



# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTPELIER

**February 7, 2021, 10AM Eastern**  
**Unitarian Church of Montpelier**  
A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

## **“Reparations and Beloved Community”**

*The creation of a "Beloved Community" is a dream that most all of us want to see realized. But, what do we do when a group within that community has been harmed? How do we address harm and repair relationships so that the community can be made whole?*

### **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** Liza Earle-Centers

**Prelude** Eliza Thomas, piano

**Opening Words** Rev. Joan Javier-Duval  
One Love, by Hope Johnson

**Opening Song** Come, Come Whoever You Are No. 188  
Sung by the Oakland Chancel Choir, Video produced by the Church of the Larger Fellowship.  
Words: Adapted from Rumi, 1207-1273. Music: Lynn Adair Ungar, born 1963

Come, come, whoever you are,  
Wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.  
Ours is no caravan of despair.  
Come, yet again come

## **Chalice Lighting and Congregational Covenant** Denise Bailey

*We are the Unitarian Church of Montpelier. We are bound together by Love within this safe and nurturing community. We gather as we are and as we aspire to be. We accept some discomfort to stretch beyond past boundaries and habits.*

We covenant to:

- *speak honestly and listen deeply to each other and the voice within,*
- *treat each other with compassion and honor our differences,*
- *take responsibility for the impact our words, actions, and inactions have on each other,*
- *support each other in times of need and of grief, and celebrate the beauty and joy in our lives,*
- *honor the gifts of the past and be gentle with each other as we grow,*
- *encourage each other in the brave work of creating a more Beloved Community and a healthy, sustainable world,*
- *and, forgive each other and start again.*

### **Musical Interlude** Rebuilding Starts with Weeping

Vocals by Kellie Walker Hart, Cecile Sherburn, Verdis L. Robsinson, & Tamara Marteney. Organ by Eliza Thomas; Mixing by Kellie Walker Hart

New words by Amanda Udis-Kessler, 2020

Music: Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612), harmony by J.S. Bach, the Passion Chorale

### **Time of Meditation and Prayer** Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

#### **Spoken Joys and Concerns**

#### **Quiet Meditation**

#### **Sung Response** Spirit of Life, No. 123

Kellie Walker Hart and Eliza Thomas

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** [Belinda's Petition](#) Rita Dove

"Belinda's Petition" from *The Yellow House on the Corner*, Carnegie-Mellon University Press, Pittsburgh, PA. © 1980 by Rita Dove

**Sermon** Reparations and Beloved Community Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

**Song** Love Will Guide Us, No. 131 UCM Choir Summer 2020

Piano by Eliza Thomas, mixing by Victor Guadagno

Words: Sally Rogers. Music: Traditional. C. 1985 Sally Rogers,  
Thrushwood Press Publishing. Arr. by Betty A Wylder, born 1923.

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1. Love will guide us, peace has tried us,  
Hope inside us will lead the way  
On the road from greed to giving,  
Love will guide us through the hard night.

2. If you cannot sing like angels,  
If you cannot speak before thousands,  
You can give from deep within you.  
You can change the world with your love.

3. Same as verse 1

**Invitation to Generosity** Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

The Community Pouch recipients during the month of February is Central Vermont Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ).

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

**Unison Mission Statement and Chalice Extinguishing**

Liza Earle-Centers

*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** Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

**Postlude** Eliza Thomas, piano

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