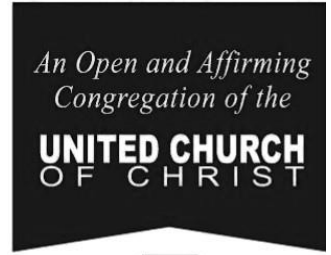




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**June 19, 2022**

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

*Any system of oppression harms both the oppressor and the oppressed.  
While obviously people of color are primarily the ones harmed,  
white people in the United States are also dehumanizing themselves  
by not addressing the hatred underpinning our legacy of slavery  
and by not dismantling the systemic racism that is  
the consequence of this immoral institution.*

– Vermont Interfaith Action  
Abolitionist Sabbath Weekend Toolkit

**PRELUDE**

*Prelude and Fugue in C Major BWV 553*  
Amy Shortt

J.S. Bach

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

The Rev. Bill Neil

*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**

Jamie Polli

One: Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

**All: We come in search of help and hope.**

One: Come, you who are acquainted with grief or oppression

**All: We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.**

One: Come, you who are in need of good news.

**All: We come in search of joy, truth, and light.**

One: Come and find refuge in God your rock.

**All: Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.**

One: Let us pray:

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Praise with Joy the World’s Creator*

#273 NCH

**READING**

from *Stay Woke: A People’s Guide to  
Making All Black Lives Matter*

Sara Wilcoxson

**TIME OF UNBURDENING** by Barbara Sargent

**Almighty God,**

**Whose breath quickened us,**

**Whose tongue named us,**

**Whose language we are:**

**Grant us grace to be true words –**

**Not gentle when it is in anger that we live,**

**Not smooth when it is desperation that we know,  
Not patient when the time has narrowed to now,  
Not wise, not neat, not all of our fences mended,  
But words, broken yet honest words, and lost,  
Stumbling their way towards silence.**

**Take us back. Recall us. Then speak us once again.**

**Set us in order. Mend our shattered syntax. Set all our commas straight.**

**Imbue in us a power that keeps company with pain,  
Then march us across the pages of this beautiful, fragile,  
tormented and perishable earth to sing the songs of Zion.**

**In the name of the Word made flesh, made dead, and made alive again.  
Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES**

Hilah Clarke

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Galatians 3:23-29

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

#593 NCH

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Hannah Sachs

*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.**

**MISSION MOMENT**

The Possibility Shop

Steve Hyde

**CALL 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**

*As the Deer*

**\*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**

*Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

#588 NCH

**\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION**

*\*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>

- The Zoom link for the virtual fellowship gathering is also on the front page of our website – [www.firstchurchburlington.org](http://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!

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