



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTPELIER

November 1, 2020, 10AM Eastern
Unitarian Church of Montpelier
A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

“Good Medicine: Ancestor Stories and Songs”

Those who have come before us offered story and song as healing balms in difficult times. Let us draw upon this healing wisdom of the ancestors as we move through Election Day and into the days ahead.

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 Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Prelude Of Foreign Lands and People by Robert Schumann
Eliza Thomas, piano

Call to Worship Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Song Shall We Gather at the River, No. 1046 Words & Music: Robert Lowry
Vocals: Beth Damon, Bronwyn Fryer, Kellie Walker Hart and Verdis L. Robinson

*1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,*

gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2. *On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

3. *Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down.
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and a crown.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

4. *Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

Calling Forth the Ancestors and Chalice Lighting Verdis L. Robinson

Musical Interlude We Are...

Words and music by Dr. Ysaÿe Barnwell. Performed by Dr. Ysaÿe Barnwell and the UUA General Assembly 2020 virtual choir. Produced and Directed by Benjie Messer.

Time of Meditation and Prayer

Spoken Joys and Concerns Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Prayer Verdis L. Robinson and Liza Earle-Centers

Quiet Meditation

Sung Response Spirit of Life #123 Liza Earle-Centers and 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.

Reflections Good Medicine: Ancestor Stories and Songs
Rev. Joan Javier-Duval, Kellie Walker Hart, Liza Earle-Centers and
Verdis L. Robinson

Song Come and Go With Me No. 1018
Kellie Walker Hart and Eliza Thomas, piano

*1. 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.
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.*

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

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

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

Invitation to Generosity Rev. Joan Javier-Duval
UCM Online Giving: <https://ucmvt.breezechms.com/give/online>

Unison Mission Statement and Chalice Extinguishing

*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 It is that Time and Place by Qiyamah Rahman
Verdis L. Robinson

Postlude Mendelssohn Opus 38 No. 6
Eliza Thomas, piano

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