

*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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October 23, 2022

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

A Cup of Rejoicing

Wilbur Held

*Online worshippers (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

The Baker Niles Family

INTROIT

Good Enough

INVOCATION

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Holy One, You whose love endures forever, you keep offering us new life and hope, no matter what. We give you thanks, for you are our strength and our salvation, loving us infinitely more than we love ourselves. So call our name this day, help us recognize your grace, that we might rejoice in simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

We are Part of the Blessing

*We're part of the blessing of God's new creation;
The world may not see it, but we know it's true.
For God in Christ Jesus has given salvation;
The old life is gone! God makes everything new!
We're part of the blessing, for we are God's children.
We're loved and forgiven! We're welcomed back home.
And now we are called to be part of God's kingdom,
To welcome the children God claims as his own.*

*A man had two sons and the younger said to him,
"I want my inheritance now! It is mine!"
His father divided the property with him;
That son spent it all and was soon feeding swine.
But then he remembered his father providing;
He thought he would beg to go home as a slave.
His dad saw him coming as he stood there waiting;
He ran out to greet him and welcome and save.*

*We're part of the blessing of God's new creation;
As we have been welcomed, may we share God's grace.
There's no room for grumbling in God's gracious kingdom;
There's no place to question God's loving embrace.
The outcast, the sinner, the poor, struggling mother,
The addict, the seeker, the one who is lost —
God welcomes them home and invites them to dinner —
God runs out to greet us through Christ and his cross.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Elissa Johnk

READING

TIME OF UNBURDENING

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING THE PEACE

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES

Hilah Clarke

ANTHEM

Streams of Mercy
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Curry

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:1-10

SERMON

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

Great is Your Faithfulness
Tim Berger, trumpet

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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

Deep River
Austin Handbell Choir

arr. Douglas Wagner

*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

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*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**

This Is a Day of New Beginnings
Emy Berger, flute

#417 NCH

***A BLESSING FOR BECOMING REAL**

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BENEDICTION

Good Enough, reprise

POSTLUDE

Let All Things Now Living

arr. Michael Burkhardt

**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:

Portions of today's liturgy come from the Worship Design Studio. "Good Enough" written by Marsha Charles, Marcia McFee, Chuck Bell. "A Blessing for Becoming Real" from *Good Enough*, by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie. All used and adapted with permission.

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 Bobbi Holzel.

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