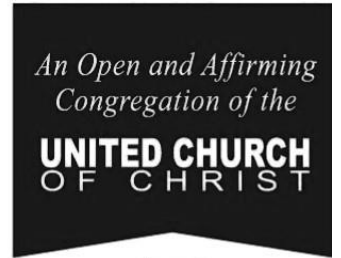




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October 16, 2022
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

V. Plein Chant VI. Et in Terra pax

Couperin

*Online worshipers (live stream) are invited to greet the congregation
by writing your name in the YouTube chat.*

*Please also submit any prayer requests via the YouTube chat –
prayer requests received prior to the sermon will be shared during “Prayers of the People.”*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Karen Bushey

INTROIT

Good Enough

INVOCATION

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Holy One, Our Balm, Our Feast, we lift our hands and call your name, in
need of healing–thirsting and hungry. You love us infinitely more than
we love ourselves or others.**

**So open us this day to your nourishment, help us be more merciful,
more grace-filled, so that we might rejoice in simple and good enough
moments that fill our days. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

For the Fruit of All Creation

#425 NCH

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Elissa Johnk

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:5-9

TIME OF UNBURDENING

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING THE PEACE

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES

Hilah Clarke

ANTHEM

Look at the World

John Rutter

GOSPEL READING

John 6:25-35

SERMON

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

#485 NCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*This week’s “Celebrations & Prayer’s” list is available for you
on the front page of our website – <https://firstchurchburlington.org/> - 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

A Sacred Reflection

Lasky

*You are invited to offer 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 Jesus Christ, our burdens know,
Praise Spirit through whom our hearts grow, Praise Three-in-One, from here below. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

Since the Lord is My Salvation

NETTLETON

*Since the Lord is my salvation, Is there anyone to fear?
As a citizen of heaven why should I feel worry here?
In a world that's lost and broken and where sin and death abound,
We rejoice for God has spoken: we are safe, on solid ground.
God will hide me in the shelter when the days of trouble come.
Though a war may rise against me, God's own tent will be my home.
I will trust what God has given, I will trust God's word to me:

I'm a citizen of heaven and it's what I'll always be.
Even when I hear the warning, "Find a safer, easier way,"
I'll be faithful in the morning and at noon and close of day.
As a citizen of heaven, I have nothing I should fear;

For in Christ, I am forgiven, and I'm called to service here.
You, O Lord, are my salvation; make me strong to live for you.
May I care for your creation, love the stranger, speak what's true.
May I share what you have given; may I see each person's worth.
As a citizen of heaven, make me useful here on earth.*

*A BLESSING FOR SLOWING DOWN

*BENEDICTION

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Good Enough, reprise

POSTLUDE

Festive Voluntary

Nash arr. Callahan

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

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE: Portions of today's liturgy come from the Worship Design Studio. "Good Enough" written by Marsha Charles, Marcia McFee, Chuck Bell. "A Blessing for Slowing Down" from *Good Enough*, by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie. All used and adapted with permission.

Virtual Fellowship: Worship is followed by Fellowship outside at First Church – and remotely on **ZOOM** - 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 flowers on the pulpit this morning were given by
Glen and Martha Burroughs in memory of their parents,
Harold & Marion Burroughs and Chet & Liz Eaton.

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