



July 18, 2021
10 a.m.
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

“Because the relationship between self and world is reciprocal,
it is not a question of first getting enlightened or saved and then acting.
As we work to heal the earth, the earth heals us.”

- Robin Wall Kimmerer

PRELUDE	<i>Song of Peace</i> Fred DeHaven, <i>organ</i>	<i>Jean Langlais</i>
WORDS OF WELCOME		The Rev. Elissa Johnk
CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION <i>by M.S. Milnor, George Stewart and June Boyce-Tillman, adapted</i>		The Bushey family
*OPENING HYMN	<i>Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness</i>	<i>NCH #286 - Vv 1, 3, 4</i>
COMMUNAL SCRIPTURE READING	23 rd Psalm (See Insert)	
*TIME OF UNBURDENING <i>by Rev. Dan Carmichael</i>		
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		
WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES		Hilah Clarke
GOSPEL READING	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	
SERMON		
*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING	<i>My Shepard is the Living God</i>	<i>NCH #247</i>
READING	<i>The Summer Day</i> <i>by Mary Oliver</i>	Baki Nelson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

*During this time you are invited to offer your monetary gifts.
You can give online using this link under the video title: <https://bit.ly/fccbonlinegiving>
or by texting FCCBUCC to 73256 or mail a check payable to:
First Congregational Church at 38 South Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401*

*DOXOLOGY

#NCH #780

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

Simple Gifts

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thanks Be All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**Please stand as you are able, in body or in spirit.*

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE:

WELCOME VISITORS!

Welcome to First Congregational Church in Burlington. Our faith is over 2,000 years old, but our thinking is not! First Church opens its doors to the Greater Burlington area, to seekers, to tourists from near and far, to those in need, to an array of building users, and to a congregation (of members, friends, and family—both curious and the committed) who call our faith community their church home.

We celebrate the sacred worth of all persons as unique individuals made in the image of God. Whatever your age, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, or physical, cognitive or emotional ability, we invite you to find a safe and nurturing spiritual home with us. All are welcome to participate, fully and without reservation, in the life, leadership, ministry and mission of this church as we seek to grow together in a community of faith.

The First Congregational Church of Burlington is an Open & Affirming Church of the United Church of Christ. This means everyone – **everyone** – is welcome. Including YOU!

Staff Directory

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The flowers this week were given by Eunice Newell in memory of loved ones.

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