

*Welcoming All.
Seeking Justice.
Finding God.*

38 South Winooski Avenue
Burlington, Vermont



*An Open and Affirming
Congregation of the*
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

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February 13, 2022

10 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
Sanctuary Choir - December 19, 2021

J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Elissa Johnk

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION**

by Katherine Hawker

One: Happy are we

All: when our treasures cannot be quantified.

One: Happy are we

All: when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

One: Happy are we

All: when our pain is held in the balm of love.

One: Happy are we

All: when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

One: Let us pray:

***OPENING HYMN**

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In
Janice Clements, piano – July 4, 2021

#73 NCH

*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

From Luke 6:17-26

Sara Wilcoxson

TIME OF UNBURDENING

Hannah Sachs

by Katherine Hawker

One: Blessed are we when we let go of possessions
for the kingdom of God unfolds in open places.

All: Forgive us when we gather into barns, for soon this life will be over.

One: Blessed are we who know the ache of hunger
for the empty places in body and soul are the fertile soil for new growth.

**All: Forgive us who fill our lives to capacity
for we fail to recognize what is missing.**

One: Blessed are we who know sorrow
for the ache of love lost is witness to the seed planted.

**All: Forgive us who avoid the pain of grief
for the fullness of love is woven with sorrow.**

One: Blessed are we who know scorn
for the rejection of humans keeps us mindful of that beyond.

**All: Forgive us who depend on the approval of others
for to dance with Spirit appears foolish.**

One: Blessed are we who live in the harmony of life in the Spirit,

All: For we will recognize abundance. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jambo Sana

Teddy Kalanda

Kipene Tabu, Tess Barker, Christina Adolphe, Maria Worden, Ana Ruesink,
with Asa and Simon Jorgenson, *djembe* – July 4, 2021

*Jambo, jambo sana, habari gana, mzuri sana
Wageni wakaribishwa kanisa yetu, hakuna matata
Welcome, welcome people, how are you, I am very fine
Everyone is welcome in our church, so rest your worried mind*

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES

Hilah Clarke

SPECIAL MUSIC

Nolwenn Madden, *cello*
September 19, 2021

SERMON

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

Come Light Our Hearts

Rain for Roots

Youth Choir – December 9, 2021 – Youth Advent Service

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

The Tallis Canon

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Jennie Coleman, Karan Dewar, *ringers* and Sylvia Stebbins, *pianist* – August 1, 2021

CALL TO THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

G. Croly/F. Atkinson

Tim Berger, *flugelhorn*, Emy Berger, *piano* - January 9, 2022

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online using this link: <https://bit.ly/fccbonlinegiving>
(also under the video title on YouTube)*

or by texting FCCBUCC to 73256 - or mail a check payable to:

First Congregational Church at 38 South Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401

***DOXOLOGY**

Doris Ogden, *vocalist* – June 6, 2021

#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**

Come O Fount of Every Blessing

#459 NCH

Emma and Tess Barker, Andy Barker *guitar* – June 13, 2021

***BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION**

by Lauralyn Bellamy

One: If, here, you have found freedom,

All: take it with you into the world.

One: If you have found comfort,

All: go and share it with others.

One: If you have dreamed dreams,

All: help one another, that they may come true.

One: If you have known love and unity,

All: give some back to a bruised and hurting world.

POSTLUDE

God's Eye is On the Sparrow
Carlanne Herzog, *piano* – September 5, 2021

arr. Schrader

**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

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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Many thanks to all our musicians who are helping out while we wait for our new Music Director, Amy Shortt to arrive next week!

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