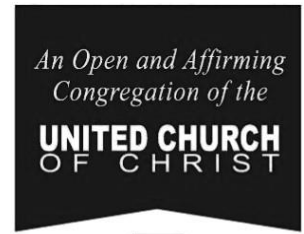




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Easter Sunday

PRELUDE *Bicinium on I Know that My Redeemer Lives* C. Callahan
 Theme and Variations on Thine Is the Glory C. Callahan
 Variants on "This Joyful Eastertide" R. Haan
 Easter Bells
 Procession on "This Joyful Eastertide" R. Haan
 Amy Shortt, organ, Tim Berger and Paul Hobbs, trumpet

***OPENING HYMN** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* #233 NCH

*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."*

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION** The Grace Family

One: Jesus, rabbi, teacher, we come to your tomb at day break.

All: Knowing that you are dead and sealed inside.

One: Who will be there to open the grave?

All: We come to anoint your body and to grieve.

One: We are not prepared to see an empty tomb, and yet there it is before us.

All: You are not here.

One: "Why do you look for the living amongst the dead? He is not here,
but has risen."

All: We fear that we have lost you again.

One: Yet they say you go before us this day.

All: What does this mean?

One: Jesus is alive!

All: This is the Good News!

One: Glory be to God!

All: Alleluia!

One: Christ is risen!

All: Alleluia!

One: Christ is risen!

All: Alleluia!

One: Christ is risen, indeed!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

INTROIT

Now Christ Is Risen

J.S. Bach

Women's Ensemble

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Elissa Johnk

LIGHTING THE PASCHAL CANDLE AND INVOCATION

by Michael Morwood and K. Wehlander, adapted

One: We live at mystery's edge, watching for a startling luminescence, or a
word to guide us.

**All: In fragile occurrence the Holy One presents oneself
and we must pause...**

One: Daily, there are glimmers, reflections of a seamless mercy,

revealed in common intricacies.

**All: These circles of grace spill out around us
and announce that we are part of this mystery.**

One: Today we celebrate life over death. [...] Today we celebrate:
new joy,

All: new possibilities,

One: new life. Let us pray:

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:1-12

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ANTHEM *Easter Anthem* William Billings
Sanctuary Choir

SERMON

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING** *Thine is the Glory* #193 PH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*This week's "Celebrations & Prayer's" list is available for you
on the front page of our website – and among the links under the title of the YouTube live stream
throughout this morning's live stream of the worship service*

PASTORAL PRAYER • 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.

ANTHEM *Christus Paradox* Alfred Fedak

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*You are invited to offer your monetary gifts
online using this link: <https://bit.ly/fccbonlinegiving>
(also under the video title on YouTube)
or by texting FCCBUCC to 73256 - or mail a check payable to:
First Congregational Church at 38 South Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401*

*The Easter Offering will be devoted to supporting the ministries and missions of First Church
and a 10% tithe will be donated to the Hope Fund of the Vermont Conference UCC.*

*To make a gift to the Easter Offering, simply write
"Easter Offering" in the memo, or select "Easter Offering" from the drop-down online.*

OFFERTORY *The Strife Is O'er* arr. J. W. Krug
Austin Chimers Handbell Choir

***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** *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* (See insert)
Zach Kelly, percussion

***BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION** *Blessing, by Jan Richardson*

POSTLUDE *Toccata on 'Great Day'* Adolphus Hailstork

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

Virtual Fellowship: Worship is followed by Fellowship outside at First Church – and remotely on [ZOOM](https://bit.ly/sundayfellowship) - the link is: <https://bit.ly/sundayfellowship> OR- Phone in: 1-301-715-8592. When prompted, enter 591-074-317#

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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