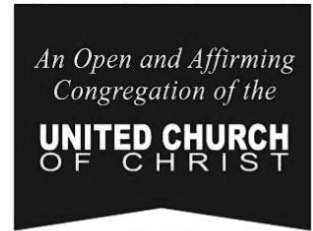




38 South Winooski Avenue  
Burlington, Vermont



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January 22, 2023  
10 a.m.

**PRELUDE**

*A Sacred Reflection*

arr. David 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.”*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Lou Rochford

**INTROIT**

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*  
Sanctuary Choir

Rowan

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION**

Liz Royer

*inspired by Psalm 27:1, 4-9*

One: Our ever-present God dwells in the sanctuary and in homes, in  
public spaces and our interior lives.

**Many: Behold the greatness of the Holy One in the expansiveness of  
these sacred spaces.**

One: We seek God’s face on Sunday mornings and evenings...and  
throughout the week.

**Many: Live in the presence of the Holy One all the days of our lives.**

One: We call out for God’s grace, strength, and guidance.

**Many: Seek the face of the Holy One. Recognize God’s greatness.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*This the Day of New Beginnings*

#417 NCH

**GOSPEL READING**

From Matthew 4:12-23

Faith Neil

**WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES**

Hilah Clarke and Jason Vanderlaan

**TIME OF UNBURDENING**

Tony Hall

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**HEBREW BIBLE READING**

Isaiah 9:1-4

Jamie Polli

**MEDITATION**

The Rev. Bill Neil

**\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

*You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

#173 NCH

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Cyndy Hall

*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**

THE 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

Karl Doerner

OFFERTORY

*Come to the Water*

*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

STUTTGART

*All the wealth that we may gather, Is for use in causes just.  
We are stewards of the bounty, Loaned to us in solemn trust. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

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\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*You Shall Go Out with Joy*

Dauermann

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

**Virtual Fellowship:** Worship is followed by Fellowship 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!

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