UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTPELIER

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

"Together We Thrive"

Togetherness has taken on new meaning over the past year of this pandemic. It is all of us together - even while we've been physically apart - that continues to make our church community what it is. We launch this year's Annual Pledge Drive acknowledging the losses of the past year while also honoring and giving thanks for how we have remained together as a community. We will thrive into the future with a commitment to one another and to the change required to meet the evolving challenges of our time.

March Worship Theme: Commitment

Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/91253504912?pwd=NkVOVWVaOGtqbVJsOHZ0bTBTUnRaUT09
Or Dial (929) 436-2866 and enter IMeeting 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 Excerpt from Sonata in A Major, W.A. Mozart
Eliza Thomas, piano

Opening Words Welcoming the gifts of this community Leslie Takahashi
Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Opening Song Love Will Guide Us, No. 131 UCM Choir
Words: Sally Rogers, Music: Traditional

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. 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.

Chalice Lighting and Congregational Covenant Charlotte Root and Sue Stukey

Introduction of Stewardship Committee and Together We Thrive Tree of Gratitude & Generosity Rev. Joan Javier-Duval, Charlotte Root, Sue Stukey, Verdis L. Robinson

Musical Interlude Non Nobis Domine, an anonymous Latin chant, probably from the 16th century
UCM Choir and Kellie Walker Hart, director and video producer

Time of Meditation and Prayer
Spoken Joys and Concerns Rev. Joan Javier-Duval
Prayer Verdis L. Robinson
Quiet Meditation Verdis L. Robinson

Sung Response Spirit of Life, No. 123 UCM Congregation (recording)
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 Together We Thrive Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Song The Fire of Commitment, No. 1028
Words: Mary Katherine Morn and Jason Shelton
Music & recording: Jason Shelton

1. From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear

Guiding hands and hearts and spirits into faith set free from fear.
When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

2. From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty
When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

3. From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice
When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

Invitation to Generosity Verdis L. Robinson
The Community Pouch recipients during the month of March is the Barre Area Senior Center.

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

Benediction Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Postlude Selection from French Suite, J.S. Bach
Eliza Thomas, piano

Stay on the Zoom meeting to join us for Coffee Hour

immediately following the service.