

College Street
Congregational Church



**The Congregational Churches of Burlington, Vermont
United Church of Christ
Worldwide Communion Sunday Joint Worship**

October 2, 2022 10 a.m.

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worldwide Communion Sunday*

*Today, the first Sunday of the month, is a Communion Sunday.
All ages, every person, is welcome to participate in Communion at First Congregational Church.
Before worship, gather a candle and elements to participate in Communion –
any form of juice and bread that you have readily available.*

The Gathering

PRELUDE

Fugue in C

G.F. Handel

*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."*

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Revs. Ken White and Elissa C. Johnk

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

portions from the UCC Statement of faith

Leader: We have different ways of entertaining ourselves

All: *[Say the name of the last book, movie, show, or song you saw]*

Leader: We have different favorite holidays

All: *[Say the name of your favorite holiday]*

Leader: We even usually go to different congregations

All: *[Say the name of your congregation]*

Leader: But we give thanks that we are all part of your church together, O God

All: **You call us into your church,
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be servants to the whole human family,
to proclaim the Good News to all the world,
to share in Christ's baptism, to eat at his table,
and to join him in his passion and victory.**

May it be so.

Leader: What a gift it is to be United in the Body of Christ, in the church, and at this worship!

***OPENING HYMN**

Gather Us In

(see insert)

TIME OF UNBURDENING

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet we often dismiss these commandments and go our separate ways. In these moments, God, hear our silent prayers, and re-create us in your image this day. [Silent Prayer]

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Word

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 5:1-3,5a,7-15

REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

In Christ There Is No East or West

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The Response

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.

SILENT PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, 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 (trespasses) 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 AND OFFERTORY

Teach Us Your Ways

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

- In addition to our regular offering this morning, the Outreach Teams are sponsoring the UCC special offering for Neighbors in Need, dedicated to supporting Justice and Witness ministries. Please give generously - by check payable to First Church or College Street and indicate "NIN" in the memo section. Thank you.*

*DOXOLOGY

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*We give thee but thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O God, from thee. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Gift of the Meal

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

For Everyone Born

Vv 1-3 (see insert)

INVITATION *portions by Joanna Harder, adapted*

Leader: We gather around the Table in places far and near

Side 1: Eating Sourdough, Rye, Tortillas

Side 2: Crackers, Wafers, Rice and Wonderbread-

All: The broken bread, uniting.

Leader: Drinking the wine or the juice

Side 1: from handmade chalices and silver goblets,

Side 2: little cups and plastic packages-

All: The cup of blessing, poured out.

Leader: The bread and the cup unite us with all who would follow Jesus.

Side 1: This meal reaches back through the centuries.

Side 2: This meal reaches forward through the ages.

All: This table reaches around the world.

Leader: Let us eat and drink with joy.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS *We believe this is God's table, not ours; all are welcome at this table, regardless of age or faith. The cup is unfermented grape juice, the bread is gluten-free.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *by Jan Richardson*

The Sending Forth

***CLOSING VERSES**

For Everyone Born

Vv 4-5 (see insert)

***BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

For Everyone Born (reprise)

**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>

WELCOME VISITORS!

Welcome to First Congregational Church in Burlington. Our faith is over 2,000 years old, but our thinking is not! We open our 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 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!

Flowers are given this morning by
Donna Lee in memory of the Rev. Bob Lee's birthday
and in honor of the numerous fall birthdays in the Lee family.

Staff Directory

Elissa Johnk, *Lead Minister*

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