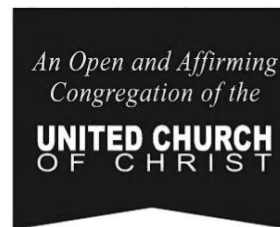




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May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Rondeau
Amy Shortt, Organ

Henry Purcell

WORDS OF WELCOME

Hannah Sachs

*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 Wagar Family

by Sara M. Campbell

Leader: It is time. The joy of God, Spirit of Life, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: It is time, for pausing and celebrating, for thinking and thanking, for listening and learning, for confessing and forgiving.

People: A time for allowing ourselves to be loved and cherished by the God who will never leave us or forsake us.

Leader: We receive fragments of holiness, glimpses of eternity, brief moments of insight.

People: Let us gather them up for the precious gifts that they are and, renewed by their grace, move boldly into the unknown.

Leader: Let us pray:

People: Generous God, you bring light to our days and hope to our hearts, even on these days when we gather to remember the violence of war. We are grateful for your care, and understand that you have invited us once more to this time of celebration. May we be raised up to embrace your way of love. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Great God of Earth and Heaven

#579 NCH

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 47, *Living Psalms interpretation* Carol Hauke

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Heather Sorenson
Sanctuary Choir

GOSPEL READING From Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-53

SERMON

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING** *If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers*

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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*

OFFERTORY *March in D* J.S. Bach

***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**

by Martin Palmer

Leader: Brothers and sisters in creation, we covenant this day with you and with
all creation yet to be: With every living creature

People: and all that contains and sustains them,
Leader: With all that is on earth
People: and with the earth itself,
Leader: With all that lives in the waters
People: and with the waters themselves,
Leader: With all that flies in the skies
People: and with the sky itself.
Leader: We establish this covenant,
People: that all our powers will be used to prevent your destruction.
Leader: With every living one in this place,
People: and with this community itself,
Leader: With every fruit of our lives,
People: and with our livelihood itself,
Leader: With every hope of our being,
People: and with our being itself: We pledge ourselves to the creation of
more just, kinder world.
Leader: Starting right here.
All: Starting with me. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN *Lead Us from Death to Life* #581 NCH

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Bouree* Charles Villiers Stanford

**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# ***This virtual gathering will happen today but will be quite brief because of the after worship program.***

TODAY: In-Person Vision Presentations, Discussion & Voting: Following worship there will be brief proposal presentations, time for discussion, and in-person voting! The live stream of the Vision Gathering will be available @11am at: www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV - don't see it? Refresh your browser with a click – or – close YouTube and then reopen it.

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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