

*Welcoming All.  
Seeking Justice.  
Finding God.*

38 South Winooski Avenue  
Burlington, Vermont



*An Open and Affirming  
Congregation of the*

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



firstchurchburlington.org

January 23, 2022

10 a.m.

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

**PRELUDE**

*Stædelil*

Eclectica

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Rev. Elissa Johnk

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION**

The Newman/O'Shea Family

*From Psalm 19*

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God

**All: May our worship reflect God's glory.**

One: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**All: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.**

One: Let our prayer and thanksgiving, our singing and proclamation  
project the love of God.

**All: Even in the silence, may we hear wonder speak.**

One: Let us look to the scriptures, to hear their call.

**All: Let us look to creation, and know justice.**

One: Let us pray:

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Now Found is the Fairest of Roses*

*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**

Luke 4:14-21

Andy Barker

**TIME OF UNBURDENING**

*by Rev. Gord*

One: God, you share with us words of hope, words of Good News.

[...] But we can be jealous, wanting the Good News to be for us, not them.

**All: In the multitude of ways we can and have subverted  
your message of freedom and healing,  
in all the ways we have kept the Jubilee year from happening,  
we have left the path of true wisdom  
and call upon your Grace to lead us back on track.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING THE PEACE**

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

Hilah Clarke

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

**SERMON**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Tjønneblomen*

**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.*

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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Jässpodpolska*

CALL TO THE OFFERING Hannah Sachs

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace* arr. J. Wilson  
The Austin Handbell Choir

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*Speak in unison* **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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Menuet 60*

\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Polska from Dorotea*

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

**Fellowship on Zoom:** All worshipping remotely are invited to a virtual time in fellowship following worship. The Zoom 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](http://www.firstchurchburlington.org)

#### NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

Special thanks to this morning's musicians, The Austin Handbell Choir,  
and  
Vermont Quartet: Eclectica with Sofia Hirsch & Laura Markowitz, violins;  
Ana Ruesink, viola; and John Dunlop, cello.  
Music selections are traditional Scandinavian  
folk tunes arranged by the Danish String Quartet.

## 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!

### Staff Directory

Rev. Elissa Johnk, *Lead Minister*

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Many thanks to all our musicians who are helping out while we wait for our new Music Director, Amy Shortt to arrive in mid-February!

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