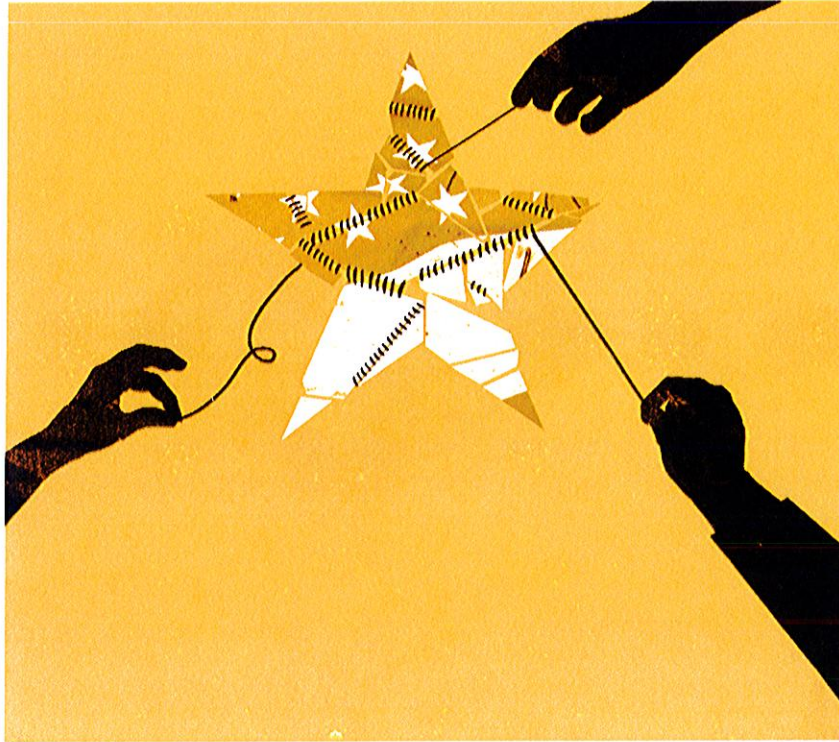


Summer Sundays @ UCC Burlington

July 25, 2021

COVID Recovery: Healing from our Social Wounds



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://www.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 *Voluntary and Fuge Inc*

Handel

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With friends and strangers,
with family and neighbors, we gather:

**People: Come among us, Healing God,
with that love which never ends.**

Leader: With faith reaching out for something to
grasp, with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

**People: Come among us, Uniting Healer, with
your restorative compassion.**

Leader: With word and wonder,
with silence and song, we wait:

**People: Come among us, even when we're
tired and the road seems endless, to lift us to
our feet to follow you.**

*OPENING HYMN:

Bless God, O My Soul #549

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God,

You call us as your children to unity, but you
made us so diverse. What does unity mean
when we have such varied beliefs, values, and
visions for our world? How can we unify with
others whose ideal nation excludes many of
us? Be with us in this hour as we wade
through these murky waters. 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!

DUET: There is a Balm in Gilead

– African-American spiritual
Sarah Clark, soprano
Julie Lewis, alto

SCRIPTURE: Romans 14: 1-23

SERMON

*HYMN: O God of Life Your Healing Touch

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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 *Andante* Gluck

*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:

God of Many Faces insert

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praise to God the Father*

Ritter

* Please stand in body or in spirit! 1.

*Today's altar flowers were given
by Chris Stahlinski in memory
of Loved Ones.*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

July 25 10:30am In-Person/Zoom

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

August 1 Ecumenical Service HERE with The folks from the Presbyterian Church At 10:30am In-Person/Zoom with Communion

Pastor: Rev. Angela Wells-Bean
Organist: Joe Stoddard, Jr.
Trio: Deana, Aimee Tredeau
And Sarah Clark
Lay Leader: Jim Brunner
Head Usher: Marcia Rich
Usher: John Heald
Greeter: Sally Willard
Flowers: Anne Stafford
Collector: Everett Langley
Nursery: Joan Zink and
Abigail Adams
Coffee Hour: Marj Zamanian

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tom Killilea
Claire Simas
Joe Stoddard's Mom, Lillian
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!

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!

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.

INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Thank you to those who have volunteered to serve on the Interim Pastor Search Committee: Karen Ciardi, Mark Omobono, Deb Raymond, Marcia Rich and Chris Sthalinski. The alternate is Lee Tirrell. Our church profile has been completed and is now posted on the UCC web-site.

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!

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.

LABYRINTH DEDICATION

Did you know that our church recently purchased a gorgeous 24 ft. canvas labyrinth? **We are going to dedicate our new labyrinth in worship on Sunday, August 1st.** We'll remotely bless it from the sanctuary, although it will be set up in Sewall Hall. After church, we invite you to walk over to Sewall Hall to take a look at it, and even slip your shoes off and walk it. Going forward, our plan is to use it for special services throughout the year. In addition to the dedication on August 1st, Debbie Claar and Pastor Angela will have a dialogue sermon where they talk about the ritual of walking a labyrinth and how it can add to our spiritual lives.

Thank you to Debbie and Chris Stahlinski for their hard work in helping us purchase our new labyrinth. We hope you'll join us on Sunday, August 1st for its dedication and inaugural debut!

Bless God, O My Soul

549

Russell E. Sonafrank II, 1987; rev. 1993

1. Bless God, O my soul! All with-in me bless God's name!
Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev-er be the same!
When we suf-fer, God sends heal-ing;
when we sin, our God for-gives;
From the grave our God re-deems us,
and by grace, we rise to live!

2. Bless God, O my soul! All with-in me bless God's name!
Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev-er be the same!
With com-pas-sion God works jus-tice
when op-pres-sion shac-kles truth;
Like the phoen-ix, God re-stores us
to the vig-or of our youth.

3. Bless God, O my soul! All with-in me bless God's name!
Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev-er be the same!
God will not be al-ways chid-ing,
nor for-ev-er an-gry be;
God will deal with us in mer-cy,
not ac-cord-ing to our sin.

HEALING AND FORGIVENESS

4. Bless God, O my soul! All with-in me bless God's name!
Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev-er be the same!
As a par-ent's love is end-less,
so God's mer-cy fol-lows us;
For the One who framed our be-ing
well re-calls that we are dust!

5. Bless God, hosts of heaven, ev-ery-one who does God's will!
God's do-min-ion nev-er ends! Bless God, O my soul!
God re-moves all our trans-gres-sions
far as east is from the west;
For the grace of God is great as
heaven stands high a-bove the earth!
Bless God, hosts of heaven, ev-ery-one who does God's will!
God's do-min-ion nev-er ends! Bless God, O my soul!

Ps. 103

O God of Life, Your Healing Touch

ST. COLUMBA 8.7.8.7 ("The King of Love My Shepherd Is")

O God of life, your healing touch brings wholeness and salvation!

In you, this world you love so much becomes a new creation.

Through Jesus Christ you blessed the poor, unleashed your gifts of healing.

You gave new sight, new strength, new life — to all, your love revealing.

O Christ, the loving healer still, you gather us for mission
To serve your people who are ill, whatever their condition.

Lord, by your Spirit, may we hear the truth of others' stories.
May we respect their doubts and fears, their hopes and dreams, their worries.

And when their ways are not our own, Lord, give us understanding:

Our faith cannot be fully grown when we are too unbending.

But open wide our hearts anew and show us, as we're giving,
Your life-long call to serving you in daily, generous living.

Biblical Reference: Mark 1:21-28, 29-34, 40-45, 2:1-11, 3:1-6

Tune: Irish melody ("The King of Love My Shepherd Is")

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God of Many Faces

Amy Cerniglia

SLANE
Irish Melody, harm. Jack Schrader

God of man - y fa - ces, we of - fer our praise,
God of man - y gen - ders, our world re - flects you,
God of man - y names, we in - vite you to show
God of man - y bod - ies, a - bide with - in ours,

sing - ing your glo - ry through all of our days.
sun - rise and sun - set u - ni - ting our hues,
us the new names that re - flect our true souls.
shift - ing more each day through time and through scars.

Hear ev - er grow - ing voi - ces, once fra - gile, now strong,
wo - ven in - to a ci - ty with jewels of all shades,
Breathe with your ho - ly spir - it to give us the Word
Come sanc - ti - fy our bod - ies, all fash - ioned by you,

car - ry - ing mel - o - dies in ex - pan - sive new songs.
hou - ses of ru - by and walls rowed with jade.
that will in - dwell dry bones, grant - ing new live once heard.
ho - li - er ev - ery - day, still be - com - ing more true.

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