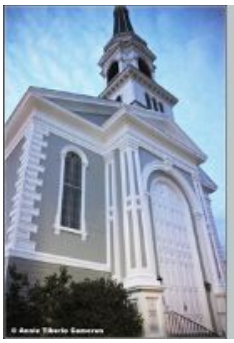

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTPELIER

March 14, 2021, 10AM Eastern
Unitarian Church of Montpelier
A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

"One Year Later"

In this service, we mark one year of the Covid-19 pandemic and one year of "virtual church." What has changed over the past year? What has remained the same? How have your commitments deepened or shifted over this time? To what do we commit ourselves now?

Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/91253504912?pwd=NkVOVWVaOGtqbVJsOHZObTBTUnRaUT09
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 Shalini Suryanarayana

Prelude Arioso
From Capriccio on the Departure of his Beloved Brother, by J.S. Bach
Eliza Thomas, piano

Opening Words Rev. Joan Javier-Duval and Verdis L. Robinson
We Need One Another, George E. Odell

Opening Song I've Got Peace Like a River No. 100 (African American Spiritual)
1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul. (2X)
2. I've got joy like a fountain…
3. I've got love like an ocean…
4. I've got pain like an arrow…
5. I've got tears like the raindrops…
6. I've got strength like a mountain…

Together We Thrive Testimonial Dustin Rand

Chalice Lighting and Affirmation The Bryant/Rand Family

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.

Time for All Ages Kids and Youth share COVID Ups and Downs
Liza Earle-Centers with Isaiah, Maizy, Fiona, and Ruby

Musical Interlude On the Day We Are Together Again
Words and music by singer-songwriter Humbird, Virtual Choir video by Congregation Bet Haverim Chorus in Atlanta, arr. By Will Robertson. Used with permission.

Time of Meditation and Prayer Verdis L. Robinson

Sung Response Spirit of Life, No. 123
Kellie Walker Hart and Eliza Thomas (piano intro)
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.

"One Year Later"

Words of the congregation
Reflection Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Song Lean on Me No. 1021
Verdis L. Robinson, vocal,
Eliza Thomas, piano,
Lincoln Earle-Centers, hand drum

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1. Some---times in our lives, we all have pain, We all have sorrow
But if we are wise, we know that there's always tomorrow
Chorus: Lean on me, when you're not strong and I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on...for it won't be long till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on
2. Please swallow your pride if I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show
(Chorus)
3. You just call on me brother when you need a hand we all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll understand We all need somebody to lean on
(Chorus)

Barre Area Senior Center Testimonial (video)

Invitation to Generosity Shalini Suryanarayana
The Community Pouch recipient 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 Shalini Suryanarayana

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 Aria of the Posthorn, from Capriccio on the Departure of his Beloved Brother, by J.S.Bach
Eliza Thomas, piano

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