



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTPELIER

May 15, 2022, 10:00 am Eastern
Unitarian Church of Montpelier
A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

“Beauty in Becoming”

This unfolding, changing life draws us towards beauty. How might we stay connected to the beauty that calls us forward in our process of becoming? Come to this service to join in celebrating graduating high school senior Sam Dean, who will be participating in our annual Bridging Ceremony!

ONLINE WORSHIP

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91253504912?pwd=NkVOVWVaOGtqbVJsOHZ0bTBTUnRaUT09>

Dial +1 929 436 2866 OR +1 301 715 8592; Meeting ID: 912 5350 4912 Passcode: 37861

Bell Ringing

The Hopkins-McGraw Family:
Hattie, Sid, Jude, Molly & Gillie

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Sarah Franklin

Announcements

Sarah Franklin

Prelude

Selection from French Suites
By J.S. Bach
Eliza Thomas, piano

Opening Words

Come, come to this place
By Daniel Budd
Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Opening Hymn

STLT #188 Come, Come Whoever
You Are

Words adapted from Rumi

Music by Lynn Ungar

UCM Congregation and Choir members

*Come, come, whoever you are,
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair.
Come, yet again come.*

Chalice Lighting and Affirmation

Sarah Franklin

Story for All Ages

Wherever You Go

By Pat Zietlow Miller

Sam Dean

Bridging Ceremony

Sam Dean (Bridger), Reina & Venus Dean,
Kris Pavek, Liz Benjamin, John Poeton,
Liza Earle-Centers, Rev. Joan
Javier-Duval

Please join in these words of blessing for our bridger. “Our love is
always with you to support you in your journey into adulthood.”

Outright Vermont Testimonial

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Offering

Sarah Franklin

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

Text “Give” to (802) 266-4848 to donate

The Community Pouch recipient for May is [Outright Vermont](#), which is building a Vermont where all LGBTQ+ youth have hope, equity and power. The Pouch will support [Camp Outright](#), a traditional residential summer camp with a queer twist. Camp is both ordinary and revolutionary. Campers spend the week playing in the sunshine, splashing in the pond and sleeping under the stars. But for most campers, Camp Outright is their first or only chance to be their true selves: seen, loved, and

celebrated for exactly who they are. The healing and affinity they find here gives youth deep knowledge that their life and their light matter. The impact of a single week at Camp is profound and lasting. As one youth said: “I want to live for moments like this.”

Musical Offering

I am that I am, by Anneka Emily,
from the Earthkeepers ceremonial musical.
The Cast of Earthkeepers: Ornella
Matta-Figueroa, Sequana Skye, Opeyemi
Parham, Kathryn Tufano, Shanda
Williams, Jessica Goodlin, Aro Veno, and
Ginger Cloud.

Learn more about Earth Keepers: <https://cultivatingpeacevermont.org/earth-keepers/>

Time of Meditation and Prayer

Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Sung Response

STLT #123 Spirit of Life

Words & music by Carolyn McDade (b. 1935)
UCM Congregation & Choir members

*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.*

Sermon

“Beauty in Becoming”

Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Closing Hymn

*STLT #6 Just as Long as I Have
Breath*

Music by Johann G Ebeling. Lyrics by Alicia
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the Estate of Alicia Carpenter.
UCM Choir members & Congregation

*Just as long as I have breath, I must answer, “Yes,” to life;
though with pain I made my way, still with hope I meet each day.*

If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, “Yes,” to life.

*Just as long as vision lasts, I must answer, “Yes,” to truth;
in my dream and in my dark, always that elusive spark.
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, “Yes,” to truth.*

*Just as long as my heart beats, I must answer, “Yes,” to love;
disappointment pierced me through, still I kept on loving you.
If they ask what I did best, tell them I said, “Yes,” to love.*

**Chalice Extinguishing &
Unison Mission Statement**

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.

Closing Words

Beyond Borders

By Rick Hoyt

Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Postlude

Selection from French Suites

By J.S. Bach

Eliza Thomas, piano

Join us for Virtual Coffee Hour immediately following the service.

Worship Team

Minister: Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Ministerial Intern: Verdis LeVar Robinson

Director of Lifespan Spiritual Exploration: Liza Earle-Centers

Acting Director of Music: Donia Prince

Pianist/Organist: Eliza Thomas

Worship Associate: Sarah Franklin

Worship Production Team: Bryce Douglass, Carl Etnier,
Victor Guadagno, Will White

Flowers: Beth Damon

Virtual Greeters: Sandal Cate, Jen Matthews

In-Person Greeters and Ushers: Pat Carstensen, Peter Thoms

Lay Pastoral Caregivers: Mary Jane Ohlson (Sanctuary) and
Denise Bailey (by phone)