



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTPELIER

January 24, 2021, 10AM Eastern
Unitarian Church of Montpelier
A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

“See To It”

The science fiction writer, Octavia Butler, once wrote a note to herself with the lines, “So be it! See to it!” She and other science fiction writers draw on the power of imagination to create new worlds and new visions. We, too, draw on our imaginations to creatively shape the world around us and our own lives. What does it take to bring the change we imagine into reality?

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.

Welcome Verdis L. Robinson

Prelude Selection from Visions Fugitives, by Prokofiev
Eliza Thomas, piano

Call to Worship Rev. Joan Javier-Duval
Inspired by words from Angela Oguntala

Opening Song Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, No. 126
Kellie Walker Hart

Words: V.1, Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, adapted,
Vs. 2-3, Eugene B. Navias, born 1928.

Music: John Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

1. Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune our hearts to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of life's perfection fills our hearts with joy and love,
Teach us ever to be faithful, may we still thy goodness prove.

2. Come, thou fount of ev'ry vision, lift our eyes to what may come.
See the lion and the young lamb dwell together in thy home.
Hear the cries of war fall silent, feel our love glow like the sun.
When we all serve one another, then our heaven is begun.

3. Come, thou fount of inspiration, turn our lives to higher ways.
Lift our gloom and desperation, show the promise of this day.
Help us bind ourselves in union, help our hands tell of our love.
With thine aid, O fount of justice, earth be fair as heav'n above.
Earth be fair as, earth be fair as, earth be fair as heav'n above.

Chalice Lighting and Affirmation Verdis L. Robinson

Adapted from L. Griswold Williams

*Love is the doctrine of this church,
the quest for truth is its sacrament,
and service is its prayer.*

*To dwell together in peace,
to seek knowledge in freedom,
to serve human need,*

To the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the divine.

Thus do we covenant.

Time for All Ages Amanda Gorman: Passion and Perseverance Liza Earle-Centers

Musical Interlude Prayer of St. Francis

Paula Gills, guitar and vocals

Time of Meditation and Prayer Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Sung Response Spirit of Life, No. 123 UCM Choir

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.

Sermon See To It Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Song No. 168, One More Step

Words & Music: Joyce Poley, born 1941

Harmony by Grace Lewis-McLaren, born 1939.

Paula Gills

1. One more step, we will take one more step,
'til there is peace for us and everyone,
we'll take one more step.
2. One more word, we will say one more word,
'til every word is heard by everyone,
we'll say one more word.
3. One more prayer, we will say one more prayer,
'til every prayer is shared by everyone,
we'll say one more prayer.
4. One more song, we will sing one more song,
'till every song is sung by everyone,
we'll sing one more song.

Invitation to Generosity Verdis L. Robinson

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

Verdis L. Robinson

*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 We hold worlds inside us, adrienne maree brown
Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Postlude Hope Lingers On

Composed by Lissa Schneckenburger and arranged by Andrea Ramsey
Boston Children's Chorus (in collaboration with Artists for Humanity)

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