



## **“Poetry Sunday,” Worship & Arts Committee**

### Order of Service

“STLT” = *Singing the Living Tradition* (gray hymnal)

**Children's Parting Song** As You Go by Kathleen Tracy

Congregation

We hold you in our love, as you go, as you go / May your heart be at peace, as you go  
To nurture the spark of your precious life / We hold you in our love as you go.

**Announcements**

Jen Roberts

**Montpelier Pride Testimonial**

Elaine Ball

**Offering**

Jen Roberts

April [Community Pouch](#) Recipient: As a grassroots group of volunteers, **Montpelier Pride** works with local non-profits, community organizations, businesses, and individuals to bring together an event that creates a celebratory space where LGBTQ+ youth and families can relax, access information and resources, play games, dance, and more. Everything offered at the Festival is free for all attendees. Friday, May 29th, 2026 will be the 5th Annual Montpelier Pride Festival and Parade. To donate, text "[Give](#)" to (802) 266-4848, then amount and Pouch (example: "\$10 Pouch"). You may also write "Community Pouch" on the memo line of your check made out to UCM, or on a note attached to your cash.

**Poem** "Intersections"

Maxine Leary

**Choir Offering** "Intersections," Words by Maxine Leary,  
Music by Lotus

Donia Prince and UCM Choir

**Poems**

"I Find My Truth"

Sara Huff

"Our Final Journey"

Kate Latz

"Rochester Gap"

Jo Bower

"Why I Hunt"

Jared Duval

**Time of Meditation and Prayer**

Jen Roberts

Quiet Meditation

**Sung Response** Spirit of Life, STLT #123

Congregation

**Poems**

"Sadie Running"

Betsy Unger, read by Janet Poeton

"My Catch"

Liz Benjamin

"Citlalli, My Little Star"

Georgina Haase

"Possibility, in retrospect"

Steve Grunewald

**\*Closing Hymn** Every Night and Every Morn, STLT #17

Congregation & Choir members

Words by William Blake, Music by Ralph Vaughan

Williams

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## **\*Chalice Extinguishing & Unison Mission Statement**

Jen Roberts

*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 Poems**

Sarah Franklin

**Postlude** Golden Apples of the Sun by Judy Collins,  
based on "Song of the Wandering Aengus" by W. B. Yeats

Bronwyn Fryer, guitar and voice

**Please join us for Coffee Hour and conversation downstairs in the Vestry after the service.**

## **Worship Team & Sunday Morning Volunteers**

Minister: Rev. Joan Javier-Duval  
Dir. of Spiritual Exploration: Caitlin Fauton  
Director of Music: Donia Prince  
Pianist/Organist: Dr. Sara Huff  
Guest Musicians: Bronwyn Fryer, Eliza Thomas, Lotus  
Lay Pastoral Caregiver: Victoria Battin  
Worship Production: Bryce Douglass, Carl Etnier

Worship Team: Jen Roberts, Kate Latz -  
Worship & Arts Committee  
Flowers: Beth Damon  
Sanctuary artwork: Anne Sarcka  
♥ Thank you to the Hospitality Team,  
UCM Choir, and Spiritual Exploration  
volunteers!

## **Announcements**

**Today! Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM**, organist [Shaun Booher](#) will be presenting a special concert celebrating our organ's 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Shaun has been touring Vermont's historic organs, offering his heartfelt musicality as fundraisers for local causes. Here is a testimonial of his playing: "*Shaun's music has a way of reaching straight to the heart—every note feels intentional and full of soul.*" UCM pianist/organist Sara Huff will offer a brief history of our organ. Proceeds from the by-donation event will benefit [Vermont Interfaith Action](#).

**Elections to UCM's Governing Board.** Four Board Member terms are expiring, and four current Board Members will be seeking reelection, at this year's Annual Meeting on May 17. If you are interested in adding your name to the list of candidates, reach out to Board Secretary, [Jen Matthews](#). Additional candidates for the Board may also be nominated from the floor during the meeting.

## **All Church Spring Rummage Sale, Sponsored by the Women's Alliance**

SALE ~ Friday, May 8 – 9 AM to 6 PM. BAG SALE ~ Saturday, May 9 – 9 AM to 1 PM. Clean, gently used clothes and gently used household goods can be brought to UCM beginning after the service on Sunday, May 3, through noon on Thursday, May 7. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~ even one hour will help! Sign-up sheets available before and after church in the Vestry.

## **May Worship Theme: Abundance**

**May 3, Music Sunday:** Our Songs, Our Stories, Donia Prince, UCM Choir and Members

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## Announcements, continued...

### **Join the Spiritual Exploration Village!** **Sunday, May 3, 11:30 AM - Fireplace Room**

We all know it takes a village to raise the next generation of children who will carry our UU values into the future. And every village is made up of many people (like you!) – all bringing their own unique talents and gifts to share.

- **Arrive early on Sundays?** Join our new "Sunday Set Up Team" to help make our SE spaces warm and welcoming for children, youth and families.
- **Good at event planning?** Help organize occasional special events like Back-to-Church Night and our mid-year Spiritual Exploration retreat.
- **Love snail mail?** Write special occasion cards from the comfort of your own home to help children and youth know they matter to our UCM community.
- **Have a caring presence?** Join our Children's Chapel Team to hold space for their amazing wondering and exploring.
- **Like making an impact?** Share your enthusiasm with our energetic middle schoolers as they develop their skills for change-making in the local community.
- **Wish you'd had a mentor during your teenage years?** Support our High School Youth Group, Bridging, or Coming of Age programs.
- **Remember how exhausting those early years of parenting were?** Help new parents have time to nourish their spirits by working or volunteering in our nursery.
- **Love summer and the outdoors?** Volunteer for a session, a day, or the week to help kids cultivate church friendships and deeper connections to our UU values and UCM community.
- **Have another gift or talent to share?** We'd love to hear it!

Come learn about the Spiritual Exploration Village on **Sunday, May 3 at 11:30 AM in the Fireplace Room**. Hear about next year's plan, check out the many varied ways to support children and youth, and share your own ideas. Together, we are the UCM Spiritual Exploration Village! Please contact Caitlin Fauton, Director of Spiritual Exploration, with questions at [ucm.spiritualexploration@gmail.com](mailto:ucm.spiritualexploration@gmail.com) or (802) 223-7861 x2.

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