

*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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August 7, 2022
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Communion Sunday: all are welcome to the table. First Church celebrates Communion on the first Sunday monthly and during special services throughout the year. Prior to worship, gather elements – any version of “juice” and “bread” – and share in Communion virtually.

*We all have the same little bones in our foot
twenty-six with funny names like navicular.
Together they build something strong—
our foot arch a pyramid holding us up.
The bones don't get casts when they break.
We tape them—one phalange to its neighbor for support.
(Other things like sorrow work that way, too—
find healing in the leaning, the closeness.)
Our feet have one quarter of all the bones in our body.
Maybe we should give more honor to feet
and to all those tiny but blessed cogs in the world—
communities, the forgotten architecture of friendship.*

—About Standing (In Kinship) by Kimberly Blaeser

PRELUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

arr. Gordon Young

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Joan Newton O’Gorman

*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 Ellwood

One: You are with us, God of sunrises,

All: You awaken us with each bright new day, overflowing with promise.

One: You are with us, Inviting God

All: Calling us to respond to all the chances to share the spirit of grace and hope

One: You are with us Glory of God

All: Gathering us into the presence of your peace, listening to the deep prayers of our hearts.

***OPENING HYMN**

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore
The First Church DragonHeart “Pull Together” Team

#173 NCH

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 12: 4-14

MESSAGE

*“Pulling Together: Reflections on a Dragonboat,
a Congregation and a Communion Table”*

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

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Hallelujah

L. Cohen

Judy Doerner, *handbells* & Jan Jackson, *piano*

*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**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Let Us Break Bread Together

#330 Vv 1-2 NCH

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION *Thom Shuman, adapted*

Leader: May God be gracious to you.

Response: And also to you.

Leader: Beloved of God, open your hearts to the One who nourishes us at
this table that is long and wide,

Response: To the One who offers us hope, life and grace,

Leader: As God's people we gather for this sacred meal that blesses us,
creates community and feeds our hungry hearts and spirits,

Response: We join all creation in lifting our praises to our God.

PRAYER OF BLESSING AND SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*We believe this is God's table, not ours, so all are welcome at this table, regardless of age or faith. The cup is
unfermented grape juice, and gluten-free bread is available.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***CLOSING VERSES**

Let Us Break Bread Together

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Festive Voluntary

arr. Nash

**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>

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE:

Many thanks to our special musicians this morning including Jan Jackson,
Judy Doerner, Karl Doerner and the First Church Dragonheart Team: "Pull Together"

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!

Staff Directory

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