

Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

Flower Ceremony, Celebration of Membership June 1, 2025

** Congregation is invited to rise.*

***Gathering Song** #188 *Come, Come Whoever You Are*

Welcome

Julia Santerre

Land Acknowledgement

Chalice Lighting

Rev. Christina Sillari/Barnaby Feder

Within the heart of the flower, the fountain of beauty
Within the heart of the community, a fire of hope.
Within the heart of each of us, a spark of the spirit of life.
Holy, holy, holy.

Opening Words Reverend Norbert Capek

***Hymn** #8 *Mother Spirit, Father Spirit*

Ceremony and Recognition of New Members Mike Greenwood/Hannah Sessions

Pathways to Connection Julia Santerre

Music

Offering Abenaki Heritage Festival

Milestones & Passages

Silence

Flower Ceremony

Prayer *A Bouquet of People* written by Claire Feingold Thoryn

Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth*
from the Missa Gaia, Hymn by Folliot S. Pierpont, arr. Jim Scott

Reflection *Hope*

***Hymn** #346 *Come Sing a Song with Me*

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame, remembering always to keep Love at the center.

Closing Words **Postlude** *Angels' Voices* by Johann Burgmuller

Worship Co-Creators Today: Rev. Christina Sillari, Julia Santerre, Jennifer Cohen, Richard Hopkins, and the entire tech team.



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Pathways to Connection

Coming Up in June: Sun June 8 *Free to Be Me Worship* with Rev. Peter Newport (for Rev. Tricia while she recovers from knee surgery) followed by CVUUS Annual Meeting at 11:30 for recognitions and voting. Look for supporting documents at cvuus.org or request from the Office. Sun June 15 *Justice or Just Us? A Model of Community Ministry* with Tom Morgan; Sun Jun 22 *“Flip Flop” Worship* where we’ll start with social hour at 9:30 and join UUs all over the nation in watching the UUA General Assembly service at 11 am. Sun June 29 *Summer Worship Services* begin with guest MCMC’s Sadie Danforth Brightman (no Zoom or RE).

Rhubarb Festival Thanks for an amazing one. Buy and sample leftovers today!

Let’s Cook Together Charter House Meal Prep on 2nd Monday of the month 10 am and Wed following that 9:30 am. Ask about being reminded & signing up for this & Community Supper Cookies for 4th Friday of month by 2 pm (need 6 bakers to make 50 nut-free baked goods each).

All-Ages Game Night! Come the 3rd Friday of the month. Dinner at 6 pm. Email mike802vt@comcast.net so that we know how many expect.

Let’s Eat Together Come at noon on the 4th Tuesday of the month to the Eastview dining room so next on June 24. Visit with the many congregants living at Eastview. Bring your own lunch. Beverages provided.

Queerly Beloved, open to ANYONE in the LGBTQIA+ community, particularly those looking for addiction recovery support on Thursdays at 6 pm, Blue Room.

Woods and Wings Hiking Club Meets last Sunday of month at noon in Blue Room to fly thru a thought from Trish O’Kane’s book and connect as friends.

Gather, Middlebury’s drop-in living room seeks hosts, welcomes guests when it reopens mid-June at its new location on 76 Court St.

HOPE & Atria Lobby Cart Bring a non-perishable food to our lobby cart for HOPE & personal care items for Atria (formerly WomenSafe) anytime.

Staying in Touch: Complete a *Yellow Card* to share a milestone, put in the offering plate; fill out a *Pink Card* to reach the Caring Network; or a *Blue Sheet* if you’re new, so we can be in touch.

Want to receive a weekly update from CVUUS? Email office@cvuus.org.

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