



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTPELIER

January 3, 2021, 10AM Eastern
Unitarian Church of Montpelier
A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

“Can You Imagine”

Worship and Arts Committee

As we explore the theme of Imagination in the month of January, UCM congregants will share what sparks their creative imagination. As we enter into a new year, what can you imagine?

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 Sarah Franklin

Prelude Rondeau from Partita in C minor by J. S. Bach
Eliza Thomas, Piano

Opening Words Liz Benjamin

Opening Song Gather the Spirit, Words and Music by Jim Scott
Kellie Walker Hart and the UCM Congregation

*Gather the spirit, harvest the power.
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.
Witness the mystery of this hour.
Our trials in this light appear all the same.*

(Chorus)

*Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.*

*Gather the spirit of heart and mind.
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,
with body and spirit united once more.*

(Chorus)

*Gather the spirit growing in all,
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,
the chorus of life resounding as one.*

(Chorus)

Chalice Lighting and Unison Affirmation Verdis L. Robinson

*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.*

Imagination for All Ages Beth Damon

Musical Interlude Gymnopedie No. 1 by Erik Satie
Eliza Thomas, piano

Time of Meditation and Prayer

Joys and Concerns Verdis L. Robinson

Prayer Verdis L. Robinson

Quiet Meditation Verdis L. Robinson

Sung Response Spirit of Life No. 123, Words and music by
Carolyn McDade, born 1935

Kellie Walker Hart, UCM Choir, and Eliza Thomas

*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.*

Prose/Poetry Sharing Sarah Franklin
Eliza Thomas
Kristin Glaser
Liz Benjamin

Song Come and Go With Me (African American Spiritual)
Kellie Walker Hart and UCM Congregation

*Come and go with me to that land, come and go with me
to that land, come and go with me to that land where I'm bound.
(2X)*

2. There' be freedom in that land...where I'm bound

3. There'll be justice in that land...

4. There'll be singin' in that land...

Invitation to Generosity Verdis L. Robinson
Community Pouch recipients are Migrant Justice & Vermont Freedom
Fund.

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

Unison Mission Statement and Chalice Extinguishing

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*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

Benediction Verdis L. Robinson

Postlude Fantasie, by Pachelbel
Eliza Thomas, piano

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