

January 19th, 2025

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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 – to be shared during "Prayers of the People."

PRELUDE

Sonata No. 12 in F Major, 1st movement

W. A. Mozart

Sam Rosenbaum

Introit

Water to Wine

Porters Gate

Bellana Driscoll and Jeff Bryant

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Lynn Schouten

UCC Resources for MLK, Jr. Sunday, adapted

One: Listen, people of God, for the voice of God is calling: "The ultimate measure of a [person] is not where [they] stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where [they] stand at times of challenge and controversy."

All: In difficult times, God calls us to join the movement of courageous truth-tellers.

One: In comfortable times, God calls us to join the movement of silence-breakers.

All: In times of struggle, God calls us to join the movement toward freedom.

One: In times of peace, God calls us to join the movement toward justice.

All: In all times, God calls us to join with the movement of the Spirit.

One: Listen, people of God, for the voice of God is calling: "Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a better person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in." Let us pray:

*Opening Hymn Precious Lord Take My Hand #472 NCH

WORDS OF WELCOME Ava Bilton

GOSPEL READING John 2:1-11, p.923 Karl Doerner

TIME OF UNBURDENING

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES

Hilah Clarke

ANTHEM

Hope Come Make Your Home Sanctuary Choir

Thompson/Miller

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

the Rev. Elissa Johnk

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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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.

*Hymn of Reflection Precious Lord Take My Hand

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Invitation to the Offering

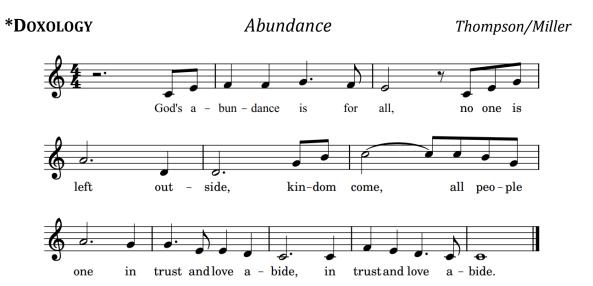
OFFERTORY

Bridge Over Troubled Water

Simon/Stallbaumer

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



SERMON

*Parting Hymn Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. R. Johnson/ ed. Clague & Kuster







38 South Winooski Avenue Burlington, Vermont

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 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.

That means YOU!

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Many thanks to our guest musicians today, for lending their gifts in worship.

Portions of today's liturgy come from the Worship Design Studio's

"Six Stone Jars" worship series.

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