

# Summer Sundays @ UCC Burlington

July 18, 2021

COVID Recovery: Healing from our Emotional Wounds



“Bound, Vulnerable and Silenced”

“Art is both an outlet for sadness and an escape from monotony. We have made a lot of sacrifices as a state to keep our COVID numbers low. When I’m asked how the pandemic has changed my practice, I have to say it’s how many people cry in my office each day.” -Dr. Esther Smith, 45, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, artist

Welcome to worship this morning!

**Whether you’re worshipping with us in person or online, we’re so glad to have you!**

**Zoom Meeting:** <https://zoom.us/j/756975189> **Meeting ID:** 756 975 189

**All our worship services can be found on our church YouTube Page:**  
[youtube.com/user/uccburlington](https://youtube.com/user/uccburlington)

*We believe that God calls us to love unconditionally, following the example of Jesus Christ. Recognizing that all people are equal in the sight of God, **we seek to be an inclusive and respectful community for persons of every color, age, sexual orientation, gender, ability and economic means.** In our calling to express the love and welcome of Christ, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person, and declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation. We strive to respond to the needs of our town and world with practical deeds of love. We welcome individuals and families of every configuration into the full life and ministry of this church. Join us on our faith journey!*

**UCC Burlington Church Goal:** In 2021, UCC Burlington will focus on healing and recovery as our church goals for the year. We will work together, across the generations, to heal physical, emotional, and social wounds, that have collectively injured us. We will support one another in our mutual healing so that we can recover as stronger and more faithful followers of Christ. This is inspired by the scripture from Micah 7:8, “When I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me.”

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** Chorale Prelude in D  
-Johann Walther

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** Come and Find the Quiet  
Center (1<sup>st</sup> verse) – words by Shirley  
Erena Murray; music attributed to B.F.  
White, arr. Ronald A. Nelson

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we long for the special  
effects we think life should offer:

**People: it is enough, for us, that God  
comes in a soft, summer shower.**

Leader: When our hearts are cracked by  
the droughts of doubt, fear and anxiety:

**People: it is enough, for us, that God  
opens up the fountains of faith for us.**

Leader: When our senses are deadened  
by the sales pitches of our culture:

**People: it is enough, for us, that God  
wraps us in the silence of grace and  
quietly whispers, "you are enough, you  
are enough."**

### \*OPENING HYMN:

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound  
#547

### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**God of the ages, in our busy lives,  
we do not always make time to love,  
to pray, or to sing your praises.  
We want to be strong, yet we often feel  
out of control: buffeted by the winds of  
change, rocked by the earthquakes in  
our relationships, burned by the fires  
of doubt.**

**Forgetting what we cannot see,  
we ask, "Why have you forgotten me?"  
Help us trust your presence,  
even when we feel utterly alone,  
trapped in our dark night of the soul.  
With the promise of Christ as our hope,  
lead us from our own wilderness  
wanderings into the well-tended  
garden of your love. Amen.**

### \*PRAISE RESPONSE

*My heart was glad when I heard  
sisters saying:*

*"Let us go unto the Lord's dwelling."*

*My heart was glad when I heard  
brothers saying:*

*"Let us go unto the Lord's dwelling."*

*I will go, I will go,*

*I will go unto the house of the Lord.*

*I will go, I will go,*

*I will go unto the house of the Lord.*

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Rejoice in the Lord always,  
again I say, rejoice!*

*Rejoice in the Lord always,  
again I say, rejoice!*

*Rejoice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Rejoice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

### PIANO SOLO

Aline Beck  
*Children of the Heavenly Father*  
-Broughton

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Kings 19: 4-9

### SERMON

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*\* Please stand in body or in spirit!* 1.

**\*HYMN:**

From the Crush of Wealth and Power  
#552

**MORNING PRAYER**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The 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 sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against  
us. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil for thine is  
the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory forever. Amen.*

**CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS &  
OFFERINGS**

**The Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory** O For the Wings of a Dove  
-Mendelssohn

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*CLOSING HYMN:**

There Is a Balm in Gilead #553

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Andante Maestoso  
-Corelli

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*Today's altar flowers were given by  
Joe Stoddard, Jr. in loving memory of  
his sisters Jacqueline Foster and  
Amy Garcia.*

When joining us by Zoom Livestream,  
please check the church website for  
the link/it will be the same one we  
have been using all along. So good to  
have you all with us in person and on  
Zoom!

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**July 18**

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean  
Organist: Aline Beck  
Lay Leader: Marcia Rich  
Head Usher: Deb Glancy  
Usher: Sally Willard  
Greeter: Samantha Ellis  
Piano Solo: Aline Beck  
Flowers: Joe Stoddard  
Nursery: Jan Costa  
Jan McSheffrey  
Coffee Hour: Anna Karwan

**July 25 10:30am In-Person/Zoom**

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean  
Pianist: Aline Beck  
Lay Leader: Barbara Leonard  
Head Usher: Dave McNeil  
Usher: Deb Glancy  
Greeter: Chris Stahlinski  
Soloist: Sarah Clark  
Flowers: Chris Stahlinski  
Nursery: Mark & Donna Flecchia  
Coffee Hour: Jan McSheffrey

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Rev. Angela Wells-Bean, Pastor  
Joe Stoddard, Jr.-Director of Music Ministry  
Deb Raymond-Director of CE  
Bobbie Killilea-Administrative Assistant

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

Now that we are back in our sanctuary, we want to beautify our space once again with fresh flowers. Please contact Bobbie in the church office if you'd like to donate flowers in honor or memory of someone. The cost is \$30 and you can take them with you after the service or choose to have them donated to someone in our community.

## SOLOISTS FOR WORSHIP

We are seeking soloists for our summer worship services! If you would like to lend your talents to our music ministry, please get in touch with Joe Stoddard, he would love to work with you!

## RED WAGON

The Burlington Pantry is in need of the following items:

Pancake syrup-jelly-2-pound bags of sugar-dish soap  
feminine hygiene products especially pads  
shampoo-coffee-tea-cocoa  
snack food in lunch box size containers  
tissues-toilet paper wrapped

Also diapers sizes newborns to 5T and baby wipes

Drop off in the POD at St. Mark's Church

Also monetary donations are always welcome:

People Helping People  
P.O. Box 343  
Burlington, MA 01803

## IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Please leave your mask on for the entirety of the service. There will be parts of the service where you'll be invited to participate and all participation is optional according to your comfort level.

We will have time for coffee and conversation after the service in Sewall Hall. Just go through the doors up here at the front of the Sanctuary and walk straight down to Sewall Hall.

We will no longer pass the infamous red Friendship Pads. Instead, those of you who are worshipping with us in person have a **Friendship Slip attached to your bulletin**. Please take a moment to fill this out and put it in the basket during the collection of the offering. This will help us keep track of attendance, and, in the very unlikely event of a COVID outbreak, it will help us with contact tracing.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Scenna Famililes

Tom Killilea

Debbie Claar

Claire Simas

Joe Stoddard's Mom, Lillian

Elaine Glancy

Alan Wright's cousin Tim

Ron Downing

Barbara Moran

Joyce and Scott Carpenter

Anne Stafford

Luella Brown

Paul Mouratidis' Mom and Dad

Dave Ireradi's Dad and son Dano

Kari Lynch's aunt Evelyn, and

brother-in-law

Sue Wisniewski's Dad

Howie & Charlotte Blaney's

daughter-in-law Carey

Kelly Sievert's brother, Geoff

Mark Flecchia's mother Vivian

Jean Bastos

Rev. Elizabeth King

Jan Blandino

Bobbie Martino

Barbara Garland

Jessy McNeil's brother Mel

and sister Grace

Henry Knopp

Dot Drinkwater

Everett Langley's brother George

John Heald's sister Susan & Mom

Jim Mungillo

Our First Responders! Our caregivers!

Urgent Care workers!

Military here and abroad!

BE SAFE!

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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St. 1- 4, John Newton, 1779; alt.

St. 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

1. A-maz-ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-  
lieved;  
How pre-cious did that grace ap-pear the hour I first be-lieved!
3. Through man-y dan-gers, toils, and snares, I have al-read-y come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me  
home.
4. My God has prom-ised good to me, whose word my hope se-cures;  
God will my shield and por-tion be as long as life en-dures.
5. When we've been there ten thou-sand years, bright shin-ing as the  
sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be-gun.

Kendyl L. R. Gibbons, 1992

1. From the crush of wealth and pow-er  
some-thing bro-ken in us all  
waits the Spir-it's si-lent hour  
plead-ing with a poi-gnant call,  
bind all my wounds a-gain.
  
2. E-ven now our hearts are wa-ry  
of the friend we need so much.  
When I see the pain you car-ry,  
shall I, with a gen-tle touch,  
bind all your wounds a-gain?
  
3. When our love for one an-oth-er  
makes our bur-dens light to bear,  
find the sis-ter and the broth-er,  
hun-gry for the feast we share;  
bind all their wounds a-gain.
  
4. Ev-ery time our spir-its lan-guish,  
ter-ri-fied to draw too near,  
may we know each oth-er's an-guish  
and, with love that casts out fear,  
bind all our wounds a-gain.

Luke 10:34; James 5:14-16

## There Is a Balm in Gilead

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African-American spiritual; alt.

*Refrain:*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole,  
there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,  
But then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain.

*Refrain:*

2. Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend,  
who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev-er fail to lend.

*Refrain:*

3. If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Je-sus, who died to save us all.

*Refrain:*

Jer. 8:18-22; 46:11; Acts 10:34-43