ORDER OF WORSHIP

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 on the Everlasting Arms Anthony J. Showalter

Jonathan Ellwanger, piano

INTROIT Irish Jig Fisher & Hague
Russian Folk Song Beethoven

Abby and Ella Baker, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Will Gunger & Youth Group

*by Marcia McFee, adapted*One: The act of gathering together, choosing to be in community, is counter-cultural,

revolutionary, even. Revolutionary, in its origin, meant to

find a course around a central point.

Many: The Light of Christ is at our center.

One: It is our guiding light for our relationships with ourselves, each other, and the world.

Many: Let this gathering transform us.

One: Reconciling God, we ask you to help us [...] In the name of Jesus, the Center That Holds,

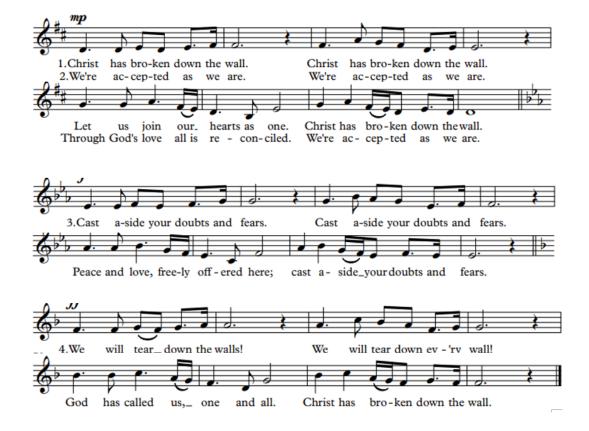
Many: And in the power of the Spirit That Transforms. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME Ava Bilton

*OPENING HYMN

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

arr. Mark Miller



Karl Doerner

Time of Confession Lucy Samara

O God, sometimes we have difficulty understanding our own thoughts, much less someone else's. Making sense someone else's viewpoint, even making sense of this life can seem unreachable. Often, we give up, and retreat into ourselves, refusing to believe there are any solutions out there. We have stopped believing in transformation. Forgive us, and help us to renew in faith and vision. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES

Hilah Clarke

ANTHEM Prayers for the Innocents (A Prayer for Hope and Peace)

Michael Helman

The Austin Handbell Choir

READING The Gospel of Mary 4:21-27

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 • 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.

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

I Come to the Garden Alone

#237 NCH (black hymnal)

Invitation to the Offering

OFFERTORY

Your Peace Will Make Us One Bellana Driscoll Assad, arr.

Bellana Driscol

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia! Help us to work together well, offring our kindness to the world. Follow Jesus, praise the Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON

*Parting Hymn Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

#393 NCH (black hymnal)

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Show Me the Way

THE GOSPEL KEYNOTES

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