

Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

"The function of freedom is to free someone else." Toni Morrison

Free to Be You & Me June 8, 2025

** Congregation is invited to rise.*

***Gathering Song** #1021 *Lean on Me*

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Ellen Flight

Chalice Lighting

Beacon of freedom held out to light the way
Light of reason illuminating the path
Spark of courage igniting our Spirits
Aglow with hope for all we endeavor to do together

Call to Worship

Rev. Peter Newport

Pathways to Connection

Music *Summertime* by George Gershwin Jennifer Cohen

Offering Sharing with *Abenaki Heritage Festival*

***Song** #402 *From You I Receive*

Milestones & Passages

Meditation

Anthem *Jazz Alleluia/Take Five* by Thomas Benjamin and Paul Desmond

Message *Free to Be You & Me* Rev. Peter Newport

***Hymn** #124 *Be That Guide*

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

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

Postlude *Summertime* by George Gershwin Addison Tate

Worship Co-Creators Today: Rev. Peter Newport, Ellen Flight, Julia Santerre, RE Coordinator, Jen Cohen Music Dir, Addison Tate for special music, Richard Hopkins and the rest of our Tech Team.

CVUUS Annual Meeting TODAY! Grab a snack & beverage & come back upstairs by 11:30 (promptly, please!) for reports, voting & recognitions. Only members vote, but anyone who attends may participate in discussion and ask questions.



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Pathways to Connection

Coming Up: 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 UUA General Assembly service at 11 am. Sun June 29 *Summer Worship Services* begin with MCMC’s Sadie Danforth Brightman (no Zoom or RE).

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).

Abenaki Heritage Festival, Jun 14-15, 11 am - 4 pm, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum in Vergennes. Hosted annually by Abenaki Artists Assoc, our June donee. Consider carpooling to it after social hour next Sunday.

Gather, Middlebury’s drop-in living room seeks hosts, welcomes guests Tues/Thurs/Sat 10-2. It reopens at 76 Court St with an **open house June 14**.

All-Ages Game Night! Come the 3rd Friday of the month (TAKING OFF FOR JUNE & resuming July 18. Dinner at 6 pm. Bring guests & games.

World Music Day Sing-a-Long, Sat June 21, 4:30 - 7 PM, Fellowship Hall.

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

CVUUS Parents Night Out, Sat June 28, 5 pm, Fellowship Hall & Fenn.

Woods & Wings Hike, Sun June 29, 12 PM at Mt Independence, Orwell.

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

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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