

The United Church of Christ, Congregational
Burlington, MA

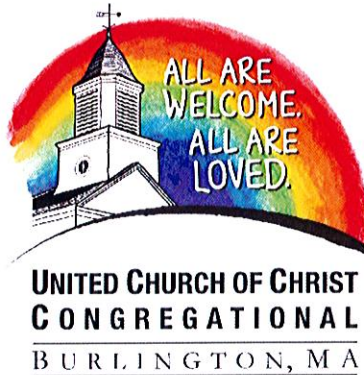
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"We gather for worship, study, planning and mission to celebrate the life, teachings, death and living presence of Jesus Christ which frees us to love boldly and to serve gladly as God would want us to do."

June 30, 2024

10:30 A.M.

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We believe 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, and invite you to join us on our faith journey!

Coming...

Musical Prelude

Pavane pour une infante defunte by M. Ravel

Brian Gionet

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Come, O Spirit, with your Sound
Come, O Spirit, with your sound like a wind, quick rushing;
Come from heaven, stir our hearts, each disciple touching!
Mold our actions to your will, you our service giving;
Move in our community, transform now our living!

NCH #265

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

Praising & Learning...

***Call to Worship**

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

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

One: With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

All: Come among us, Friend of the broken, with your compassion which makes us whole.

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

All: Come among us, Dryer of our tears, to lift us to our feet to follow you.

***Opening Hymn**

Great is Your Faithfulness

NCH #423

***Opening Prayer**

God of love, God of power, be with us this day in our worship, in our praying, and in our singing. May we hear your Holy word for us this day. May our spirits be refreshed. May our hearts be renewed. Give us the courage to reach out to you, trusting in faith that you have the power to make us well. Give us the faith to hope with wild hope that sickness, pain, and death itself are nothing in your sight, for you are the light and the life. Our hearts rejoice! Amen.

Children of God Time

Sharing of Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns

***Devotional Hymn**

Come o Font of Every Blessing

NCH # 459

Reflecting & Praying...

Scripture Readings

Mark 5:21-43

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat^[a] to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and pleaded with him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²⁹ Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' " ³² He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing^[b] what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, "Do not be afraid; only believe." ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the synagogue leader's house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴² And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

Our Sermon

Power

Rev. Andrew Harris

Anthem

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Rev. Andrew Harris

Pastoral Prayer

Committing...

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

Blowin' in the Wind by Bob Dylan

Rev. Andrew Harris

How many roads must a man walk down
Before you call him a man?
How many seas must a white dove sail
Before she sleeps in the sand?
Yes, and how many times must the cannonballs fly
Before they're forever banned?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

Yes, and how many years must a mountain exist
Before it is washed to the sea?
And how many years can some people exist
Before they're allowed to be free?
Yes, and how many times can a man turn his head
And pretend that he just doesn't see?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

Yes, and how many times must a man look up
Before he can see the sky?
And how many ears must one man have
Before he can hear people cry?
Yes, and how many deaths will it take 'til he knows
That too many people have died?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

***Doxology**

Lyrics adapted by William Abernethy; tune *NCH #780*

**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 & Consecration**

Going...

***Closing Hymn**

Go Tell it on the Mountain

NCH #154

***Benediction**

Postlude

Nuvole Bianche by L. Einaudi

Brian Gionet

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CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Adopted February 2017:

At the UCC Burlington, we cultivate a thriving environment, which empowers us to embody the beloved, diverse community that Jesus modeled for us, proclaiming that *all are welcome, all are loved*. We celebrate our colonial roots as we change, adapt and grow into who God is calling us to be. We respect the sanctity of each person's spiritual journey and we are blessed by the gifts that each person brings to the life of the church. We join together in faithful service and advocacy with the ongoing hope that we can make the world a better, more just, and peaceful place for everyone.

Rev. Andrew Harris, Pastor
Brian Gionet, Director of Music Ministries
Deb Raymond, Director of Christian Education
Bobbie Killilea, Administrative Assistant
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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Joyce Carpenter-Rehab
Dante Ramirez
Claire Simas, niece Janice and daughter Marianne
Karen Ciardi's parents Dottie and Bill
Nancy Davis' grandson, Eric Johnson
Billy Martin recent surgery and his friend Barbara
Bill Livezey
Lynn and Lee Tirrell's friend Bob
Bill Beyer's friend Lloyd Rosenberg
Sarah Tredeau's friend Megan
Sally Willard's friends Maureen and Jack
Chris Stahlinski's sister Evelyn
Laura Nowell's cousin Nigel and friend Mary
Barbara Leonard
Brian Gionet's Dad
Roberta Low
Rebecca Sobolewski's sister, Holly
Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn
Jessy McNeil's sister Grace
Jim Killilea, Tom's brother
Skip Glancy's sister Dorothy
Marilyn Langley's brother Bill
Kelly Sievert
Bill Hitchcock
Jan Blandino's grandson Toby, her
Daughter Brenda and Son-in-law Rick
Ginger Mungillo's daughter Cindy and
Ginger's son Jim
Jean Bastos
Barbara Garland

Middle East, Ukraine
Mother Earth!

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

June 30 Worship-Red Wagon 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris
Organist: Brian Gionet
Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
Head Usher:
Usher: Deb Raymond
Greeter: Jan Costa
Flowers: Deb Glancy
Nursery:
Collector: Deb Raymond
Coffee Host: Deb Raymond
Baker:

July 7 Ecumenical Worship 9:30am

With the Presbyterians

Communion: Marge Zamanian
Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris
Organist: Brian Gionet
Lay Leader: Kenneth Dewar
-Presbyterian Church
Head Usher: Dave McNeil
Usher: Chris Stahlinski
Greeter: Marcia Rich
Flowers: Marcia Rich
Collector: Marcia Rich
Nursery: Jan McSheffrey
Coffee Host:
Bakers:

***PLEASE MAKE NOTE WORSHIP TIME WILL
CHANGE TO 9:30AM ON JULY 7TH THROUGH
THE END OF AUGUST!***

TRUE NORTH COFFEE SHOP

PASTOR HOURS

Thursdays from 9-11am
204 Cambridge St, Burlington

BIBLE STUDY

Witnesses: The Acts of the Apostles in the Early Church

Join us for a 6-week Bible Study exploring the Book of Acts. We'll gather each Wednesday to uncover the powerful narratives of the early Christian witnesses and explore how their stories resonate with our lives today. Together, we'll deepen our understanding of what it means to bear witness to our faith, to our beliefs, and to the transformative power of God's love in our world. Whether you're a seasoned Bible scholar or new to the scriptures, all are welcome to join us in this exploration of faith, community, and the enduring call to be witnesses in our own time. Join us as we journey together, discovering the relevance and richness of the Book of Acts in our lives today.

Please check with Andrew to see if there will be Bible Study on July 3rd!

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING UPDATE

To learn more about the Gift Card Program check the Fundraising Bulletin Board. It's an easy what to donate to the church. Gift cards at full value and a percentage comes back to the church. It's a win, win for both!

MISSIONS NEWS

The Green team is collecting flowerpots for use next spring at the time of the plant sale. All sizes of plastic or clay non-decorative pots can be used again next spring. You may have purchased these for your garden. If you have any to donate, there will be a marked plastic bin under the coat rack for you to place them. Please make sure they are clean, dirt free. The bin for them will be under the coat rack for part of the summer and again for a few weeks in the fall. They will be stored in cabinets in Skelton Hall so please make sure they are clean. This is a good way to recycle and reuse and will keep this plastic out of the environment.

4TH OF JULY PARADE

Our church will be marching in the 4th of July Parade! We'd love to have you join us in spreading joy and goodwill to all who line the streets. This will be a fun way to celebrate our town and I hope you will march with us. The parade begins at 11:00am at the Presbyterian Church on Cambridge St. Please note that the parade route closes at 9:30am, so please make sure you arrive to line up before that. [Follow this link to sign up.](#) More info can be found [here](#).

Or you can find the information the following sites:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044BADA92CA7FD0-50167132-4thofjuly>

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS!

**4th of July week the office will be open
Wednesday July 3 and
Friday July 5th.**

Going forward the church office will be open most Tuesdays and Thursdays during the summer months. !

You can always leave a message on the church phone. Messages will be checked often.

Lam. 3:22-23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

*originally "my Father"

This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10, with refrain
 William M. Runyan, 1923

Refrain

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed your

hand has pro - vid - ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un - to me!

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.

1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
 2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bod - y, pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Converted to Methodism at age twenty, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great popularity. The melody, associated with this text since 1813, is an American folk tune.

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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African-American spiritual
 Arr. John W. Work II, 1907

Luke 2:8-20; Isa. 18:3; 52:7

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hill and ev - ery - where.

Last time, end

Go tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth
 3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

to Refrain

Be - hold through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
 Rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 And God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

This is one of the few spirituals heard inside as well as outside African-American churches. It was adapted by John Wesley Work II, who is remembered as the director of the Jubilee Singers of Fisk University.

Tune: African-American spiritual
 Adapt. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992