



# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTPELIER

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

## **“Siding with the Stranger”**

*This weekend marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover as well as the Christian Holy Week which begins with Palm Sunday. These holy days and religious traditions speak to the conditions of oppression and marginalization in this very time and place. During this sacred time, let us reflect on what it means to side with those in our local community who too often have been deemed expendable and whose stories could prod us towards deeper transformation.*

### **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** Selection from 6 Pieces, by Max Bruch  
Eliza Thomas, piano

**Opening Words and Chalice Lighting** Rev. Joan Javier-Duval  
For These Holy Days, *Adapted from Dillman Baker Sorrels*

**Opening Song** Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire, No. 34 Words: Hal Hopson, Music: Trad. English melody  
Kellie Walker Hart, piano and vocals

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,

but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed by this we worship, and are freed.

**Time for All Ages** Liza Earle-Centers and Rev. Joan Javier-Duval  
Miriam the Prophetess

**Musical Interlude** De Noche, No. 1034 Words: Unknown, Music: Jacques Berthier  
Kellie Walker Hart and UCM Choir

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

**Sung Response** Spirit of Life, No. 123 UCM Congregation

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** Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 21, Verses 1-14 Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

**Sermon** Siding with the Stranger Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

**Song** We'll Build a Land No. 121 Words: Barbara Zanotti (Isaiah/Amos), adapted.

Music: Carolyn McDade

Kellie Walker Hart, piano and vocals

1. We'll build a land where we bind up the broken. We'll build a land where the captives  
Go free, where the oil of gladness dissolves all mourning, Oh, we'll build a  
promised land that can be.  
Chorus: Come build a land where people together, anointed by God, may  
then create peace: where justice shall roll down like waters, and peace like an  
ever flowing stream.
2. We'll build a land where we bring the good tidings to all the afflicted and all  
those who mourn. And we'll give them garlands instead of ashes. Oh, we'll  
build a land where peace is born. (Chorus)
3. We'll build a land building up ancient cities, raising up devastations from old;  
restoring ruins of generations. Oh, we'll build a land of people so bold.  
(Chorus)

4. Come, build a land where the mantles of praises resound from spirits once faint and once weak; where the oaks of righteousness stand her people. Oh, come build the land, my people we seek. (Chorus)

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

The Community Pouch recipient during the month of March is the Barre Area Senior Center.

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

**Together We Give Testimonial** Scott Hess & Amy Willis and Janet & John Poeton

**Announcements** Elaine Ball

**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.*

**Benediction** Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

**Postlude** Selection from Rumanian Dances, by Bela Bartok  
Eliza Thomas, piano

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