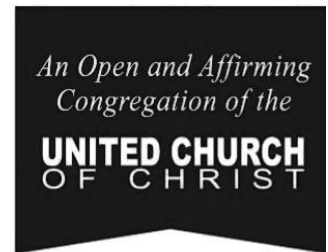




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Fifth Sunday of Easter

*“Wisdom is not just special knowledge about something.
Wisdom is a way of being, a way of inhabiting the world.
The beauty of wisdom is harmony, belonging and illumination of thought,
action, heart and mind.”*

-John O'Donohue

PRELUDE

Fugue in C, Op. 3
Amy Shortt

G. F. Handel

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Elissa Johnk

*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.”*

INTROIT

Renaissance Dance
Ella Baker-Niles

Praetorius

Psalm 17

Children's Choir and Sanctuary Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

The Baker-Niles Family

“In the beginning” by Rabbi Arthur Waskow

One: In the beginning, darkness covered the face of the deep.
Then the rushing-breath of life hovered over the waters.

All: Let us breathe together. [Silence]

One: Let us catch our breaths from the need to make, to do.

All: Let us be conscious of the Breath of Life. [Silence]

One: We breathe out what the trees breathe in.

We breathe in what the trees breathe out.

All: Together we breathe each other into life.

One: Blessed is the One within the many.

All: Blessed are the Many who make one.

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

NCH #230

READING

Living Psalm 30, by Maria Mankin

Karl Doerner

TIME OF UNBURDENING

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM) ALL AGES

Hilah Clarke

ANTHEM

Gracious Spirit, Dwell Within Me
Sanctuary Choir

ADORO TE DEVOTE

GOSPEL READING

From John 21

SERMON

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

You Walk along Our Shoreline

NCH #504

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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Prelude in Classic Style

Young

You are invited to offer your monetary gifts online using this link: <https://bit.ly/fcconlinegiving> (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

***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**

Now the Green Blade Rises

NCH #238

***BIDDING TO MISSION**

by Gordan McKeeman

One: As we prepare to leave this sacred space where we have worshipped together, let us return to our work enlivened and renewed... This celebration need not cease.

All: It can echo in our lives, in our words, in our deeds, in our moods, in our dreams.

One: Carry the spirit of this gathering with you wherever you may go. Be a blessing in your going out and your coming in.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fuga

Buxtehude

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.*

- **Virtual Fellowship:** Worship is followed by Fellowship outside at First Church – and remotely on **ZOOM** - the link is: <https://bit.ly/sundayfellowship> OR- Phone in: 1-301-715-8592. When prompted, enter 591-074-317#
- **Vision Gathering on Zoom** – This morning's Vision Gathering – on Zoom only – is planned for conversation about preliminary vision proposals – due next Sunday May 22. Please use the "Fellowship Zoom link" above and join in any time prior to 11:30 when the conversation will focus on vision proposals.

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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