

# 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.”*

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*“I had freed a thousand slaves, I could have freed a thousand more  
if only they knew they were slaves.”*

- Harriet Tubman

## PRELUDE

Jeff Bryant, *piano*

## CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Faith Neil

*(mjk adapted)*

One: Let us open our hearts and pray that God’s grace will carry us into the Kindom.

**Many: Let courage rise up. Let passion enflame. Let love transform.**

One: There will be no peace until there is justice. No healing until wrongs are made right.

**Many: Let our love be the fire that burns down the empire. Let justice be the phoenix,  
rising from the ashes.**

One: Come, Spirit, Come [...] the chorus of voices-past will join in and proclaim the truth of God.

**Many: The Kindom of God is here and now.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

#1 NCH (black hymnal)

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Ava Bilton

## SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-5

Bill Neil

## WITNESS TO THE SPIRIT

Charlotte Safran

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES

Hilah Clarke

## 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

*Bind Us Together (see music below)*

*Porter’s Gate*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

*The Kingdom of Jesus  
Grace Palmer, Soloist*

*Porter’s Gate*

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online using this link: <https://bit.ly/fccbonlinegiving>  
(also under the video title on YouTube) - you may also give via Venmo @firstchurchbtv -  
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

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise life that makes us change and grow K. Struckmeyer/Old Hundredth*  
*Praise love that makes compassion flow*  
*Praise peace that ends all strife and fear*  
*Praise hands that work for justice here*

## SERMON

### \*PARTING HYMN

*Creator God, Creating Still*

#278 NCH (black hymnal)

## COMMISSIONING OF THE YOUTH

### \*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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

# BIND US TOGETHER

Isaac Wardell, Kate Bluett, Paul Zach, Nick Chambers, Leslie Jordan

The musical score for 'Bind Us Together' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music with lyrics underneath. The first system has four lines of lyrics. The second system has four lines of lyrics. The third system has four lines of lyrics. The score includes various chords and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

1. Bind us to - ge - ther with - in Your love. Bind us to - ge - ther with - in Your  
2. Bind us to - ge - ther and be our peace. Bind us to - ge - ther and be our  
3. Bind us to - ge - ther and give us hope. Bind us to - ge - ther and give us  
4. Bind us to - ge - ther and make us one. Bind us to - ge - ther and make us

ho - ly love. As we share in our sorrows, we will  
per - fect peace. Though the temp - est may rage, we will  
end - less hope. Though our tears were our bread, we will  
tru - ly one. In Your love, in Your peace, in Your

share in Your joy. Bind us to - ge - ther in love.  
rest in Your joy. Bind us to - ge - ther in peace.  
feast in Your joy. Bind us to - ge - ther in hope.  
hope, in Your joy, bind us to - ge - ther as one.

