



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTPELIER

February 28, 2021, 10AM Eastern
Unitarian Church of Montpelier
A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

“Reciprocity in All Relations”

Nature shows us that, in the words of Robin Wall Kimmerer, "All flourishing is mutual." How can we build the foundations of mutuality and reciprocity into our care of one another and our planet?

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91253504912?pwd=NkVOVWVaOGtqbVJsOHZObTBTUnRaUT09>

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.

Land Acknowledgment and Welcome Ginny Sassaman

Prelude In My Native Land, by Edvard Grieg
Eliza Thomas, piano

Opening Words Rev. Joan Javier-Duval
The interdependent cosmic web, Lifting Our Voices no. 128,
William Schulz

Opening Song Kellie Walker Hart
The Earth, Water, Fire, Air, No. 387, Words & music: Anonymous
The earth, the water, the fire, the air, return, return, return,
return. (repeated several times)

Chalice Lighting and Affirmation Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

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.*

Story for All Ages Ginny Sassaman

Gifts from the Forest

Musical Interlude [Keepers of the Earth](#)

Words & Music by Joyce Poley, used with permission.

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.

Readings Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Selection from *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

“[cutting greens](#)” by Lucille Clifton

Sermon Reciprocity in All Relations Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Song For the Earth Forever Turning, No. 163 Kellie Walker Hart
Words & Music: Kim Oler

1. For the earth forever turning; for the skies, for ev'ry sea; for our lives, for all we cherish, sing we our joyful song of peace.
2. For the mountains, hills, and pastures in their silent majesty; for the stars, for all the heavens, sing we our joyful song of peace.
3. For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the seasons' harmony, for our lives, for all creation, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.
4. For the world we raise our voices, for the home that gives us birth; in our joy we sing returning home to our bluegreen hills of earth.

Invitation to Generosity Ginny Sassaman

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

Ginny Sassaman

*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

A new respect, Lifting Our Voices No. 134, Vaclav Havel

Postlude The Spruce Tree, by Jean Sibelius

Eliza Thomas, piano

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