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."

"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 Porter's Gate

Grace Palmer, Soloist

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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)

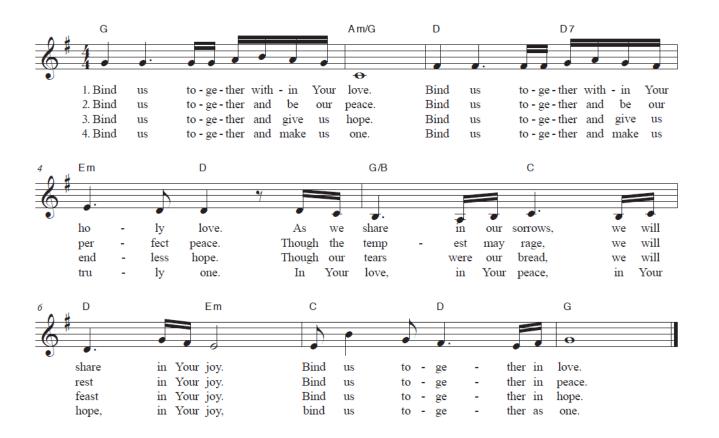
COMMISSIONING OF THE YOUTH

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

BIND US TOGETHER

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



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