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First Congregational Church at 38 South Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401

OFFERTORY *Bound for the Promised Land* Sondra K Tucker
The Ambassadors Handbell Ensemble

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND DOXOLOGY** #780 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 Oasis

***CLOSING HYMN** *There is a Balm in Gilead* #553 NCH
vv. 1, 3, and 4

***BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Hold Us Together* Matt Maher

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

*Thank you to Jeff Bryant, Rick Simons, and Bellanna Driscoll for leading
our music in worship this morning.*

Joining us in worship this week is Matt Van Wagner who joined JUMP (Joint Urban Ministry Project) in February as Director of Outreach and Development. In this role, Matt works with JUMP partner churches, local businesses, agencies and individuals to inspire greater involvement and generosity so we can “do more to help more people” who struggle with economic poverty.

Matt is a member of College Street Congregational Church where he has served as co-chair of Deacons and in the music ministries. Back in NH, he was heavily involved with both his local church, First Church Nashua, Congregational UCC and the NH UCC Conference doing a little bit of everything from music to leading worship, stewardship and capital campaigns in churches across the Granite State.

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!

Staff Directory

Elissa Johnk, <i>Lead Minister</i>	Ava Bilton, <i>Director of Congregational Life</i>
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