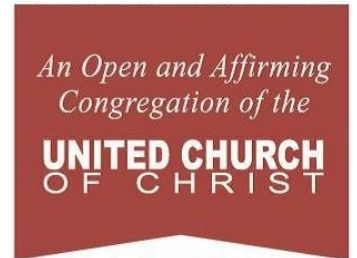


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September 12, 2021 10a.m.
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Hailstork

Kumbaya

Adolphus

Words of Welcome

The Rev. Elissa Johnk

***Call to Worship and Invocation**

The Newman/O'Shea Family

Mark 8:27-30, adapted by Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi

One: Jesus asks the disciples:

All: "Who do people say I am?"

One: They answer, "Some say John the Baptist; some say Elijah; and others say one of the prophets." But Jesus presses them:

All: "Who do you say I am?"

One: Peter answers, "You are Christ—God's anointed one, God-with-us!"

Now Jesus pushes us: "What about you? Here, in this moment, in this community,

All: Who do we say he is?

One: Where do we find the wisdom to answer? Let us pray.

***Opening Hymn**

Gather Us In Vv 1, 2, 4

(music/lyrics in separate document-website & in YouTube document links)

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-37

Louise Brewster

Call to and Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayer

***Words of Assurance**

***Passing of the Peace**

Remote worshipers are invited to submit prayer requests via YouTube chat – prayer requests received prior to the sermon will be shared during "Prayers of the People."

Word of God for (Sm)All Ages

Hilah Clarke

Special Music

Sunday River Waltz

Pete Sutherland

Scripture Reading

James 3:1-12

Sermon

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

You Are the Seed

NCH 528

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (UNISON)

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.

Invitation to the Offering

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.

Offertory

Byss-Calle Polska

traditional Swedish

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***Doxology**

NCH 780

*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** (UNISON)

O God, it is with your guiding hand that we see in Jesus how we are called to be extensions of your love as it moves through us and into the world. Bless these gifts – bless us as we open ourselves to your direction, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Parting Hymn**

Go My Children, With My Blessing

NCH 82

***Bidding to Mission and Benediction**

Postlude

Great Day

Adolphus Hailstork

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

FELLOWSHIP ON ZOOM: All worshiping remotely are invited to a virtual time in fellowship – on Zoom – follows worship. The link is in the YouTube description for this morning's live-stream and on the front page of the First Church website:
www.firstchurchburlington.org

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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The rosebud on the pulpit this morning is in celebration of the birth of
Wheeler Michael Morrissey, born on August 20th, 2021 to Emma and Pat Morrissey.

The maternal grandparents are Michael and Tara Gauding

The flowers were given by Susan Saunders in remembrance of September 11, 2001, and her
brothers, Douglas Davis Saunders (9/4/54 - 3/28/91) and
Stephen Oatman Saunders (9/11/50 - 5/28/16).

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