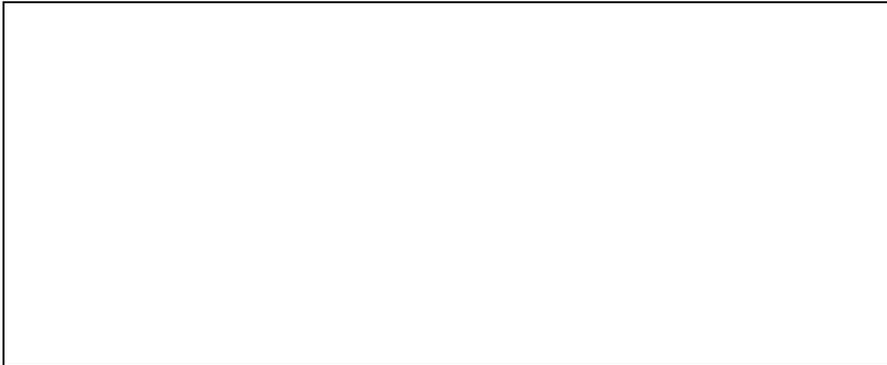
**Thank you!** Thanks to guest Sophia Domeville, Worship Associate Esther Charlestin; Tech Team Abi Sessions, Margy Young, Matha Fulda, and Rich Wolfson; Zoom social host Steve Butterfield; our greeters Lise Anderson and Anne Christie; Jess Danyow for seasonal decorations; and all others who stepped up to help today.

**Social Hour:** 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.

**All-Ages 10th Annual RE Ornament Sunday!** The RE kids are making and selling ornaments as a fundraiser for TBD (still deciding). This year we have pledged to NOT BUY any materials and we'll be making ornaments using recycled materials and the many cool things we have in the RE closet. At least 2-3 designs, as usual. Kids can help sell them in the Sanctuary foyer starting NEXT Sunday Nov 26.

**CVUUS Thanksgiving Dinner, Thur. Nov 23, Fellowship Hall**  
Arrive anytime, but gather for drinks and hors d'oeuvres at 1 pm. Dinner at 2 pm. Dancing follows with live music (Red Dog Riley) and a caller to teach dances! Sign up during Social Hour to bring side dishes and desserts.

## 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 8

#### Stay Connected!

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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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Guest Worship Leader: Sophia Domeville

Worship Associate: Esther Charlestin

**November 19, 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.*

## Spreading Radical Love.... Success looks like this!



17 different offerings involving food from Juice Amour to lasagna dinners inviting 77 individuals' opportunities to share good conversation, hearty laughs and wonderful food.

21 events ranging from wildflower hikes to game nights to 117 participants.

10 services ranging from preferred parking to reflexology to 18 individuals.

And a host of other offerings from kayaks to a Civil War-era banjo.

We wish to continue the love by asking you to give what you can now or within the next week to support our CVUUS congregation. If you haven't given financially please do so by using this link to the direct credit card giving: <https://cvuus.breezechms.com/form/RADLOVEFinance2023> . You can also give using the regular QR code posted in the OOS and on the screen <https://cvuus.breezechms.com/give/online>

If you have given, we thank you!

## Pathways to *Healthy Connections*

**West African Dance Class:** Mondays Nov 20 - Dec 11, 5:15 PM, CVUUS Sanctuary. A great spirit lifter! Beginners welcome.

**Let's Eat Together,** Tues. Nov. 28, Noon, Eastview. Bring your own lunch. All ages welcome. (Meets 4th Tuesday of each month.)

**Black Lives Matter Quilt Offered:** See this special quilt made by Dorothy Mammen hanging in our Fellowship Hall as testament to our anti-racism covenant, along with other quilts. We are grateful for our CVUUS quilters who have displayed their work over the past weeks and until the end of this month, coordinated by Dorothy.

**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). Help us protect the many people who are high-risk for COVID who regularly come to worship and groups. 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 Caring Network (Kathryn Schloff or another member of this team) know and they will get you a test. Donate your unused ones to us. If you need a COVID vaccine booster, try Walgreens in Rutland (plenty and very easy to get an appointment). Remember to use our ventilation systems when meeting (air purifiers, mechanical ones in sanctuary). Look for instructions.