

Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

Exploring Mystery

Preservice Music Ronnie Romano, Music Director

Land Acknowledgment Esther Charlestin

Welcome & Pathways to Connection Esther

Gathering Song *Where Do We Come From* (#1003 Teal)

Call to Worship *Leaning into the Mystery*
Written and read by Esther

Chalice Lighting by Jim Scott Esther

For all of life and gifts we hold sacred, *we raise our voices.*

For all our relations we will meet with compassion
and grace, *we raise our voices.*

For justice and peace and the health of all
the cycle of life, *we raise our voices.*

For the celebration of all who themselves can not,
or may not, *we raise our voices.*

For the remembrance of those who have taught, led or
inspired us, *we raise our voices.*

For this moment in time that we are granted, to share the
wealth of each other's presence, *we raise our voices.*

For the power of our collective voice and concerted action,
with vision and love, *we raise our voices.*

Song *The Spark of Creation* Madison Middleton

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

Singing the Kids Out *Peace, Salaam, Shalom*

Offering

Our December donee is **Charter House Coalition**. 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. We will also be collecting for the **Holiday Staff Bonus**.



Offering Music Ronnie

Receiving the Offering *From You I Receive* #302

Milestones & Passages Esther

Time for Contemplation Esther

Choir Anthem *Turn, Turn, Turn* – Pete Seeger, arranged by
Vince Peterson

Reading *Our Deepest Fear*, Marianne Williamson Esther

Reflection *Exploring Mystery* Gregory Akinbiyi

Hymn *We Laugh, We Cry* (#354 Gray)

Benediction Rev. Tricia

Postlude Ronnie and The House Band

Thank you! Thanks to guest leader Gregory Akinbiyi, Worship Associate Esther Charlestin; Tech Team Abi Sessions, Richard Hopkins. and Rich Wolfson; Zoom social host Steve Butterfield; our Choir, House Band, and soloist Madison Middleton; Flower Buds for beautiful seasonal decorations (Dinah Smith, Marnie Wood, Alice Berninghausen, Jess Danyow, others); Lise Anderson & Mike Greenwood for greeting; Alan Moore & Laurie Mayville for help with social hour, and all others who stepped up to help today.

Honoring Solstice: NEXT Sunday Dec 17 Rev. Tricia leads us in worship & Thur Dec 21 at 7 pm Rev. Christina will hold vespers.

Christmas Eve Services Sunday Dec 24 (Pageant at 4 pm and Traditional UU one at 6:30 pm)—Both collect for CVUUS Discretionary Fund (in coordination with HOPE) and end with the lighting of candles and singing of Silent Night. No morning service. More on these and other Dec. services and activities in the December newsletter available in lobby and at cvuus.org.

We want to keep you safe. We'll resume locking our doors after worship begins with someone watching them & admitting latecomers and directing you to reserved seating in the back to minimize disrupting the service. See Alan Moore if interested.

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

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Worship Associate: Esther Charlestin

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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.