



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTPELIER

May 9, 2021, 10AM Eastern

Unitarian Church of Montpelier

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

“When Unitarian Meets Universalist: An Origin Story”

Sixty years ago this month the American Unitarian Association and Universalist Church of America officially consolidated to form the Unitarian Universalist Association. As we mark this anniversary, let us consider the origin stories that shape who we are as a faith movement and the future we might create together.

May Worship Theme: Story

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 Margot Prendergast

Prelude Berceuse by Heitor Granados
Eliza Thomas, piano

Opening Words Singing the Living Tradition, No. 434 Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Opening Hymn Gather the Spirit, No. 347 UCM Congregation
Words and Music: Jim Scott, 1946 -

V. 1

Gather the spirit, harvest the power.
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.
Witness the mystery of this hour.
Our trials in this light appear all the same.

(Chorus)
Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.

V.2
Gather the spirit of heart and mind.
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,
with body and spirit united once more.

(Chorus)

V.3
Gather the spirit growing in all,
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,
the chorus of life resounding as one.

(Chorus)

Chalice Lighting and Affirmation Kathleen Poole

Time for All Ages Liza Earle-Centers
The People of the Flowers and Trees: An allegory of the UU Merger

Musical Interlude UCM Choir
Good Old Way, traditional song featured in the film Oh Brother Where Art Thou,
arr. by Jason Shelton, used with permission

Time of Meditation and Prayer Verdis L. Robinson
Joys and Concerns
Spoken Meditation/Prayer
Meditation

Sung Response Spirit of Life, No. 123 Sassaman Family
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 Ours is a story of faith, Elizabeth Tarbox Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Sermon Rev. Joan Javier-Duval
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Song UCM Congregation
Wake Now My Senses, No. 298, Words: Thomas Mickelson, Music traditional
Irish hymn called Be Thou My Vision.

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;
feel the deep power of being in all;
keep, with the web of creation your vow,
giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now, my reason, reach out to the new;
join with each pilgrim who quests for the true;
honor the beauty and wisdom of time;
suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;
voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,
praying and striving their hardship to end.

Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide;
join with all people whose rights are denied;
take not for granted a privileged place;
God's love embraces the whole human race.

Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear;
brighten my pathway with radiance here;
mingle my calling with all who will share;
work toward a planet transformed by our care.

Vermont Interfaith Power and Light Testimonial Donna Roberts

Invitation to Generosity Margot Prendergast
The Community Pouch recipients during the month of May are North Branch
Nature Center and Vermont Interfaith Power and Light.

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

Unison Mission Statement and Chalice Extinguishing Margot Prendergast
*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 Liza Earle-Centers

Benediction Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Postlude As Tranquil Streams (hymn No. 145). From *Musicalisches Handbuch*, 1690
Eliza Thomas, piano

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