



**June 27, 2021**  
**10 a.m.**  
*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

### GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

*Praeludium in G*  
Fred DeHaven, *organ*

*Felix Mendelssohn*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Hannah Sachs

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION**

*by Pam Wyley and Kate McIlhagga, adapted*

Caroline Crawford

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*God is Here! As We Your People Meet*  
Ann Vivian, Kay Ryder, David Lightbody, Doug Viehmann, *vocals*

#70 NCH

**FIRST READING**

*Humming to Snails*

*Marjorie Skwire*

**\*TIME OF UNBURDENING**

*by the Rev. Susan. A. Blain, adapted*

the Rev. Elissa Johnk

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### THE GIFT OF THE WORD

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 4:1-20, p.870

Elise Polli

**WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES**

from Mark 4:26-34

Hilah Clarke

SERMON

**\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

*Praise to the Living God*

#8 NCH

### OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please remember our congregation includes those who are worshipping digitally and share concerns appropriately – with permission and using first names only.*

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.**

**CALL TO THE OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY***The Gift of Love**Hal Hopson*

*During this time you are invited to offer your monetary gifts and/or to complete the offering card found in your pew. You can also make a gift by using the link under the video title online, or texting FCCBUCC to 73256.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

#780 NCH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION****BIDDING TO MISSION AND SENDING FORTH****\*CLOSING HYMN***Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

#476 NCH

**\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***Sonata II Allegro**Felix Mendelssohn*

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

**SPECIAL THANKS**

Special thanks to our readers and lay musicians this Sunday.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we learn to combine our digital and sanctuary congregation and needs.

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

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 tourists from near and far, to those in need, to an array of building users, and to a congregation (of members, friends, and family—both 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. Including YOU!

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