



# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTPELIER

**April 4, 2021, 10AM Eastern**

**Unitarian Church of Montpelier**

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

## **“From the Rising of a Son”**

*This Easter Sunday shares its date with the anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King’s assassination. As we begin a new worship theme of “Becoming” for the month of April, we will honor the roles Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Alberta Williams King played in their sons’ risings and in their everlasting legacies.*

**April Worship Theme:** Becoming

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** Zion Walls, by Aaron Copland  
Verdis Robinson, baritone; Eliza Thomas, piano

**Opening Words** Verdis L. Robinson  
The Old, Old Story, adapted from the words of Ian W. Riddell

**Opening Song** Morning Has Come, No. 1000  
Words & music by Jason Shelton, Created by Paul Thompson  
Morning has come, arise and greet the day!  
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!  
The light of hope here shines upon each face.  
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n.  
Wonder fills this moment shared together.  
The light of peace here shines upon each face.  
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Open our eyes to see that life abounds;  
open hearts to welcome it among us.  
The light of love here shines upon each face.  
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

**Chalice Lighting and Affirmation** Julia, Kristina and Ryan Kane

**Recognizing the Fifth Year Installation Anniversary of Rev. Joan as UCM's 13th Settled Minister**

Rev. Joan Javier-Duval, Liza Earle-Centers, Sue Stukeley, Leslie Parr

**Musical Interlude** There is More Love Somewhere  
UCM Choir

**Time of Meditation and Prayer** Rev. Joan Javier-Duval  
Spoken Joys and Concerns  
Meditation  
Quiet Meditation

**Sung Response** Spirit of Life, No. 123 UCM Choir (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.*

**Reading** Verdis L. Robinson  
Maria Sacerdota - Mary, Protopriest of the New Covenant, by Alla Renee Bozarth

**Sermon** From the Rising of a Son Verdis L. Robinson

**Song** All Creatures of the Earth and Sky, No. 203  
Kellie Walker Hart, Vocals; Eliza Thomas, Organ  
Text attr. Saint Francis of Assisi, Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams  
All creatures of the earth and sky,  
come, kindred, lift your voices high,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beam,  
soft shining moon with silver gleam:

(Chorus)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Cool flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for all life to hear,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright,  
and bless us with your warmth and light:

(Chorus)

Embracing earth, you, day by day,  
bring forth your blessings on our way,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
All herbs and fruits that richly grow,  
let them the glory also show:

(Chorus)

## **Good Beginnings of Central Vermont Testimonial**

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

The Community Pouch recipients during the month of April is Good Beginnings of Central Vermont. <http://www.goodbeginningscentralvt.org/>

*Good Beginnings' mission is to bring community to families and their babies. Hundreds of families each year are matched with a Postpartum Angel, visit the The Nest, or attend early parenting workshops or babywearing clinics. Any family with a new baby is eligible. Our Free Carrier Program and Emergency Fund are available to help families experiencing financial hardship. During the pandemic, staff and volunteers continue to support families through expanded virtual services, home deliveries of food and essential supplies, and responding to increased need for mental health referrals and financial assistance. Together with other local partners, we formed the Family Connectivity Project to keep families with young children connected to the internet during the shutdown.*

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

### **Unison Mission Statement and Chalice Extinguishing** Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

*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** Let us Begin Again in Love, Alex Holt  
Rev. Joan Javier-Duval and Verdis L. Robinson

**Postlude** Up Above My Head, Traditional, arr. Adam Podd  
First Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society in Brooklyn Choir

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