

**Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society**  
*The Politics of Time*

**Welcome and Calling In Song** Vermont Abenaki Artists Assoc.  
and the Elnu Abenaki Singers

**Greeting Each Other** this first quarter of the Alamikos Moon  
During this moon, the Abenaki invite us to greet others saying,  
“If there is anything I’ve done to offend you, forgive me.”

**Land Acknowledgment** Liam Battjes-Greenwood, Worship  
Associate

**Gathering Song** *This Land Is Your Land*

**Opening Words** “Do Not Let Your Hearts be Troubled”  
Vera Longtoe Sheehan, reading from Jesse Bruchac

**Chalice Lighting** Liam

**Time for All Ages** *Creation Story* Vera

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

**Offering**

Our donee this week is the **DRUUMM** (Diverse  
Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministry).  
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* #302

**Milestones & Passages** Liam and Vera

**Time of Contemplation** Vera

**Music Response** *Building Bridges* #1023 with CVUUS Choir

**Reading** *Introduction to A Year of Moons* by Joseph Bruchac  
read by Liam

**Message** *The Politics of Time* Vera

**Music** *When We are Gathered* # 359 (Gray)

**Closing Words** Vera

**Pathways to Connection** Vera

Please read the program for announcements for CVUUS,  
as Vera shares pathways for CVUUS to connect with Abenaki.

1. Abenaki Trails can be found on social media,
2. Virtual events with the Abenaki Arts & Education Center,
3. Heritage Weekend with Abenaki Arts Council.

**Postlude** Ronnie

**Thank you!** Thanks to Worship Associate Liam Battjes-  
Greenwood, Tech team Margy Levine, Richard Hopkins, and  
Rebecca Strum; Zoom social host Steve Butterfield; Flower Buds  
for beautiful seasonal decorations; our CVUUS Choir for help  
with social hour; ushers Rebecca Burton and Mike Small and all  
others who stepped up to help today.

**Thank you** to Vera Longtoe Sheehan (they/them) for leading our  
service today. Vera is a lecturer on Abenaki culture at  
Middlebury College during this J-term, and the leader of two  
organizations: The Abenaki Artists Council (at the Vergennes  
Maritime Museum) and Abenaki Arts & Education Center.

**Following the Service, next Sunday, January 28 at 11:30 am:**

Our long time member, Seth Gibson, will be sharing his many  
journeys with the Cree People and his deep friendships. He will  
be presenting downstairs and showing slides, so grab a cup of  
coffee and plate of goodies, and join this journey with the Cree.

**Next Steps:** Stay from 12-1 to attend the presentation from Stewardship for Us consultant, **Mark Ewert**, and hear a summary of information from the week's meetings.

**Climate action [Just Transition](#) march and rally** organized by **350VT on Sat Jan 27, 1-3 pm** titled Vermonters Together: Building a Better Future to which our Climate Engagement Team hopes many will carpool and attend. See blast for links.

***Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O'Connell's Urgent Mission to Bring Healing to Homeless People* Book Group convenes in January!**

Tells the powerful story of an inspiring doctor who made a difference 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, 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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### **The Politics of Time**

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Worship Associate: Liam Battjes-Greenwood

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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.*