

## Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

### *New Beginnings*

**Preservice Music** Kate Gridley

**Land Acknowledgment** Becky Strum, Worship Associate

**Welcome** Becky

**Gathering Song #1007** *There's a River Flowin'*

**Call to Worship** Tom Morgan

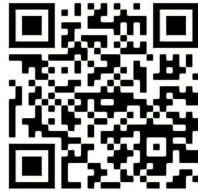
**Chalice Lighting** by Charles A. Howe Becky

**Time for All Ages** Poppy Rees, Dir. of Religious Exploration  
and Bobbi Loney

**Singing the Kids Out** *Peace, Salaam, Shalom*

### **Offering**

Our donee this week is the UUA's **Church of the Larger Fellowship**. 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** Kate

**Receiving the Offering** *From You I Receive* #302

**Milestones & Passages** Becky

**Time for Reflection** Tom

**Music** Kate

**Reading** *For a New Beginning* – John O'Donohue Becky

**Sermon** *New Beginnings* Tom

**Hymn #58** *Ring Out Wild Bells*

**Pathways to Connection** Tom

**Benediction** Tom

**Postlude** Kate

**Thank you!** Thanks to Tom Morgan for covering for Rev. Tricia who developed COVID this week; Worship Associate Becky Strum; Music leader Kate Gridley; Tech team Mary Hadley, Richard Hopkins, Karl Lindholm, and Rich Wolfson; Zoom social host Steve Butterfield; Flower Buds for beautiful seasonal decorations; Board members Kerri Duquette-Hoffman and Hannah Sessions for greeting; Facilities for help with social hour; and all others who stepped up to help today.

### **Death & Dying Explored in January**

*Caring Network, with Rev. Christina, invites you & the public*

**Final Gifts: What Can You Do for Those You Love Before We Go**  
*Wed. Jan 10, 1 PM, Fellowship Hall* The panel will include knowledgeable people covering issues such as simplifying the stuff in your life, getting important paperwork in place, information about Hospice & green burials, and Death with Dignity. Time for questions & answers after each presentation. Drinks and snacks will be provided, but no child care.

**Community Remembrance Ceremony** *Fri. Jan 12, 7 PM, Sanctuary* Come join Rev. Christina and leaders of CVUUS for a contemplative service of honoring and remembering loved ones we have lost. Through photos, naming, music, candle lighting, and silence we will honor family, friends and loved ones who have died. All are welcome. Bring photos of those you wish to remember.  
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**Worship Service: Practicing Death** *Sun. Jan 14, 10 AM,*  
*Sanctuary* We know that there's one thing we can count on in this life: that it will end! How can we prepare for this, and know that we're not alone in the journey? Through looking at religious and cultural perceptions of death and our personal relationship with death we will explore what it means to practice dying so we can truly live. We'll also commemorate Rev Martin Luther King Jr. Led by Rev. Christina with Abi Sessions.

***Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O'Connell's Urgent Mission to Bring Healing to Homeless People*** **Book Group convenes in Jan!** Tells the powerful story of an inspiring doctor who made a difference, by helping to create a program to care for Boston's homeless community—by the Pulitzer Prize-winning, *New York Times* bestselling author Tracy Kidder. The book group (open to CVUUS and the public) begins in Fellowship Hall & zoom at 7 pm on Jan 24 and continues on Jan 31 and Feb 7 facilitated by Ellen Flight, Tom Morgan & Mike Greenwood.

**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 8

**Stay Connected! Weekly Blast (Wednesdays)** provides links to our upcoming worship service, past services, and events.

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Tom Morgan with Becky Strum

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*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.*