



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTPELIER

June 13, 2021, 10AM Eastern

Unitarian Church of Montpelier

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Flower Communion Sunday

On our annual Flower Communion Sunday, we celebrate the playfulness and delight available to us in the natural world and in community with one another. Rev. Joan will share a reflection ahead of her sabbatical, and we also celebrate our time this past church year with Interim Music Director, Kellie Walker Hart. Let's join together joyfully for this beloved annual tradition and final worship service of the 2020-2021 church year!

June Worship Theme: Play

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

Verdis L. Robinson

Prelude Color and Fragrance

Eliza Thomas and Kellie Walker Hart

No. 78, Words & music by Norbert F. Capek

Opening Words

All of Us Are Beautiful, Thomas Rhodes

Opening Hymn

Eliza Thomas and Kellie Walker Hart

Gather the Spirit No. 347, Words & music by Jim Scott, 1990

1. Gather the spirit; harvest the power. Our separate 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.

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

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

Chalice Lighting and Affirmation

The Macey Family

adapted from Universalist minister, L. Griswold Williams

Love is the doctrine of this church,
the quest for truth is its sacrament,
and service is its prayer.
To dwell together in peace,
to seek knowledge in freedom,
to serve human need,
To the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the divine.
Thus do we covenant.

Time for All Ages The Story of Flower Communion

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Musical Interlude Thanks be to Thee

Ron Cameron, organ

By G. F. Handel, arranged by Patricia Lou Harris

Time of Meditation and Prayer/Joys and Concerns

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

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.*

Reflection When the Spirit Says Play

Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Flower Slideshow Produced by Verdis L. Robinson UCM Congregation

Gratitude and Parting Ritual for Kellie Walker Hart Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Song When the Spirit Says Do Eliza Thomas and Kellie Walker Hart
No. 1024, Words & Music: African-American spiritual, Arr. Mark Freundt
You got to do (play, sing, dance) when the spirit says do!
You go to do when the spirit says do!
When the spirit says do, you got to do, oh Lord!
You got to do when the Spirit says do!
Spirit says do! (6x)

Invitation to Generosity Verdis L. Robinson
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 and Liza Earle-Centers

Benediction of Flowers Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Postlude Creation of Peace (Mark Miller) Kellie Walker Hart and UCM Choir

This Sunday! Come to the UCM Church Yard for Lunch on the Lawn following the service from 12-1PM. Meet and greet Kellie and say hello to church friends.
Bring your own lunch and a chair or blanket to sit on.