

Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

January Theme: *Practicing Resistance*

A Small Group Ministry Experience~ January 4, 2026

** Congregation is invited to rise.*

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

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Karl Lindholm

***Chalice Lighting** *The Flame of Love's Resistance*

Alan Moore

In a world that would divide us, we light this flame as a beacon of Love,
the power that holds us together.

We resist separation by practicing Interdependence, honoring our place in the web of life.

We resist injustice by seeking Justice, dismantling the systems of power that oppress.

We resist inequality through Equity, ensuring all have the tools and resources to flourish.

We resist greed with Generosity, sharing our spirits and resources in the service of repair.

We resist intolerance through Pluralism,
embracing our diverse identities with curiosity and respect.

And we resist the status quo through Transformation,

courageously changing ourselves and our world.

May this light guide our collective work of liberation.

Opening Words *Bearers of Hope and Resistance* by Michelle Collins

***Hymn** # 119 *Once to Every Soul and Nation*

Time for All Ages *Archetypes of Resistance* Dinah Smith

Pathways to Connection Marnie Wood

Offering Share with *Vermont Immigration Legal Defense Fund*
Music - *Arabesque*, by Ibert, played by Barry Cohen



***Response** *From You I Receive* #402 **Milestones and Passages**

Contemplation/Silence *Breathe* by Lynn Ungar Sue Rasmussen

Small Group Ministry Testimonial Ann Webster

Small Group Ministry Experience Rev. Christina Sillari and others

Hymn # 121 *We'll Build a Land*

Extinguishing the Chalice

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

Postlude *Le Piccadilly* by Satie, played by Barry Cohen

Stay for Social Hour in the Ann Ross Fellowship Hall! Then join us for a
Stewardship Brainstorming Session back up in the sanctuary.

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Pathways to Connection

Stay in Touch: Complete a **Yellow Card** to share a milestone and put in an 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. Cards are in the lobby.

Coming Up for January Worship (Theme: Practicing Resistance)

Jan 11, *40 Years at CVUUS* with our Founders

Jan 18, *MLK Jr and UUs* with Rev. Tricia Hart

followed by "Adult RE: Stories that Shape Us" discussion

Jan 25, *Caring for Neighbors* with Mary Hadley & Jason Duquette-Hoffman

Afternoon Groove Dance Party, Sun Jan 11, 1-2:30 with DJ Dougie. All people, all ages, all dance moves are welcome. Bring your family, a friend, a neighbor. Recharge for the week ahead. We're piloting this as a regular monthly event.

Death & Dying Look for materials to guide you at cvuus.org & two Adult RE options with Rev. Christina starting in Jan: ***A Personal Exploration of Death & Dying*** Tuesdays 3-5 pm in Fenn Chapel (Jan 13 & 20, Feb 3, 10 & 17, RSVP Rev Christina today if possible as a minimum of 10 participants is required to offer this) & ***Death Cafe Online*** 2nd Wed of month at 6 pm (Jan-May). See handouts.

Atria Clothing Swap, Sat Jan 10, 10-3, bring your donations to CVUUS on Friday.

All-Ages Game Night! Come 3rd Fridays of the month so next Jan 16. Potluck dinner at 6 pm (bring soup, sides, desserts); games at 7. Bring guests & games to try and swap. RSVP Greenwoods or Spohnheimers (helpful).

Contra Dance, Sun Jan 18, at 3 pm again with live music & called in non-gendered fashion by Richard Hopkins for all ages. Invite friends!

Gather, Middlebury's drop-in living room welcomes guests Tues/Thur/Fri /Sat 10-2 at 76 Court St. See Colleen Brown about hosting and Dinah Smith about offering lunch casseroles which are really needed for expanded hours.

CVUUS Charles Ave Community Cupboard is open Wed/Thurs/ Fri/Sun 9-5 for anyone to take what they need. Place donations in the food cart in our lobby. Please avoid canned goods in winter that can freeze. *Snacks, prepared rice packs & breakfast cereals are popular.* Seeking volunteers to open, stock & close the cupboard on Saturday. See Karen Cooper.

Social Justice Ministry See lobby info, cvuus.org & Mary Hadley.

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