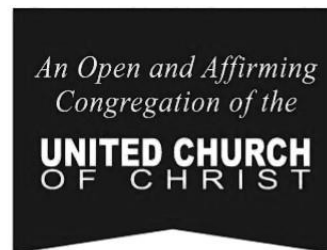




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February 20, 2022  
10 a.m.  
*Seventh Sunday after Epiphany*

**PRELUDE**

*Praise to the Lord the Almighty*  
Amy Shortt

*arr. Lani Smith*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Rev. Elissa Johnk

*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.”*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION**

The Polli family

*by the Rev. Susan Blain*

One: Where do we find you, Holy One, and how do we follow?

Find me at your table,

**All: and we’ll share your food.**

One: Find me in your resources,

**All: and we’ll share your riches.**

One: Find me in your power,

**All: and we’ll share your mercy.**

One: Find me in your pain,

**All: We’ll share your forgiveness**

One: Find me in your generosity,

**All: and we’ll share all, and expect nothing in return.**

One: Let us pray:

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

#4 NCH

**GOSPEL READING**

From Luke 6:27-38

Bruce Hewitt

**TIME OF UNBURDENING**

*by Jurgen Moltmann*

One: Heavenly God, we call upon you in Jesus’ name.

We come with empty hands. [...] we felt only fear and anger, not love.

**All: So we come to you, not as the children of your love,  
but as the enemy of our enemies,  
beseeching you for ourselves and all the others;**

One: Bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you.

**All: Forgive us for what we have failed to do for our enemies.**

One: You lead us out of the constriction of fear  
and out of the prison of hate and indifference,  
into the wide space of freedom.

**All: Let us see your sun, which rises upon the evil and the good,  
and rejoice in its warmth, together with our enemies. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING THE PEACE**

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

Hilah Clarke

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

#498 NCH

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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.**

**OUTREACH TESTIMONY**

JUMP

Rev. Bill Neil

**CALL TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Stay Gentle*

*Brandi Carlile, Philip and Timothy Hanseroth*

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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**

*They Will Know We Are Christians*

**\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Rustle of Spring*

*Christian Sinding*

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

**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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