

Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

Forgiveness: The Ultimate Act of Generosity

Land Acknowledgment Ellen Flight, Worship Associate

Welcome & Pathways to Connection Ellen

Gathering Song *Here We Have Gathered* (#360 Gray)

Honoring Veterans Wren Bellavance-Grace Rev. Christina

Chalice Lighting Reinhold Niebuhr

Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime,
Therefore, we are saved by hope.

Nothing true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in
any immediate context of history;
Therefore, we are saved by faith.

Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone.
Therefore, we are saved by love.

No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our
friend or foe as from our own;

Therefore, we are saved by the final form of love which is
forgiveness.

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

Singing the Kids Out *Peace, Salaam, Shalom*

Offering

Our October donee is **Gedakina**. 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 Romano

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

Milestones & Passages Rev. Christina

Silent Reflection Rev. Christina

Choir Anthem *Adinu* Ronnie & CVUUS Choir

Sermon/Reflection

Forgiveness: The Ultimate Act of Generosity Rev. Christina

Song *Break Not the Circle* (#323 Gray)

Closing words by Mark Nepo Rev. Christina

Postlude Ronnie

Thank you! Thanks to Worship Associate Ellen Flight; Tech Team Abi Sessions, Liam Battjes-Greenwood, Karl Lindholm, and Rich Wolfson; Zoom social host Steve Butterfield; our greeters Brett Millier and Susie Patterson; Alice Berninghausen for seasonal decorations; and all others who stepped up to help today.

Radical Love Exchange Lunch: Join us for a specially provided lunch whether or not you have participated in the Radical Love Exchange. Today we will take final bids on silent auction items and announce the winners of the many other wonderful offerings that have been on display in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to those who made a financial offering which we still welcome and you can do today, specifying this on your check, or online. Deep thanks to Mike & Liam Greenwood and Mary Hadley for coordinating the exchange and all who assisted with set up and lunch. May you enjoy the rich fellowship of all this.

Social Hour: Let Alan Moore know if your ministry team or small group would like to take a turn covering this. Find sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

COVID Rapid tests are available free again (4 per household)
Donate your unused ones to us. See Blast for links & more.

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.

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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

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Worship Leader: Rev. Christina Sillari

Worship Associate: Ellen Flight

November 12, 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*

Lost and Found/Office Supplies: We have a growing collection in our coat rack area. Unclaimed ones go to consignment stores.

Care for Parking: Thanks for the ways that you care for one another by allowing those with mobility challenges or infants to have spaces in the parking lot. We are grateful that some folks carpool or share rides with those who don't drive, and we know that some people choose to walk or ride bikes. However you choose to travel, may you arrive safely, and with awareness of those around you. Parking will be tight these next days with MANY overlapping groups so try to anticipate this and carpool or park offsite if needed.

Care for Floors: Thanks for remembering to use our mats and shoe trays to protect our beautiful sanctuary floor from mud, grit, and sticky ice melt. Stay home if not feeling well or roads are unsafe.

Care for Air: Thanks for running our great ventilation systems while in our buildings. Turn on air purifiers in smaller spaces and the mechanic ventilation system in larger ones.

CVUUS Writers' Group: Mon., Nov 13, 3 PM, Fenn Chapel.

West African Dance Class: Mon., Nov 13, 5:15 PM, CVUUS Sanctuary. See Blast for details.

CVUUS Thanksgiving Dinner, Thur. Nov 23, Fellowship Hall
Arrive anytime, but gather for drinks and hors d'oeuvres at 1 pm. Dinner at 2 pm. Dancing follows. We'll have live music (Red Dog Riley) and a caller to teach dances! Sign up during Social Hour to bring side dishes and desserts.

Let's Eat Together, Tues. Nov. 28, Noon, Eastview. Bring your own lunch. All ages welcome. (Meets 4th Tuesday of each month.)

Charter House Meal Prep Expands: Alan Moore reports that we'll provide the usual 2nd Monday of the month dinner meal so again on this Monday for 20-30 guests (roasted chicken and vegetables, broccoli, salad and dessert). CVUUS will *begin again with in-service lunch at Charter House on the Wednesday following dinner prep* so this Wednesday. Michele Lowy will coordinate this. It will be a bit different than before - only 4 servers, and will serve from the kitchen. Thanks to Tom Morgan for facilitating this. It will allow some of us to connect more directly with the people we serve. We will also continue providing cookies/bars for Community Supper on the 4th Friday of the month so again on Nov 24th right after Thanksgiving. This will challenge us to come up with the 300 desserts that are needed. With our increased volunteer/meal efforts starting this month, and with the upcoming holiday season, we will need some extra effort from all of our dedicated volunteers and new ones as your time permits. Not only is it a busy time for us, but a difficult time for those who we are serving. See Alan Moore.

Events in CVUUS space are scheduled through the Office. Our meeting spaces are well-ventilated and feature wifi access and gender-inclusive bathrooms. *See our online calendar at cvuus.org for availability.* --**Al-Anon** for families and friends of alcoholics meets weekly on Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 pm in Fenn Chapel – please respect their anonymity needs. --**PEO (Philanthropic Education Organization)** meets monthly on 3rd Thursdays at 3:30 pm in Fenn Chapel. CVUUS contact is Anne Christie. --**Opera Company of Middlebury** for auditions Sun Nov 26 and a Youth Concert on Sun Dec 3 in our sanctuary.