

*Welcoming All.
Seeking Justice.
Finding God.*

38 South Winooski Avenue
Burlington, Vermont



*An Open and Affirming
Congregation of the*
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

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Third Sunday after Pentecost

*“This is what courage is. It’s not just living through the nightmare,
it’s doing something with it afterward.
It’s being brave enough to talk about it to other people.
It’s trying to organize to change things.”*

– Leslie Feinberg, Stone Butch Blues

PRELUDE

Introduction and Trumpet Tune on “Lyons”
Amy Shortt

David Lasky

WORDS OF WELCOME

Ann Vivian

*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**

Lou Rochford

by Kimi Floyd Reisch, UCC Open and Affirming Coalition, Inspired by Psalm 13

One: How long, O Lord?

**ALL: How long must your lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people hide,
afraid to come out to wholeness?**

One: How long, O Lord?

**ALL: How long must our Black, Latinx, and Indigenous siblings bear the scars
our legacy of white supremacy and racism have left on this nation, on
this world?**

One: How long, O Lord?

ALL: Before the lament we carry in our souls is heard and comforted?

One: Divine Beloved, we have trusted in your steadfast love.

ALL: Our hearts have rejoiced at the promise of your mercy and compassion.

One: This Open and Affirming Sunday, let us sing to the Lord, Our God.

**ALL: Let us raise the songs of our ancestors, committing to walk in justice and
mercy, until all God’s people are free.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Hope of the World

#46 NCH

TIME OF UNBURDENING

Hannah Sachs

from enfleshed.com

We confess, we still shame Jesus, when he turns over tables.

**We confess, we still condemn Jesus, when he breaks the rules to which we are
loyal.**

**We confess, while Jesus is torn from the arms of his mother by ICE,
killed by his own lovers – so afraid of desiring trans women,
and sitting lonely on the street with no family to welcome them home,
our loyalties are often elsewhere.**

Our priorities are not your own.

**Search our hearts, O God, and see if there is any fear within us.
Meet us there with your good news that sets the captives free.
Forgive us from the harm we have done as we seek to harm no more. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Faith Neil

SERMON Stonewall was a Riot

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING** *Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor* #590 NCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Cyndy Hall

*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 *Love Will Never Fail* Paul Zach

*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*

***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 Us Hope when Hope Seems Hopeless* #461 NCH

***BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Postlude in C* Eugene Thayer

**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 Zoom link is also on the front page or our website on Sunday mornings:
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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