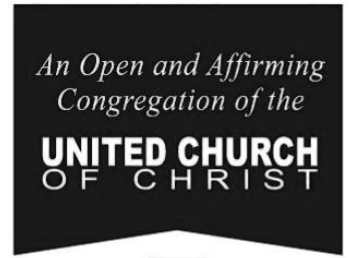




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**March 20, 2022**  
**10 a.m.**  
*Third Sunday in Lent*

*All that you touch  
You Change.  
All that you Change  
Changes you.  
The only lasting truth  
Is Change.  
God Is Change.  
-Octavia Butler*

**PRELUDE** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* Haydn/arr. Bonam  
Emy Berger, flute

**WORDS OF WELCOME** The 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.”*

*This week’s “Celebrations & Prayer’s” list is available for you  
on the front page of our website – and among the links under the title of the YouTube live stream –  
throughout this morning’s live stream of the worship service.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION** The Newman/O’Shea Family  
*from the Sanctified Art Collective*

One: We cultivate the earth—  
**All: When we till the ground and lay new seeds.**  
One: We cultivate safe space—  
**All: When we pay attention to what others need.**  
One: We cultivate worship—  
**All: When we come together, our hearts on our sleeves.**  
One: In this worship, may we be honest and present;  
**All: May we be faithful and gracious.**  
One: For the God of the soil, who is the God of our hearts, is near.  
**All: Let us worship the Holy God.**  
One: Let us pray:

**\*OPENING HYMN** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* #565 NCH

**HEBREW BIBLE READING** Isaiah 55:1-4, p.635 John Floyd

**TIME OF UNBURDENING**

*by the Rev. Mia M. McClain*

One: God, you call us to step more deeply into ourselves  
as we amend and awaken to who you desire us to be.  
Let us acknowledge our transgressions in stillness and in silence  
So that may prepare our hearts for change.

[Silent Prayer]

One: Let us pray:

**All: We confess that our lives have not always brought forth good fruit. In the midst of daily living, we have often lost our way.**

One: Yet, in a world full of systems designed to be wasteful, and even kill,

**All: We are called to be the change that sustains generations. Help us lean with you into this chance for transformation.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING THE PEACE**

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

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 13:1-9

**SERMON**

Discerning a Communal Vision – Week 3: Toxic Charity

**\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

*Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

#539 NCH

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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**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.**

**CALL TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Lent: The Cross*  
Austin Handbell Choir

*Lamb*

*You are invited to offer your monetary gifts  
online using this link: <https://bit.ly/fcconlinegiving>  
(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**

#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**

*O for a World*

#575 NCH

**\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

*Pease*

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

**FELLOWSHIP:** Worship is followed by Fellowship outside at First Church – and remotely on [ZOOM](https://bit.ly/sundayfellowship) - the link is: <https://bit.ly/sundayfellowship> OR- Phone in: 1-301-715-8592. When prompted, enter 591-074-317#

## 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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