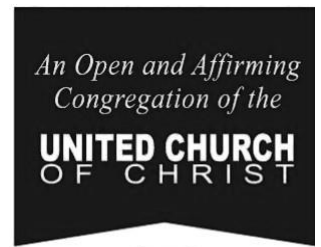




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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.*

Excerpt from The Summer Day by Mary Oliver

PRELUDE *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. Allen

WORDS OF WELCOME The Rev. Joan Newton O’Gorman

INTROIT *Yesu Kwetu ni Rafiki* arr. Mark Burrows
(What a Friend We Have in Jesus)
Ayanna Harlow

*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** Susan Saunders

The Lord’s Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book

One: O Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

All: Source of all that is and that shall be,

One: Father and Mother of us all,

All: Loving God, in whom is heaven:

One: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

All: The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

One: Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

**All: Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

One: With the bread we need for today, feed us.

All: In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

One: In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.

All: From trials too great to endure, spare us.

One: From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

**All: For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN** *Standing in the Need of Prayer* #519 NCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Two Bulls in Lakota on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota

Prayed by Rev. Canon Robert

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WORD OF GOD FOR SM(ALL) AGES

Hilah Clarke

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:1-13

MESSAGE

*Three Essential Prayers ~ Help. Thanks. Wow.
book by Anne Lamott*

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

Spirit of the Living God

#283 NCH

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

HAIL MARY

**Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Morning Prayer Op. 39, No. 1

Tchaikowsky

*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**

*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.*

#780 NCH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#506 NCH

***BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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

All are invited to a time of fellowship – in person or virtually: Worship is followed by Fellowship
outside at First Church – and remotely on [ZOOM](https://bit.ly/sundayfellowship) - the link is: <https://bit.ly/sundayfellowship>

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!

The flower's on the pulpit this morning are given by
Libby Ivy in memory of her mother, Nellie Nye,
longtime church member who passed away in July 1987.

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