

## ***Our Neighbors Are Not Our Enemies***

**Calling In Song** *Blessed Be* - Melanie DeMore CVUUS choir

**Land Acknowledgment** Liam Battjes, Worship Associate  
*Honoring Our First Neighbors and Undoing Coloniality*

**Welcome to CVUUS** *And Happy New Year?*

**Opening Words** *Orders* by Bruce Cockburn Elio Farley & Liam

**Chalice Lighting** *Co-Sensing with Radical Tenderness*  
by Dani d'Emilia, Vanessa Andreotti, & the GTDF Collective  
(Gesturing Towards Decolonial Futures)

We light this chalice to open our sense of wonder, and  
push us beyond our systems of meaning and knowing.

We light this flame to open our ears to lovingly listen, and to  
open our minds to what we can't and may not understand.

We light this flame to remind us to be open to all others, and  
co-sense with radical tenderness that an old world is dying  
even as something new is being born beyond our control.

**\*Song** *There Is More Love Somewhere* # 95

**Time for All Ages** Poppy Rees  
Director of Religious Exploration

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

**Introducing the Offering**

**Offering**

Our donee this month is **Atria Collective**  
(formerly WomenSafe). Undesignated gifts  
will be split between this work of caring for neighbors going  
thru fragile times, and the ministries of CVUUS. Checks can be  
written to CVUUS or use the QR code to donate online.



**Offering Music** *You Are Not Alone* by Mavis Staples Aída O'Brien

**\*Receiving the Offering** *From You I Receive* #402

**Milestones & Passages**

**Time for Contemplation** *Moving Beyond Our Bubble*

**Musical Reflection** *Step Into the Picture* by Jennie Stearns

**Reading** *Brother* by Brilliance

**Message** *Our Neighbors Are Not Our Enemies* Elio

**\*Song** *If I Had a Hammer* by Pete Seeger & Lee Hays

**Pathways to Connection**

**Closing Words**

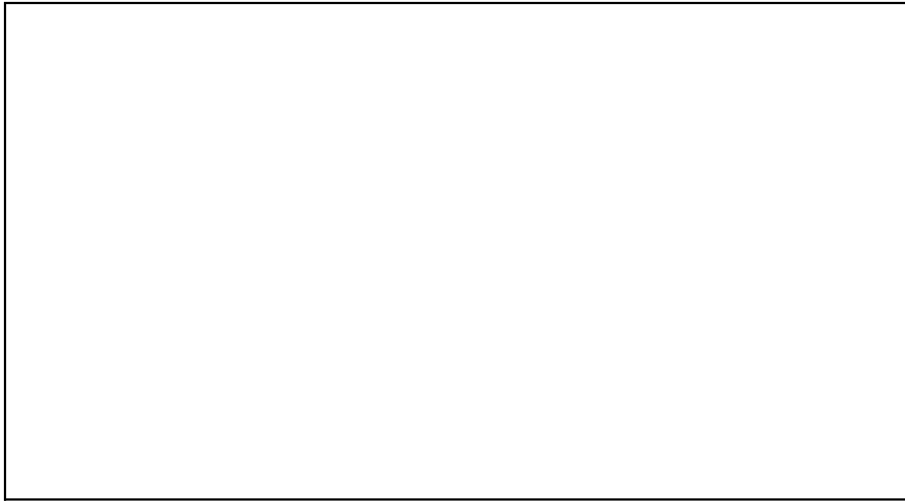
**Postlude** *Revolution* by Donna the Buffalo

**Thank you!** Thank you to our special guest, Elio Farley –  
Middlebury College Senior, Social Activist extraordinaire, and  
thoughtful and animated part of CVUUS; and to Aída O'Brien,  
Middlebury College graduate now living in Brooklyn, for sharing  
her musical creativity. Thank you to Liam Battjes, Worship  
Associate, Tech Team Dorothy Mammen, Samantha Smith and  
Steve Butterfield; Flower Buds for our lovely decor; our Choir  
and Ronnie Romano for music; the hosts of social hour; and our  
friendly greeters & ushers!

**Be a Peacemaker While Working for Justice!** De-escalation  
Training with local organizer Kenzie will be held in the sanctuary  
at 11:30 after social hour. How do we keep each other safe,  
particularly in tense political moments? De-escalation is based  
on consent and abolitionist principles. Become a certified  
member of the Vermont Safety Team and be a valuable part of  
social action.

*\*The congregation is invited to rise in body or spirit*

## 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 8.

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

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