

# 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*  
Jonathan Ellwanger, *piano*

*Anthony J. Showalter*

## INTROIT

*Irish Jig*  
*Russian Folk Song*  
Abby and Ella Baker, *piano*

*Fisher & Hague*  
*Beethoven*

## CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

*by Marcia McFee, adapted*

*Will Gunger*  
*& Youth Group*

**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*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a tempo marking of *mp* (mezzo-piano). The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column starting on the first line of the staff and the second column starting on the second line. The score is divided into four systems, each with two staves. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Christ has bro-ken down the wall. Christ has bro-ken down the wall.  
2. We're ac-cep-ted as we are. We're ac-cep-ted as we are.  
Let us join our hearts as one. Christ has bro-ken down the wall.  
Through God's love all is re - con-ciled. We're ac-cep-ted as we are.  
3. Cast a-side your doubts and fears. Cast a-side your doubts and fears.  
Peace and love, free-ly off - ered here; cast a - side your doubts and fears.  
4. We will tear down the walls! We will tear down ev - 'ry wall!  
God has called us, one and all. Christ has bro-ken down the wall.

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)*  
The Austin Handbell Choir

Michael Helman

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.

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise God all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Help us to work together well, offering our kindness to the world.  
Follow Jesus, praise the Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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*