

Champlain Valley

Unitarian Universalist Society

Water Communion: Riding the Waves Together

Land Acknowledgement Liam Battjes Greenwood

Welcome & Pathways to Connection Liam

Gathering Song *We Laugh, We Cry* (#354 Gray)

Call to Worship - Starhawk Rev. Christina

Chalice Lighting Katie Gelfand Rev. Christina

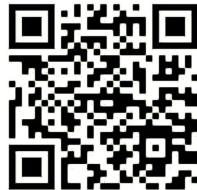
Time for All Ages Poppy Rees, Dir. of Religious Exploration

Water Communion Rev. Christina, Poppy, Ronnie

Song *Spirit of Life* (#123 Gray)

Offering

Our September donee is **ReSourceVT**. 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.



Offering Music Ronnie

Receiving the Offering *From You I Receive* (#402 Gray)

Milestones & Passages Rev. Christina

Prayer/Meditation Rev. Christina

Music *Ubi Caritas* (#1048 Teal)

Sermon/Reflection *Riding the Waves Together* Rev. Christina

Music *Turn the World Around* (#1074 Teal)
by Harry Belafonte and Robert Freedman, 1975

Closing Words Mary Oliver

Rev. Christina

Postlude

Ronnie & CVUUS House Band

Thank you! Thanks to Worship Associate Liam Battjes-Greenwood; our tech team: Abi Sessions, Richard Hopkins, Mike Small, Liam Battjes-Greenwood, and Rich Wolfson; Zoom social host Steve Butterfield; our Choir and House Band; our friendly ushers: Brett Millier and Bill Sessions; Jess Danyow for seasonal decorations and Marnie Wood for lower level table decorations; and all others who stepped up to help with social hour and other tasks today.

Standing on the Threshold of Our Future: Thanks so much to all those who have made a pledge of financial support for our next fiscal year. If you have yet to make your pledge, you can do so online at cvuus.org or ask for a printed form.

Next Sunday Sept 17 Worship—A Call Within: My Love Letter to Haiti —Led by Esther Charlestin reflecting on her ties as a Haitian American. We remember her wedding a year ago on Sept 24, 2022 at CVUUS featured amazing Haitian food.

CVUUS has PRIDE! Pride in our CVUUS LGBTQIA+ folks and the larger community. Everyone marching in the Pride Parade in Burlington this year needs to leave as soon as the service is over, to make it on time: Parade starts at 12:30 and **you should be at the starting place by 12:15!** Snacks and drinks for the trip up will be offered in the lobby.

Grab a copy of the September newsletter for words on and from **our new ministers**, as well as so much more. See their emails on back cover, in our directory & on our bulletin board.

FREE THINKER'S SPACE



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 7
- ~ Youth Group (Gr 8-12) - contact Poppy Rees (see below).

Stay Connected!

Weekly Blast (Wednesdays) provides links to our upcoming worship service, past services, and events and **Weekend Greeting (Fridays)** offers inspirational thoughts.

Contact Us: 2 Duane Court, Middlebury VT 05753

Phone: 802-388-8080; **Email:** office@cvuus.org

Facebook: CVUUSVT; **Web:** cvuus.org

Ministers: Rev. Christina Sallari, revchristina@cvuus.org

Rev. Tricia Hart, revtricia@cvuus.org

Office Manager: Laura Asermily, office@cvuus.org

Director of Religious Exploration: Poppy Rees, re@cvuus.org

Bookkeeper: Cara Mosier, fm@cvuus.org;

Music Director: Ronnie Romano, music@cvuus.org

Hearing Assistance: Headsets to amplify sound or for hearing the worship service audio while elsewhere in this building are available in the back of the Sanctuary by the sound system.



CHAMPLAIN VALLEY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

Water Communion: Riding the Waves Together

Led by Rev. Christina Sillari

September 10, 2023

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.

Pathways to *Healthy Connections*

Charter House Dinner Prep Team We make dinner for residents (25-40) **every SECOND Monday of month** so again **THIS Monday Sept 11**. CVUUS also provides nut-free **baked goods (300 cookies) for FOURTH Friday of month for community supper** at Congregational Church of Middlebury which is serving on site again & offering take out (5-5:30 pm). We look for 6 bakers to make 50 items each. See sign up link in Blast or Alan Moore.

Migrant Worker Solidarity Potluck Lunch and In-gathering, THIS Tues. Sept 12, 12 pm, Fellowship Hall: A number of CVUUS folks volunteer to support migrant workers, and others of you may be interested. Let's get together for a potluck lunch to nurture our connections. Come check in with friends, share updates, and connect around what each of us find meaningful in this social justice work. **RSVP Lise Anderson** Even if you can't make it! Note that the Mexican Consulate Visit this year is Sat. Oct 28, 9-3.

Come to **Addison Housing Rocks! Community Celebration & Benefit, Fri. Sept 15** (4-8 pm) on Middlebury Town Green with music from The Grift & Moira Smiley and food from Viva el Sabor and Full Belly. See John Barstow for more about the work of Addison County Community Trust which is hosting this.

Speaking of housing, please complete the ACRPC **housing survey** (see lobby bulletin board). Follow efforts to **alleviate the housing crisis** at cvuus.org/news & in Sept newsletter.

Affordable Housing for Addison Housing interfaith group will meet **THIS Mon. Sept 11, 7 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

Climate Engagement Opportunities Abound: consider the **March to End Fossil Fuels** NEXT Sun. Sept 17, 1-4 pm, NYC, **Finding Balance in Times of Darkness: An Equinox Lament & Celebration of Earth** Sat. Sept. 23, 1-4 pm at Rock Point Center

(Burlington) hosted by VT Interfaith Power and Light, and **Pizza & Power: Green & Just Electricity for VT**, Tues. Sept 26, 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall. Learn where VT's electricity actually comes from, why changes to current law and energy policies in VT are needed to be truly green and just, how this affects ratepayers, and how we can make sure— with your help!— that critical improvements are made this legislative session.

CVUUS hosts several Small Ministry and Affinity Groups to connect us which you can learn about cvuus.org/connection. We hope you'll find a home with one or two of them. Some are more structured while others are more casual like **Cingles for those age 60+** which meets for fellowship alternate Saturdays at 1 pm at Middlebury's Little Seed Coffee on Merchants Row and **Shiretown Walk and Talk** on College St which resumes on alternate Thursdays at 3:30 pm on Sept 14 with Liam Battjes Greenwood. Ask him for details.

Events in CVUUS space are scheduled through the Office. Our meeting spaces are well-ventilated and feature wifi access and gender-inclusive bathrooms. *Mary Johnson staff use our parking lot weekdays until 4 pm* when we do not have an event.

—**Al-Anon** for families and friends of alcoholics meets weekly on Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 pm, Fenn Chapel. Newcomers welcome.

—**Wellspring Singers (Hospice)** resume rehearsals in our sanctuary now on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of month at 5 pm (not Tuesdays) THIS Wed Sept 13. See Ronnie if interested.

—**Middlebury Community Chorus** begins rehearsing in our sanctuary on Sundays and Wednesdays at 7 pm starting TONIGHT Sept 10. See Ronnie if interested.

—**American Red Cross** returns to our sanctuary for blood drives THIS Thurs Sept 14 (12-4), Wed Oct 18, Fri Nov 24, Dec 27

—**Grief Group (Addison County Home Health and Hospice)** resumes in our Blue Room on Wednesdays at 3 pm starting Sept 20 for an 8 week series.