

JUNE 15TH 9:00AM



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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WELCOME

WE MEAN IT.

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 the 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!

VISITING?

RESTROOMS are located out the front left exit of the sanctuary, right down the hallway, and then on your left.

KID BAGS + WIGGLE SEATS are available at the front and rear of the sanctuary.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available in the sanctuary. Ushers can assist you.

CONNECT with us by filling out a welcome card (in pews) and drop it in the offering plate.

SUMMER ON THE WATERFRONT

This summer we are intentionally embracing the beauty of our unique location in downtown Burlington with a variety of events and initiatives on the waterfront. One Sunday a month, you can jump into **sailing lessons and special worship services down at the Community Sailing Center**. You can join the **First Church “Pull Together” Dragonboat team** in the Dragonheart Fundraiser. You can gather for a **waterfront breakfast and connection (June 17th at 7:30am!)**. All on the shores of Lake Champlain. **Because the truth is, the church isn’t a building**. Worship doesn’t have to be in the sanctuary. And cultivating the Kingdom of God requires a joyful response to the Creation all around us.

SERVE. GROW. CONNECT.



Worship on the Waterfront

On **June 22nd**, celebrate the start of summer with worship on the waterfront at the Community Sailing Center. A family-friendly, music-driven service will start at 9:30 (with bagels and coffee!) followed by sailing sessions, paddling, art activities, games, a cookout, and more! Wear sunscreen (and a swimsuit if you're planning to get in the lake!), and bring a blanket or lawn chair for the post-worship picnic.



Pull Together

TODAY after worship, join **Team Captain Baki Nelson in the Chapel to learn more about paddling** with the First Church team in Dragonheart Vermont - one of the best ways to get connected within the church *and* enjoy the beauty of the Burlington waterfront. Can't make it today? Email Baki, fn.info@icloud.com. Ready to sign up now? Here's how to register with the Pull Together First Church team: <https://bit.ly/DragonheartFCCB>. The race day is Sunday August 3rd.



We've Got Peace Like a River!

Since 2018, we have gathered with College Street Congregational Church every summer for a multi-generational faith formation experience - PEACE CAMP! This year, we are focusing our fun and fellowship over two evenings, **July 23rd and 24th**. Register at <https://bit.ly/PeaceCamp25> or you can email abilton@firstchurchburlington.org for more information.



Where Two or Three Are Gathered In My Name

Hoping to connect or reconnect with church folk? The Partners in Pastoral Care Teams and Ava invite you to lunch at the church on Tuesday, June 17th at noon. Need a ride? Email Lucy Samara at lsamara@firstchurchburlington.org



An Ordination and Installation Celebration

On Saturday July 12th, we will gather for a service of ordination and installation for Ava Bilton. All are welcome to join this joyful and meaningful event in the life of the Church. The service will be held at 11am.

GET INVOLVED

CHILDREN AND KIDS PROGRAMMING is available every Sunday during worship led by our exceptional staff of trained educators and volunteers. Questions? Email Director of Faith Formation, Hilah Clarke, hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org.

**On Sunday June 22nd, children and families are encouraged to gather at the Community Sailing Center for Sail Into Summer; there will be no childcare offered at First Church.*

YOUTH GROUP gatherings are on a summer hiatus. The group will be traveling to Rutland, VT for a service trip June 19-25 and gathering later in the summer for Wednesday evening sailing session. Questions? Email Youth Leader, Will Gungor, youthministry@firstchurchburlington.org.

SPECIAL MUSIC opportunities are open throughout the summer for those who are interested in offering their musical skills in worship. If you play an instrument or sing and want to participate, email Choral Director, Becky Millard, bmillard@firstchurchburlington.org.

GOOD NEIGHBOR CREW helps make sure the church grounds and our surrounding neighborhood are kept clean, tidy, and safe for all to enjoy. Questions? Email Office Administrator, Will Gunger, office@firstchurchburlington.org.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY is on break until the fall.

IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY is continuing through the month of June - every Wednesday evening at 6:15 at First Church. If you're looking for a new way to engage with your faith, connect with other members, or wanting to develop new skills for reading and interpreting scripture, this is the gathering for you. ALL ARE WELCOME!

WORSHIP AT 9AM at First Congregational Church will continue throughout the summer.

CHURCH STAFF

Elissa Johnk, *Lead Minister*

Hilah Clarke, *Faith Formation Director*

Lucy Samara, *Communications Coordinator*

Will Gunger, *Office Admin & Youth Ministry Leader*

Caroline Catlin, *Early Childhood Coordinator*

Grace Raines, *Elementary Ministries Coordinator*

Tyler Warren & Michelle Mraz, *Security Staff*

Derik Breen, *Building & Grounds*

Ava Bilton, *Pastor*

Jeff Bryant, *Ensemble Director*

Becky Millard, *Choral Director*

Michael Dyke, *A/V Coordinator*

Jennifer Coleman, *Bell Choir Director*

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

*Ushers for today's service are Paul Hobbs and Leendert Huisman
Lou Rochford is Digital Usher and Slide Creator*