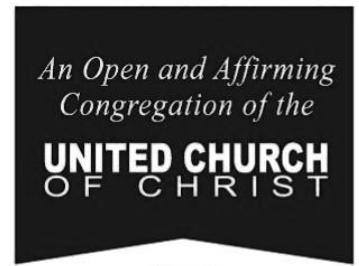




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October 17, 2021

10 a.m.

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Carlanne Herzog, *piano*, Tim Berger, *trumpet*

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Elissa Johnk

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Jennifer Jorgenson

One: Jesus calls us to inclusive community,

All: We are here because we have heard that call and seek to answer.

One: Yet he promises no greatness, and no soft beds.

All: We are here to immerse ourselves in his work for justice and peace.

One: In this work, and in this worship, we celebrate the richness and diversity of life! Let us pray.

***OPENING HYMN**

God is Here, As We Your People Meet

#70 NCH

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:35-45 p. 878-9

Susan Saunders

TIME OF UNBURDENING

Merciful God, we often expect You – and others – to do what we want. We often think we know best. Forgive our brazenness. Forgive our self-importance.

Forgive us. Teach us to be humble. Teach us to be more like you.

[Silent Prayer]

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

*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.”*

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Lou Rochford

INVITATION • QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE • QUESTION OF THE CONGREGATION

Response: We promise, with the help of God.

PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION

Pastor: Holy One of Affirmation ... This is the culmination of a journey of discovery and, at the same time, its beginning.

Congregation: Strengthen and uphold him as he grows in power, and authority, and meaning of this identity: we pray in the Name above names, Jesus, the Christ, Amen.

ACT OF AFFIRMATION • PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

READING

From Scott Stoner’s “Your Living Compass”

SERMON

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

#352 NCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember our congregation includes those who are worshipping digitally, and share concerns appropriately – with permission and using first names only.

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

Amazing Grace

Charles Wesley

*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/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**

#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**

O Day of Radiant Gladness

#66 NCH

***BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Some Glad Morning (I'll Fly Away)

Albert E. Brumle

Those who are observing physical distancing are encouraged to leave immediately following the benediction. Those who are not are encouraged to stay for a portion of the postlude to facilitate their departure.

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

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

Many thanks to Lis Moore and to our lay readers and musicians this morning including, Jeff & Doris Ogden, Tim Berger, Carlanne Herzog, Susan Saunders, and Jennifer Jorgenson.

FELLOWSHIP ON ZOOM: All worshipping remotely are invited to a virtual time in fellowship – on Zoom – following worship.

The link is in the YouTube description for this morning's live-stream and on the front page of the First Church website:

www.firstchurchburlington.org

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!

The flowers this morning were given by Barbara Carter.

Staff Directory

Rev. Elissa Johnk, *Lead Minister*
Caroline Catlin, *Office & Nursery Administrator*
Lucy Samara, *Communications Coordinator*
Max Johnson, *A/V Coordinator*
Jennifer Coleman, *Bell Choir Director*
Laura Elder-Connors, *Children's Choir Director*
Derik Breen, *Building & Grounds Staff*

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and Youth Ministries*
Hilah Clarke, *Faith Formation Director*
Ana Ruesink, *Youth Choir Director*
Ann Vivian, *Fall Music Coordinator*
Ian Rock-Jones, *Security Staff*

Baki Nelson, *Usher* • Patty Thomas, Jennifer Jorgenson, and Linda Elrick,

Welcomers • Eric Davis, *Digital Usher*

Many thanks to all our lay musicians who are helping out while are in search for our new Music Director!

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