

The Congregational Churches of Burlington, Vermont
United Church of Christ

Worldwide Communion Sunday

Joint Worship

October 3, 2021
10 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

Eric Milnes, *piano* and Matt Van Wagner, *trumpet*

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Revs. Ken White and Elissa C. Johnk

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

The Grace Family

Leader: The creator of life, and the giver of life, is in our midst

All: Life in all its fullness is God's offer to all!

Leader: Let us acknowledge the awesome mystery embodied in every person.

All: Through each of us God works our unique and personal expression.

Leader: Let us give thanks for the abundance of life on this earth.

All: Through it, may we and all people be nourished.

Leader: In gratitude, we give our attention in this time.

All: We give it to one another, and to new beginnings,

Leader: To this time, and to this season. Let us pray:

***OPENING HYMN**

In Christ There Is No East or West

#394 NCH

TIME OF UNBURDENING

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet we often dismiss these commandments and go our separate ways. In these moments, God, hear our silent prayers, and re-create us in your image this day. [Silent Prayer]

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

During this time, remote worshipers are invited to submit prayer requests via YouTube chat – prayer requests received prior to this morning's "Reflection" will be shared during "Prayers of the People."

The Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 11:1-9 p.9

Rachel Cosgrove

REFLECTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

We Are One in the Spirit

arr. Eric Milnes

Linda Wheeler, Laura Nassau, Nick Hardin, and Matt Van Wagner

The Response

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, 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 OFFERTORY

Voluntary

Eric Milnes

*During this time you are invited to offer your monetary gifts
To give online, use the links under the video title to make a gift to either church.*

- Or give by check payable to:

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

or to

College Street Church at 265 College Street, Burlington VT 05401

***DOXOLOGY**

#785 NCH

*We give thee but thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O God, from thee. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

The Gift of the Meal

READING And the Table Will Be Wide, *by Rev. Jan Richardson*

INVITATION *portions from the UCC Statement of faith*

Leader: We have different ways of entertaining ourselves

All: *[Say the name of the last book, movie, show, or song you saw]*

Leader: We have different favorite holidays

All: *[Say the name of your favorite holiday]*

Leader: We even usually go to different congregations

All: *[Say the name of your congregation]*

Leader: But we give thanks that we are all part of your church together, O God

All: You call us into your church,

to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,

to be servants to the whole human family,

to proclaim the Good News to all the world,

to share in Christ's baptism, to eat at his table,

and to join him in his passion and victory.

Leader: What a gift it is to be United in the Body of Christ, in the church, and at this meal!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Sending Forth

***CLOSING HYMN**

Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers

#NCH 397

***BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Peace Camp Band

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

WELCOME VISITORS!

Welcome to First Congregational Church in Burlington. Our faith is over 2,000 years old, but our thinking is not! We open our 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 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!

Flowers this Sunday are given by Donna Lee in Memory and Celebration of the Fall Birthdays of the Lee Family: Rachel, Helen, Bob, Ben, Noah, Gabe, and Dan Lee

Staff Directory

Rev. Elissa Johnk, *Lead Minister*

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Linda Elrick, *Welcomers* • Lou Daniel (Danielle) Rochford, *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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