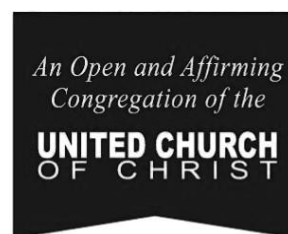




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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Foundation"

arr. Lasky

*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 AND INVOCATION**

Carol Hauke

by Revs. Vosper and Norton, adapted

One: The choices we make craft us
into who we are becoming.
Whether good or ill, it is the Spirit within
that tells of who we are.

All: **As we gather this morning,
may we sense the immense import of that reality,**

One: and find, deep within ourselves,

All: **the power to create,
to birth ourselves into being.**

One: Let us pray:

***OPENING HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth

#28 NCH

WORDS OF WELCOME

SCRIPTURE READING

James 2:14-18, 26

Karl Doerner

TIME OF UNBURDENING *a Veteran's Day Litany, adapted*

Faith Neil

Call: O God, in your mercy... Response: deliver us.

For the victims of war, women, men, children, soldiers and civilians, O God...

For the maimed and the paralyzed, the abandoned and the imprisoned, O God...

For the scorched and blackened earth, and the violence rooted in our hearts, O God...

From the tyranny of greed and the cancer of hatred, O God...

From the seduction of wealth and the addiction of control, O God...

From the paralysis of cynicism and the violence of apathy, O God...

From the ghettos of wealth, and the ghettos of poverty, from the ghettos of a dead and dying
imagination, O God...

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING THE PEACE

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES

Hilah Clarke

ANTHEM

Total Praise
Sanctuary Choir

Richard Smallwood

MEDITATION

Ann Vivian

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Give Thanks

MEDITATION

Tim Berger

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

What Gift Can We Bring?

#370 NCH

MEDITATION

Rob Backus

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.

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS

Jamie Polli

CALL TO THE OFFERING *by Binkley & McKeel*

One: The kingdom of love is coming because:

**All: somewhere someone is kind when others are unkind,
somewhere someone shares with another in need,**

One: somewhere someone refuses to hate, while others hate,

**All: somewhere someone is patient - and waits in love,
somewhere someone returns good for evil,**

One: somewhere someone serves another, in love,
somewhere someone is calm in a storm,

All: somewhere someone is loving everybody.

One: Is that someone you?

OFFERTORY

All things bright and beautiful

arr. John Rutter

*You are invited to offer monetary gifts
online using this link: <https://bit.ly/fccbongiving>
(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*

***SONG OF PRAISE**

#563 NCH

*We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflowers growing,
for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.*

*With open hand receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
That all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

MEDITATION

Lucy Samara

***CLOSING HYMN**

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

#556 NCH

***BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION**

Stephen Hyde

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C

Eugene Thayer

**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! 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!

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