UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTPELIER

May 16, 2021, 10AM Eastern
Unitarian Church of Montpelier
A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

"Seeking Freedom"

During this Sunday's service, we welcome Pastor Steven Tendo, a Ugandan pastor now living in central Vermont, in sharing his story of defending human rights, being held in the U.S. detention and deportation system, and seeking freedom. Pastor Tendo is being supported locally by the Asylum Seekers Assistance Network (ASAN) of the Central Vermont Refugee Action Network (CVRAN).

May Worship Theme: Story

Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/91253504912?pwd=NkVOVWVaOGtqbVJsOHZ0bTBTUnRaUT09
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 Danza de la Rosa, by Enrique Granados
Eliza Thomas, piano

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Opening Hymn Love Will Guide Us, No. 131 Kellie Walker Hart
Words & Music by Sally Rogers

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.

If you cannot sing like angels,
if you cannot speak before thousands,
you can give from deep within you.
You can change the world with your love.

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Time of Meditation and Prayer Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Spoken Joys and Concerns
Spoken Meditation/Prayer
Meditation

Sung Response Spirit of Life, No. 123 Kellie Walker Hart and Eliza Thomas

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.

Dialogue with Pastor Steven Tendo Rev. Joan Javier-Duval and Pastor Steven Tendo, with Introduction by Pam Walker

Song Come and Go With Me, No. 1018 UCM Congregation

African American Spiritual

Come and go with me to that land,
Come and go with me to that land,
Come and go with me to that land
where I'm bound. (2x)

There'll be freedom in that land…

There'll be justice in that land…

There'll be singin' in that land…

Invitation to Generosity Verdis L. Robinson

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 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 Liza Earle-Centers

Closing Words We Are of a Tribe, Alberto Ríos Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Postlude A lenda do caboclo, by Heitor Villa-Lobos
Eliza Thomas, piano

*Stay on the Zoom meeting to join the **2021 Congregational Annual Meeting** immediately following the service.*