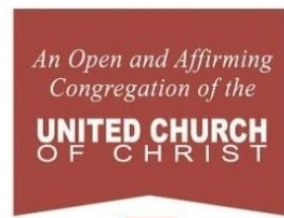




38 South Winooski Avenue
Burlington, Vermont



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July 4, 2021

10 a.m.

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Re-gathering Sunday!*

"Wisdom is not just special knowledge about something. Wisdom is a way of being, a way of inhabiting the world. The beauty of wisdom is harmony, belonging and illumination of thought, action, heart and mind."

-John O'Donohue

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace by John Newton* arr. Craig Duncan
Ana Ruesink, viola, Andy Barker, and Simon Jorgenson, guitar

WORDS OF WELCOME Caroline Crawford, Church President

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION Lincoln Safran
by M.S. Milnor, George Stewart and June Boyce-Tillman, adapted

***OPENING HYMN** *Enter, Rejoice and Come In* #73 NCH

READING *Forward Together* Ellen Pine
by William J. Barber III

***TIME OF UNBURDENING** Hannah Sachs

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Jambo Sana* Teddy Kalanda
Kipene Tabu, Tess Barker, Christina Adolphe, Maria Worden
and Ana Ruesink, vocals, with Asa and Simon Jorgenson, djembe

*Jambo, jambo sana, habari gana, mzuri sana
Wageni wakaribishwa kanisa yetu, hakuna matata
Welcome, welcome people, how are you, I am very fine
Everyone is welcome in our church, so rest your worried mind*

GOSPEL READING Mark 6:1-6, p.872 Michael Samara

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES *What is God Like* Hilah Clarke
by Rachel Held-Evans and Matthew Paul Turner

SERMON The Rev. Elissa Johnk

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING** *Joys Are Flowing Like a River* #284 NCH Vv 1, 3, 5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *An Independence Day Prayer*
by William Sloane Coffin, adapted

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

Jennifer Jorgenson

OFFERTORY

This Land Is Your Land

During this time you are invited to offer your monetary gifts. You can mail a check to First Church at 38 S. Winooski Avenue in Burlington, VT 05401 OR make a gift by using the link under the video title online (www.firstchurchburlington.org), or by texting FCCBUCC to 73256.

***DOXOLOGY**

#780 NCH

*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**

I Come With Joy

#349 NCH, Vv 1,4, 5

***BIDDING TO MISSION**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ashokan Farewell

Jay Ungar

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

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to our readers and lay musicians, including Janice Clements, piano this Sunday. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we learn to combine our digital and sanctuary congregation and needs.

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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Ana Ruesink, *Summer Music Coordinator
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Davis Rock-Jones, *Security Staff*

July 4, 2021:

Al and Joyce Weldon, *Ushers* • Caroline Crawford, Jennifer Jorgenson, and Patty Thomas, *Welcomers* • Lou Daniel (Danielle) Rochford, *Digital Usher*