



**First Congregational Church UCC of Burlington
ALL CHOIRS
ARE INVITING PARTICIPATION**



*"Let music swell the breeze and ring from all the trees."**

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This is the opening of the third verse of Samuel Francis Smith's beloved song "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" *. They are also great words to announce and celebrate music ministry programs at First Church.

We are blessed with a music program that provides opportunities to use your talents to participate in worship. We have opportunities for singers and instrumentalists of all ages and interests.

Our Children's Choir directed by Laura Elder Connors, is a welcoming place to experience the joy of community in singing. Andy Barker and Ana Ruesink work with the Youth Choir. The Sanctuary Choir and the Austin Handbell Choir are always open to new singers and ringers! We invite you to participate in these groups. What a meaningful way to enhance the worship experience in our beautiful, historic sanctuary.

I am looking forward to great experiences in music ministries with all of you!

David

[David Neiweem](#), Director of Music

Children's Choir (Grades K through 5) - Laura Elder Connors, Director:

Rehearsals are throughout the "school year" at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Stone Room. For more information, or to be added to the email list for updates about the Children's Choir, please email [Laura Elder-Connors](#) with your contact information and your child's name and age.

Youth Choir - Ana Ruesink and Andy Barker, Directors:

Middle and High School youth are invited to participate! The schedule for the periodic Sunday, 9:10 a.m. Youth Choir rehearsals will be announced by email and in the First Church UCC/BTV Newsletters. For more information, or to be added to the email list for the Youth Choir, please email [Ana Ruesink](#).

Austin Handbell Choir - Jennie Coleman, Director:

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. We are searching for a few new faces. For more information about playing in the Bell Choir, please contact [Jennie Coleman](#) or come to one of our weekly Wednesday rehearsals.

Sanctuary Choir - David Neiweem, Director:

Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel and on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary. For more information about singing with our Sanctuary Choir, please contact [David Neiweem](#) or come to one of our weekly Thursday rehearsals.

*"Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong."*

- *From: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"