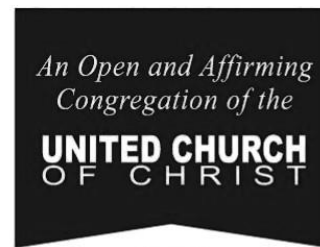




38 South Winooski Avenue
Burlington, Vermont



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August 1, 2021

10 a.m.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

What a Friend
Jan Jackson, organ

Young

WORDS OF WELCOME

Hannah Sachs

CALL TO WORSHIP

By Percy Dearmer adapted, The New Century Hymnal

Lincoln Safran

INVOCATION

***OPENING HYMN**

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

#18 NCH

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From Psalm 51

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a

Nolwenn Madden

SERMON

The Rev. Bill Neil

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

#485 NCH

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

To God Be the Glory
Austin Handbell Choir

arr. By Bill Ingram

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First Congregational Church at 38 South Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401

***DOXOLOGY**

*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**

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Tallis Canon* *arr. Douglas E. Wagner*
Jennie Coleman, Karan Dewar, *ringers*; Sylvia Stebbins, *pianist*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

We believe this is God's table, not ours, so all are welcome at this table, regardless of age or faith. The cup we share at First Church is unfermented grape juice, and gluten-free bread is available. For all worshipping from home, gather any form of bread and juice to share in Communion.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Be Now My Vision* #451 NCH

***BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Jesu, Priceless Treasure* *Bach*
Jan Jackson, *organ*

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

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to our guest preacher, the Rev. Bill Neil; and to the readers and musicians this Sunday including: Lincoln Safran, Nolwenn Madden, Jeff & Doris Ogden, Jan Jackson, Sylvia Stebbins, Janice Clements, and members of the Austin Handbell Choir.

The Rev. Bill Neil is a recently retired pastor having served for thirty years in the United Methodist Church and fifteen years in the UCC. In early 2021, Bill and his wife Faith moved to Burlington from western Massachusetts where Bill had served as pastor to the Lee Congregational Church; they joined First Church in April. Bill is a parent (4), step-parent (3) and shares that he has lots of grandchildren, step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren! In addition to his commitment to working for social justice as an expression of his faith, Bill's interests involve reading and watching films. Bill is glad to be back in Vermont and is pleased to lead worship this morning at First Church!

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we learn to combine our digital and sanctuary congregation.

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!

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