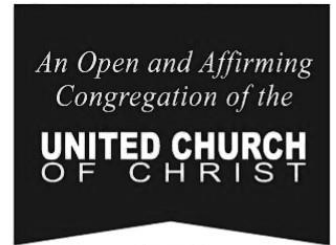




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February 19, 2023  
10 a.m.

*“Pray as if everything depends on God;  
and act as if everything depends on you.”*  
St. Augustine

**PRELUDE**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

*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 Rev. Elissa C. Johnk

**INTROIT**

*Hallelujah Sing!*

*Hallelujah sing a song of peace to Me.*

*Hallelujah sing this unhidden melody.*

*Hallelujah sing in all souls residing.*

*Hallelujah, sing your light, what joy it brings.*

*Hallelujah sing. Hallelujah sing!*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION**

Dustin and Bryan Bruley

*by the Rev. Rex Hunt, adapted*

Leader: This is the place and this is the time.

To see the world and the whole of life in a new light.

**People: That we might be filled with hope, and joy  
and certainty for the future.**

Leader: This is the place, as are all places:

**People: this is the time, as are all times.**

**Here and now.**

Leader: So let us allow for what is, and make space for what  
is even now becoming, in you and me,

**People: and this sanctuary called Earth.**

Leader: Hallelujah!

**People: Amen.**

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 6:1, 5-6

**TIME OF UNBURDENING** *by Pamela Hawkins*

**O God, who makes all things new, new stars, new dust, new life;  
take my heart, every hardened edge and measured beat,  
and create something new in me.**

**I need your newness, God, the rough parts of me made smooth;  
the stagnant, stirred; the stuck, freed;  
the unkind, forgiven.**

**And then, by the power of your Spirit,  
I need to be turned toward Love again. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*Standing in the Need of Prayer*  
*by Boston Weatherford and Morrison, African American Spiritual*

Susan Saunders  
Children's Choir

### HEBREW BIBLE READING

From Exodus 4:10-14, 14:10-15

### SERMON

### \*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

*Standing in the Need of Prayer*

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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

### 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

### OFFERTORY

*Beside Still Waters*  
Austin Handbell Choir

*arr. Howard F. Starks*

*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*

### \*SONG OF PRAISE

STUTT GART

*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

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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### \*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*We Shall Go Out with Joy*

*arr. Greer*

*\*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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