



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTPELIER

January 17, 2021, 10AM Eastern
Unitarian Church of Montpelier
A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

“Another World is Possible”

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. imagined a world beyond the injustices of his day. He and many other prophetic leaders proclaimed futures that seemed impossible. Today, as we continue to grapple with racial injustice and white supremacy, we draw upon our prophetic imaginations to envision and make real a world rooted in love and liberation.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91253504912?pwd=NkVOVWVaOGtqbVJsOHZ0bTBtUnRaUT09>

Or Dial (929) 436-2866 and enter Meeting ID: 912 5350 4912, Passcode: 37861.

The Online Zoom Sanctuary will open at 9:45AM for viewing announcements and sharing greetings in the chat.

Gathering Song Nada Te Turbe, No. 1013
Kellie Walker Hart with Verdis L. Robinson

Welcome Shalini Suryanarayana

Prelude Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Words & Music: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993
Eliza Thomas, piano

Call to Worship Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Opening Song I Know I Can, No. 1015, Words: Dennis Hamilton, born 1944, Music: Jeannie Gagne, born 1960, Arr. Mark Freundt, born 1966.

Kellie Walker Hart

1. Though days be dark with storms
And burdens weigh my heart
Though troubles wait at ev'-ry turn,
I know (I know) I can (I can) go on.

2. When sorrow heals my soul
And burdens make me strong,
Though troubles wait at ev'-ry turn,
I know (I know) I can (I can) go on.

3. My sibling in my heart,
My kindred in my song,
Though troubles wait at ev'-ry turn,
I know (I know) I can (I can) go on.

4. And though the journey is long,
The destination in near,
Though troubles wait at ev'-ry turn,
I know (I know) I can (I can) go on.

5. So kindred take my hand
And siblings sing my song,
Though troubles wait at ev'-ry turn,
I know (I know) I can (I can) go on.

Chalice Lighting Vic Guadagno, Hugo Liepmann, Sue Stukey, and
Meredith Warner (UCM Board Members)

Musical Interlude Marchenbilder, no. 4, by Robert Schumann
Eliza Thomas, piano & Liz Reid, viola

Time of Meditation and Prayer

Candles of Joy and Concern Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Words of Meditation Verdis L. Robinson

Silence

Sung Response Spirit of Life No. 123

Kellie Walker Hart

Words and music by Carolyn McDade, born 1935

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Reading

Selection from "I Have a Dream" speech by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sermon Another World is Possible

Rev. Joan Javier-Duval and Verdis L. Robinson

Song Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield, No. 162

African American Spiritual

Verdis L. Robinson

1. Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, gonna study war no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.

2. Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside, gonna study war no more.

Chorus

3. Gonna shake hands around the world, ev'rywhere I roam, ev'rywhere I roam, ev'rywhere I roam.

Gonna shake hands around the world, ev'rywhere I roam, gonna study war no more.

Chorus

Migrant Justice Testimonial

Invitation to Generosity Shalini Suryanarayana

The Community Pouch recipients during the month of January are the Vermont Freedom Fund and Migrant Justice.

UCM Online Giving: <https://ucmvt.breezechms.com/give/online>

Unison Mission Statement and Chalice Extinguishing

Shalini Suryanarayana

*We welcome all
as we build a loving community,
to nurture each person's spiritual journey,
serve human need,
and protect the Earth, our home.*

Announcements Elaine Ball

Closing Words selection from "V'ahavta" by Aurora Levins Morales

<http://www.auroralevinsmorales.com/blog/vahavta>

Postlude King for a Day

Words & Music: Jason Shelton

Produced by Sarah Jebian, Audio Engineering by Glenn Fink & Video Engineering by Izzy Hyman

Stay on the Zoom meeting to join us for Coffee Hour
immediately following the service.