

*Welcoming All.
Seeking Justice.
Finding God.*

38 South Winooski Avenue
Burlington, Vermont



*An Open and Affirming
Congregation of the*
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



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August 29, 2021

10 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

People Get Ready

Curtis Mayfield

Simon Jorgenson & Andy Barker, *guitar*

WORDS OF WELCOME

Ann Vivian

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

The Jorgenson Family

adapted from Keith Rowe and Gretta Vosper

One: Ever present God, Like water bubbling down a mountain stream; washing free what has been soiled;
carving new channels for the river of life;

All: soothe our thirst, and carve new channels in us for your grace.

One: May we live our hope into tomorrow.

**All: May we wrap our lives around
the challenges of today.**

One: And in the quiet of the sacred space,

All: may we listen at the center of our being

for the truth of our inner voice

that sets before us the purpose of this day.

***OPENING HYMN**

Shadow & Substance

#398 NCH

TIME OF UNBURDENING

Hannah Sachs

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM) ALL AGES

Hilah Clarke

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Lou Rochford

SERMON

Lou Rochford

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

Just as I Am

#207 NCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(Remote worshipers are invited to submit prayer requests via YouTube chat –
prayer requests received prior to the sermon will be shared during “Prayers of the People.”)*

SILENT PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)

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

Crowded Table *Natalie Hemby, Lori McKenna & Brandi Carlile*
Maria Worden & Tess Barker, *voice*
with Simon Jorgenson & Andy Barker, *guitar*

During this time you are invited to offer your monetary gifts.

You can give online using this link

which is also under the video title on YouTube: <https://bit.ly/fccbongiving>

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

***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**

God Be With You

#81 NCH

***BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Higher Ground
Ana Ruesink, *viola*, Simon Jorgenson, & Andy Barker, *guitar*

Charles Gabriel

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

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to our guest preacher, Lou Daniel Thomas Rochford; and to the readers and musicians this Sunday including: Ann Vivian, Cyndy Hall, Ana Ruesink, Andy Barker, Tess Barker, Maria Worden, and Simon Jorgenson.

Lou Daniel Thomas Rochford (he/they) is our guest preacher this morning. Lou is an active member of the congregation serving our faith community as a Deacon, as a regular “digital usher” greeting remote worshippers on YouTube on Sunday mornings and serving on our Director of Music Ministries Search Committee. Lou served on the national UCC Disabilities Ministries Board for several years and is currently moderator of the Champlain Association of the Vermont Conference UCC. Lou has been taking classes as a MID (Member in Discernment) with a goal of studying to be a Chaplain of Sacred Sexuality.

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

Rev. Elissa Johnk, *Lead Minister*

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