



First Congregational Church of Burlington, UCC

May 28, 2023

*Pentecost Sunday
Celebration of Confirmation*

*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.”*

PRELUDE	<i>Sanctus</i>	<i>Couperin</i>
WORDS OF WELCOME		Lou Rochford
*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION		Cyndy Hall
<i>Written jointly with College Street, in celebration of our Confirmands</i>		
One:	We gather together in joy this morning!	
All:	Thanks be to God!	
One:	We celebrate six youth who have spent months praying, reading, sharing, and growing their faith.	
All:	Thanks be to God!	
One:	We celebrate two churches who are learning to lean more deeply into Jesus’ prayer “That They May All Be One”	
All:	Thanks be to God!	
One:	We celebrate one triune God who reveals God’s self to each of us differently, but brings to all of us the joy, wonder, community, and ministry of God’s steadfast lovingkindness.	
All:	Thanks be to God!	
One:	Let us pray:	
*OPENING HYMN	<i>Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us</i>	#267 NCH
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		
HEBREW BIBLE READING	Numbers 11:24-30	Jack Lynch
ANTHEM	<i>Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me</i> Sanctuary Choir	arr. K. Lee Scott
CALL TO THE OFFERING		Ann Vivian
OFFERTORY		

*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** #780 NCH
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21 the Rev. Elissa Johnk

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Being baptized today are Aven Lilly and Asa Lee Jorgenson
Parents are Jennifer and Simon Jorgenson
Godparents are Amy and David Rollings

GREETING • QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

QUESTION OF THE GODPARENTS

QUESTION OF THE CONGREGATION

One: Will you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, endeavor to live so that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God, and Jesus the Christ? Will you support them in their efforts to faithfully live in the manner and way of Jesus of Nazareth?

All: We will, with the help of God.

PRAYER OF BAPTISM • ACT OF BAPTISM

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION** *Borning Cry* #351 Vv. 1,2 NCH

MEDITATIONS Tegan Bushey, Aven Jorgenson

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Being confirmed today are Aven Jorgenson and Tegan Bushey
Parents are Jennifer and Simon Jorgenson and Karen and Matt Bushey

INVITATION • QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES • QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

One: Before you stand God's people, God's gift to you, as you are to them. Will you welcome these ones with open hearts? Will you confirm the promises made at the time each one was Baptized, to teach them by word and example, to guide them in the ways of prayer and service, and to offer them the love and support of the Christian church?

All: We do, with the help of God.

One: Will you receive the new challenges and questions, insights and gifts they bring? Will you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with them in the Christian faith, that together we might make God's love believable in the world that waits beyond these doors?

All: We do, with the help of God.

One: Let us, the members and friends of the First Congregational Church, UCC, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ. Since with them we are changed in body, we unite with the church in all times and places by confessing our faith, using the affirmation written by our confirmands.

**All: There are many, many things I don't know,
but this is what I believe this far:**

**I believe that the Spirit of God is always with us, in our best
and happiest moments, and in our worst moments.**

**I have faith that even on the highest mountain, in the deepest ravine, and in the
darkest tunnel, I will never be alone.**

I rely on God to help me confront the unknown.

I have faith that God is in everyone and that the breath God has given us is the

**breath of life, and I will cherish it.
I believe God is wonder.
I believe that Jesus is always with us,
and that we can find God and Jesus' love in different ways:
in family, friends, a tree, or a good meal, even.
I believe we are bonded by faith and community
to support each other and build each other up.
I believe that meaning is found in service to each other.
I like putting my life in the hands of God.
Amen.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION • WELCOME AND RECEPTION

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION**

Borning Cry

#351 Vv. 3,4 NCH

CHARGE TO THE CONFIRMANDS

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 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
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.**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

#286 Vv. 1,4 NCH

***BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION**

the Rev. Ken White

POSTLUDE

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**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/fellowshipzoom> or <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82411411970>
Or join by phone - 1 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 824 1141 1970

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 today are given in memory of all who served.

Staff Directory

Elissa Johnk, *Lead Minister*

Caroline Catlin, *Office & Nursery Administrator*

Lucy Samara, *Communications Coordinator*

Jennifer Coleman, *Bell Choir Director*

Laura Elder-Connors, *Children's Choir Director*

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