

Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

September Theme: Building Belonging

The Longing to Belong September 14, 2025

** Congregation is invited to rise*

***Gathering Song** #188 *Come, Come, Whoever You Are* Miles Zarathustra, Pianist

Land Acknowledgment

Welcome Liam Battjes Greenwood, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting *The Great Turning* by Lisa Garcia-Sampson
May we feel it in our bones, and in the stillness of this hour, may we sense it calling our name.

Opening Words *Dreaming the Dark: Magic, Sex & Politics* by Starhawk

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

Time for All Ages *The Parable of the Long Spoons* Julia Santerre, RE Coordinator

Singing the Children Out #118 *This Little Light of Mine*

Reading *Turning to One Another* by Margaret Wheatley

Pathways to Connection

Offering Sharing our plate with *Addison Allies*
Affirmed by the United Way of Addison County for work with
migrant workers and immigrants



Response #402 *From You I Receive*

Milestones and Passages

Contemplation/Silence *Eagle Poem* by Joy Harjo

Reflection *The Longing to Belong* Rev. Christina Sillari

***Song** #128 *For All That is Our Life*

Closing Words *What We Need Is Here* by Wendell Berry

Extinguishing the Chalice

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

Postlude *Climb Every Mountain* by Rodgers/Hammerstein

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Stay 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 stay in touch. Cards are found on a table in the foyer.

Stay for Social Hour in the Ann Ross Fellowship Hall! Find the sign up sheet to help with future ones. Put out what we have in our kitchen. Thanks helpers!

CVUUS loves kids! Spread the word about our 2025-26 Religious Exploration Program starting NEXT Sun Sept 21 when RE will host an **ice cream social** after worship. See our 2025-26 RE Program flyer in the lobby. Contact Julia Santerre at re@cvuus.org with interest or questions.

Your Minister Search Team invites you to complete their survey by NEXT Sun Sept 21 when they will lead the service & come Sat, Nov 8 for an in-person workshop, followed by a service on Sun, Nov 9. Keep an eye on the timeline in Fellowship Hall.

Let's Hike Together! New Photos & Friends Group led by Liam Battjes will gather on 2nd Sundays of month starting TODAY after worship. Come learn more how these aim to capture Native American moon cycles for slides. Head for Mt Philo today.

Interfaith Vigil for Peace, Justice & Compassion, THIS Fri Sept 19, 5:30 PM, Marbleworks Amphitheater with readings, silence & singing.

SUN Day, NEXT Sun Sept 21, 12-3 pm at Midd Town Green. Celebrate the progress we've made, including CVUUS' efforts to be a Green Sanctuary, & push for more. Make the sun rise on our clean energy future. See Jean T

CVUUS Fall Book Group on *Love in a F*cked Up World* by Dean Spade convenes Fellowship Hall & Zoom: Mon Sept 22 at 6, Wed Oct 15 at 7 & Fri Nov 14 at 5:30 for potluck then discussion. See Andrea Sambrook.

CVUUS Contra Dance, Sat Oct 4, 7 pm in our sanctuary called in a non-gendered fashion by Richard Hopkins with live music. Invite friends!

CROP Hunger Walk, Sun Oct 5, 12-3 pm, Midd Town Green. Faith group photos at gazebo at 12:30 then 2 mile walk thru town at 1. See Marnie.

Midd Pride Day Sat, Oct 11, 1-4, Midd Town Green with a pre-party for families at CVUUS at 11:30 AM to get ready for the parade starting at 1 from College Park to the green. Don't forget to wear your *Side with Love* t-shirt. See Mike or Liam Greenwood for more.

How would you like to belong at CVUUS? Come to our Activities Fair after worship Sun Oct 19 hosted by our Council of Ministries.