

Wild Heart

JAZZ SUNDAY

June 9, 2024

“Collective joy [is] a sacred experience. The problem is that we don’t show up for enough of these experiences. We clearly need them. But it’s vulnerable to lean in to that kind of shared joy and pain. We armor up. We shove our hands in our pockets during the concert or we roll our eyes at the dance or put our headphones on rather than get to know someone on the train... [but] I’ve never doubted the power of music as the most powerful form of collective joy.” - Brene Brown

GATHERING MUSIC

The Onion River Jazz Band: Carl Recchia, *piano*, Gene Childers, *trumpet*, Tony Pietricola, *clarinet*, Bill Brislin, *trombone*, Paul Gittlesohn, *banjo*, Glendon Ingalls, *tuba*, and Tony Hall, *drums*

PRELUDE

Do Lord
I Would Do Anything For You
Take My Hand, Precious Lord
What a Wonderful World

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CENTERING SILENCE

the Rev. Elissa Johnk

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Baker Niles Family

One: The Psalmist invites us to sing to the Lord, to make a joyful noise, to praise God with a sounding trumpet, with timbrel, strings and pipe!

All: We gather to make music and pray and lift our voices in praise of God whose love endures forever.

One: Let us sing to the Lord a new song this morning with drums and trombone, piano and saxophone, banjo and bells,

All: And let the sea and everything in it and all of creation join in the joyful chorus as we offer our praises to God.

One: And all the church said:

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMNHow Great Thou Art*

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power through out the universe displayed:*

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze Refrain*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My god, how great thou art!" Refrain*

TIME OF UNBURDENING

Ain't Misbehaving
Ava Bilton, vocalist

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

ANTHEM *God Wouldn't Bring You This Far to Leave You* Tom Trenney
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 138, p. 540 Celia and Shayla Polli

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES *The Golden Rule* Vivian Caputo
Cherub Choir

*Children of all ages are always welcome in worship. Those who wish to join their peer groups for
Kids Lab are invited to follow Hilah to their classrooms.*

ANTHEM *Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land* arr. Mark Arnold
Austin Handbell Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please remember our congregation includes those who are worshipping digitally and share
concerns appropriately – with permission and using first names only.*

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***Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

You are invited to offer your monetary gifts and/or to complete the yellow offering card found in your pew. If you are new, please use this time to complete a welcome card and place it in the offering plate – and introduce yourself to our ushers after the service!

In addition, Outreach is sponsoring a special offering to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). This ecumenical ministry provides disaster relief, refugee response and long-term development work, both here and abroad. Please place your cash or check donations in the envelopes provided. Make checks payable to First Church and place "OGHS" in the memo, or select "One Great Hour of Sharing" from our online dropdown menu.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION**SONG OF PRAISE**

#778 NCH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

SERMON***CLOSING HYMN***Savior God Above*

#602 NCH

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION**PARTING SONG***Amen!*

#161 NCH

RECESSIONAL*When the Saints Go Marching Out*

During the Recessional, you are invited to gather your belongings and follow the choir outside, to join in a time of music and fellowship - and ice cream! In case of rain, we will recess upstairs to the Dining Room.

*1: O when the saints, go marching out... O when the saints go marching out,
O Lord I want to be in that number, When the saints go marching in.*

2: And when the sun, begins to shine . . .

3: When the trumpet, sounds a call . . .

4: O when they sing, the Savior's praise . . .

5. O when they crown, Him Lord of all . . .

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

**So many thanks to the Onion River Jazz Band,
on this our 40th year celebrating Jazz Sunday together!**

*Welcoming All.
Seeking Justice.
Finding God.*

38 South Winooski Avenue
Burlington, Vermont



*An Open and Affirming
Congregation of the*

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



firstchurchburlington.org

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 are given by Rob Backus in honor of Michelle Mraz as she celebrates her birthday today!

Staff Directory

Elissa Johnk, *Lead Minister*

Ava Bilton, *Director of Congregational Life*

Caroline Catlin, *Office & Nursery Administrator*

Lucy Samara, *Communications Coordinator*

Jennifer Coleman, *Bell Choir Director*

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

Chris Lyons-Dinh, *Interim Director of Music*

Hilah Clarke, *Faith Formation Director*

Jason Vanderlaan, *Youth Ministries*

Jesse O'Gorman, *Security Staff*

Derik Breen, *Building & Grounds*

Paul Hobbs, *Head Usher* • Patty Thomas, *Welcomer*
Lou Rochford, *Digital Usher* • Steve Fuchs, *A/V Technician*

🌐 www.firstchurchburlington.org ✉ info@firstchurchburlington.org ☎

802.862.5010 • Follow us @firstchurchbtv