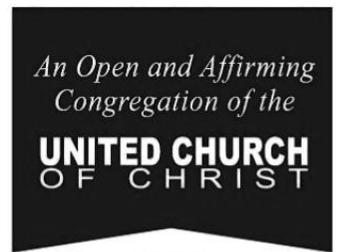




38 South Winooski Avenue
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October 24, 2021

10 a.m.

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Barcarolle (from Tales of Hoffman)

J. Offenbach

Carlanne Herzog, *piano*, Nolwenn Madden, *cello*

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Elissa Johnk

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Karen Bushey

One: God of all time, God of eternity

All: our years belong to you.

One: Our endings are often your beginnings.

All: Our dreamings are often your realities.

One: You affirm our past

All: and give life to our future.

One: Let us pray:

***OPENING HYMN**

All the Beautiful March of Days

#434 NCH

READING

Psalm 34, *Francis McNab, Modern Interpretation*

Steve Hyde

TIME OF UNBURDENING

We want to be open to your transforming word, yet often cling to comfortable ways, fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions. We want to live into Jesus' dream of oneness, but fail to listen to voices of difference. For all this, and all the prayers of our heart, forgive us and restore us.

[Silent Prayer]

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND 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."

GOSPEL READING

John 8:1-11 p.931

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES

Hilah Clarke

READING

From Scott Stoner's "Your Living Compass"

SERMON

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

It is Well with My Soul

#438 NCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OUTREACH TESTIMONY

Al Weldon

CALL TO THE OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

A Gaelic Melody
Austin Chimers Handbell Choir

arr. Hal H. Hopson

*During this time you are invited to offer your monetary gifts.
You can give online using this link
which is also under the video title on YouTube: <https://bit.ly/fccbonlinegiving>
or by texting FCCBUCC to 73256 - or mail a check payable to:
First Congregational Church at 38 South Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401*

***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**CLOSING HYMN**

Like a Tree Beside the Waters

#313 NCH

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE**

Reverie

Claude

Debussy

*All worshipping remotely are invited to a virtual time in fellowship – on Zoom – following 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*

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

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

May thanks to our lay readers and musicians this morning including,
Nolwenn Madden, Carlanne Herzog, the Austin Handbell Choir, Amy Mellencamp,
Karen Bushey, Al Weldon, and Steve Hyde.

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!

The flowers this week were given in dedication to two Larrys, dear friends: Larry Waldman in Arizona, whose celebration of life was yesterday, two years after his death; and to Larry Brannigan in Annapolis, who is fighting for his life now.

Staff Directory

Rev. Elissa Johnk, *Lead Minister*
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Lucy Samara, *Communications Coordinator*
Max Johnson, *A/V Coordinator*
Jennifer Coleman, *Bell Choir Director*
Laura Elder-Connors, *Children's Choir Director*
Derik Breen, *Building & Grounds Staff*

Hannah Sachs, *Director of Creative Ministries
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Hilah Clarke, *Faith Formation Director*
Ana Ruesink, *Youth Choir Director*
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Ian Rock-Jones, *Security Staff*

Baki & Laurie Nelson, *Ushers* • Bob Wolf, Dawn Plante, and Linda Elrick, *Welcomers* •
Lou Rochford, *Digital Usher*

Many thanks to all our lay musicians who are helping out
while are in search for our new Music Director!

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