# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTPELIER

**April 25, 2021, 10AM Eastern**
**Unitarian Church of Montpelier**
A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

**"Becoming a Spiritual Grown Up"**
*What does it mean to become "fully formed" as a spiritual person? Is this even possible? How does Unitarian Universalist theology and practice support this process of religious and spiritual "becoming"? This Sunday, we welcome the newest members to join the Unitarian Church of Montpelier.*

**April Worship Theme**: Becoming

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** Verdis L. Robinson

**Prelude** Waltz, op.39, no.9, by Johannes Brahms
Eliza Thomas, piano

**Opening Words** Rev. Joan Javier-Duval
Selection from "Litany for Becoming," enfleshed

**Opening Song** When Our Heart Is In a Holy Place, No. 1008 UCM Congregation
Words & Music: Joyce Poley (Copyright 1996 Songstyle Music, used with permission)

Chorus:
When our heart is in a holy place, when our heart is in a holy place.
We are bless'd with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.

1. When we trust the wisdom in each of us,
   Ev'ry color ev'ry creed and kind,
   And we see our faces in each other's eyes,
   Then our heart is in a holy place (Chorus)
2. When we tell our story from deep inside,
   And we listen with a loving mind,
   And we hear our voices in each other's words,
   Then our heart is in a holy place. (Chorus)
3. When we share the silence of sacred space,
   And the God of our Heart stirs within,
   And we feel the power of each other's faith,
   Then our heart is in a holy place. (Chorus plus
   "When our heart is in a holy place.

**Chalice Lighting and Affirmation** Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

**New Member Ceremony**

Ted Allen, Elaine Ball, Paul Hartmann, Rev. Joan Javier-Duval, Barbara Thompson and Membership Committee

**Musical Interlude** Come and Find the Quiet Center Kellie Walker Hart

Arr. By Chuck Bell, hymn by Shirley Erena Murray

**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.*

**Readings** Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Selection from The Diary of Anaïs Nin
Selection from "On Becoming a Grown Up: Spiritual Maturity With and Without God," Keynote Address to the Mountain Desert District (2017) by Kendyl Gibbons

**Sermon** Becoming a Spiritual Grown Up Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

**Song** Woyaya No. 1020 in Singing the Journey

Words & music by Loughty Amoa, Solomon Amarfio, Robert M. Bailey, Roy Bedeau, Francis T. Osei, Whendell K. Richardson, and Mac Tontoh (Chappell & Co., Inc., Transcribed from Ysaye M. Barnwell, born 1946, arr. Jeannie Gagne, born 1960)

We are going, heaven knows where we are going,
But we know within. And we will get there,
Heaven knows how we will get there, but we know we will.

It will be hard, we know, and the road will be muddy and rough,
But we'll get there, heaven knows how we will get there,
But we know we will.
Wo-ya-ya, wo-ya-ya, wo-ya-ya, wo-ya ya.

We are going, heaven knows where we are going,
But we know within. And we will get there,
heaven knows how we will get there, but we know we will.

Wo-ya-ya, wo-ya-ya, Wo-ya-ya, wo-ya-ya.
Wo-ya-ya yi-ya-ya, wo-ya-ya yi-ya-ya,
Wo-ya-ya yi-ya-ya, wo-ya-ya yi-ya-ya, Ya!

**Invitation to Generosity** Verdis L. Robinson

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

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

**Closing Words** Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Blessed is the Path, Eric Williams

**Postlude** Allemande, from Suite no. 11, by G.F. Handel

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