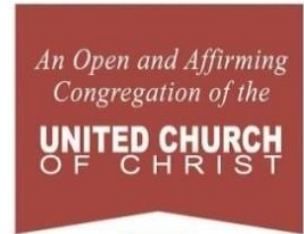


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**July 11, 2021
10 a.m.**

*“The church is God saying,
‘I’m throwing a banquet, and all these mismatched, messed up people are invited.
Here, have some wine.”*

– Rachel Held Evans

PRELUDE

*The More We Get Together
The Peace Camp Band!*

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Elissa Johnk

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
by Ian Lawton, adapted

Dave, Mandy, Retta & Magnus Grace

***OPENING HYMN**

Deep and Wide

***TIME OF UNBURDENING**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SCRIPTURE READING

From 2 Samuel 6:1-19

Diana Carlisle

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES

What is God Like
by Rachel Held-Evans and Matthew Paul Turner

Hilah Clarke

SERMON

The Rev. Elissa Johnk

***SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

CALL TO THE OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Here Comes the Sun

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**

*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**

***SONG OF PREPARATION**

I’ve Got Peace Like a River

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

We believe this is God’s table, not ours, so all are welcome at this table, regardless of age or faith. Gather juice and bread to participate in communion from home.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PRAYER OF BLESSING

Please remember our congregation includes those who are worshipping digitally, please 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.

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Guardian Angel Music

Lauren Larken Scuderi

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

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to our readers and lay musicians this Sunday, including the Jorgenson family, Zach Kelly, and the Peace Camp Band, with members from both First Church and College Street!

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

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE:

+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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