



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTPELIER

January 9, 2022, 10:00 am Eastern
Unitarian Church of Montpelier
A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

“Meaning in the Layers”

Every age and stage of life adds another layer to our lives. Life and loss happens, and we make meaning along the way. How do we live with intention through the many seasons of our lives?

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

Ben, Joe, and Otis Loga & Shalini
Suryanarayana

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Tom Schersten

Announcements

Tom Schersten

Prelude

Selection from *Three-Part
Inventions*
By J.S. Bach
Eliza Thomas, piano

Call to Worship

Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Opening Hymn

STJ #1009 Meditation on Breathing

Words and Music by Sarah Dan Jones
Donia Prince

*Breathe in, Breathe out,
Breathe in, Breathe out*

*When I breathe in,
I'll breathe in peace.
When I breathe out,
I'll breathe out love. (repeat)*

*Breathe in, Breathe out,
Breathe in, Breathe out*

Chalice Lighting and Congregational Covenant

Tom Schersten

Time for All Ages

A Word for the Year
Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Community Pouch Testimonial

UCM Racial Justice Group

Offering

Tom Schersten

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

Text "Give" to (802) 266-4848

January's Community Pouch Recipients: Vermont Releaf Collective and
Salon Black Walnut

[Vermont Releaf Collective](#) is a network by and for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) in Vermont who are passionate about land, environment, agriculture, and food systems. Releaf stands for Racial

Equity in Land, Environment, Agriculture, and Food (our four focus areas).

[Salon Black Walnut](#) is a culture-building, invitational residency that draws BIPOC artists from the region to perform, collaborate, share and create in Central Vermont.

Musical Offering

Ave Maria

By Franz Schubert
Robert Blais, Cello
Eliza Thomas, Piano

Time of Meditation and Prayer

Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Sung Response

STLT #123 Spirit of Life

Words and music by Carolyn McDade (b. 1935)
UCM Congregation

*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

“The Layers”

By Stanley Kuntiz

“Meaning is not something you
stumble across”

By John Gardner
Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Sermon

Meaning in the Layers
Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Closing Hymn

STLT#128 For All That is Our Life

Music by Patrick L. Rickey

Words by Bruce Findlow

Jess Huetteman, piano and vocals

*For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;
for all life is a gift which we are called to use
to build the common good and make our own days glad.*

*For needs which others serve, for services we give,
for work and its rewards, for hours of rest and love;
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.*

*For sorrow we must bear, for failures, pain, and loss,
for each new thing we learn, for fearful hours that pass:
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.*

*For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;
for all life is a gift which we are called to use
to build the common good and make our own days glad.*

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.

Benediction

Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Postlude

Gavotte from Suite in E Major

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: Tom Schersten

Worship Production Team: Victor Guadagno, Bryce Douglass,
Kenric Kite

Flowers: Beth Damon

Greeter: Dawn Evans and Sandal Cate

Lay Pastoral Caregiver: Susan Baker