

# Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

January 19, 2025 **Called to Serve**

*\* Congregation is invited to rise.*

**\*Gathering Song**      *Come, Sing a Song with Me*      #246 (v.1,2 & 4)

**Welcome**      Abi Sessions

## Chalice Lighting

*May the light we now kindle inspire us to use our powers  
to heal and not to harm, to help and not to hinder,  
to bless and not to curse, and to serve one another.*

**Opening Words**      Rev. Mara Dowdall

**\*Song**      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      #126

**Time for All Ages**      Rev. Mara Dowdall

**\*Singing the Kids Out**      *This Little Light of Mine*      #118

## Pathways to Connection

**Offering**      *Sharing with NAACP Rutland Chapter*

**\*Song**      *From You I Receive*      #402



## Milestones and Passages

**Meditation**      Adapted from *Meditation on Hands* by Rev. Christine Robinson

## Choral Music

**Reading**      *Always Go to the Funeral* by Deirdre Sullivan

**Reflection**      *Called to Serve*      Rev. Mara Dowdall

**\*Song**      *Love Will Guide Us*      #131

## Extinguishing the Chalice

*We extinguish this flame, remembering always to keep Love at the center.*

**Closing Words**      Rev. Mara Dowdall

**Co-Creators of Worship Today:** Thanks to all those who contributed in these roles: worship planning, technology support, sidewalk safety, room comfort, greeting, ushering, floral decor, social hour preparation, social hour cleanup. If you wish to join in co-creating the worship experience, speak to anyone involved in these roles. Stay for a congregational conversation to understand and provide input on our budgetary process (underway).

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## Pathways to Connection

Complete a **Yellow Card** before worship to share your joys or concerns, place it in the offering basket to be shared. Fill out a **Pink Card** if you'd like Caring Network's help and a **Blue Sheet** if you're visiting so we can be in touch.

**Help Over Hate MLK Jr Weekend Opportunities:** Gather for *Gather*, Middlebury's drop-in living room. Make meals after worship or clean at *Gather* Monday 1-4 following the vigil 12-1 at Midd Town Green. More at [cvuus.org](http://cvuus.org) on this, and MANY ways to help inside and beyond our walls.

**Let's Eat Together** Come noon on 4th Tuesday of month to Eastview dining room. Visit with many congregants living there. Bring your own lunch. Beverages provided.

**All-Ages Game Night!** Third Friday of the month. Dinner at 6 pm. Email [mike802vt@comcast.net](mailto:mike802vt@comcast.net) so we know how many to expect.

**All-Ages Non-Gendered Contra Dance!** Come Valentine's Day weekend Sat. Feb 15, 7 pm to our next one led by Richard Hopkins to live music.

**Queerly Beloved**, a support group for LGBTQIA+ people of our community, meets Thursdays at 6 pm in the Blue Room. Spread the word!

**Foster Family Circles** starts NEXT Sunday January 26 at 1-3 pm and aims to meet once or twice a month. Seeking volunteers to be with kids on lower level while providers meet on the main level of our sanctuary. See [cvuus.org](http://cvuus.org) & Tom Morgan for more.

**Migrant Worker Solidarity Opportunities** can be found under "news" at [cvuus.org](http://cvuus.org). Help Addison Allies, Open Door Clinic, Migrant Justice with driving, translating, English speaking practice, household goods collection and transporting, "Know Your Rights" readiness.

**Budgetary Congregational Conversation** While the CVUUS annual budget for 2025-26 is not finalized, the Finance Team does have a draft which we would like to share with you. We will also put it in the context of the past few budgets so that you can better evaluate changes and trends. **All are welcome to join this conversation after Worship today** to ask questions, provide input and gain a better understanding of the upcoming budget.

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