

The United Church of Christ, Congregational
Burlington, MA

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

"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 9, 2024

10:30 A.M.

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ali

Red folders

Kids

Introit

Hallelujah!

NCH #236

**Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, halleluja
Halle, halle, halleluja. Halleluja, hallelujah.**

Call to worship

Amelia

Leader: God please shine down on us today as we celebrate our kids, youth and volunteers

All: May we all be curious and open like kids & youth

Leader: We pray that everyone have a fun, relaxing, safe summer.

All: May we all be curious and open like kids & youth.

Leader: We ask God to keep our crop moist with rain & bright with sun this summer for the flowers and vegetables to grow.

All: May we all be curious & open like kids & youth

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

Opening Hymn: The Wheels on the Church Go Round and Round
(to the tune of the wheels on the bus go round and round)

Band/Brian

The wheels on the church go round and round
Round and round
Round and round
The wheels on the church go round and round
All summer long

The doors of the church are open all summer
Open all summer
Open all summer
The doors of the church are open all summer
9:30 NOT10:30

The people in church pray, pray, pray
Pray, pray, pray
Pray, pray, pray
The people in church pray, pray, pray
All summer long

The people at coffee hour talk ,talk, talk
Talk ,talk, talk
Talk ,talk, talk
The people at coffee hour talk ,talk, talk
All summer long

Opening Prayer

Deb Raymond

Prayers and concerns Paper in basketball hoop

Kids/Youth

Bible Award

Deb Raymond

Devotional Hymn: Sunshine On My Shoulders *if Possible*
If not: Lord do remember me.

Band/Brian

Scripture

Amelia

"This is what the Lord God showed me: behold, a basket of summer fruit." Amos 8:1
"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22
Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows James 1:17
Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer;
Proverbs 30:25
"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Mark 13:28
Go to the ant, consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. Proverbs 6: 6-8
as soon as they put forth leaves, you see it and know for yourselves that summer is now near.
Luke 21:30

Thus the Lord God showed me, and behold, there was a basket of summer fruit. Amos 8:1

"So I recommend having fun, because there is nothing better for people in this world than to eat, drink, and enjoy life." Ecclesiastes 8:15

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise. Psalm 95:1

Sermonette

Deb Raymond

Award to Sunday School and Nursery volunteers

Deb Raymond

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Stewardship invitation

Offertory and Love Offering

Kids/Youth

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.**

Closing hymn Song repeater:

Peace Like a River

Band

I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
In my soul **Repeat 1X**

I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
In my soul **Repeat 1X**

I've got joy swimming in a pool
I've got joy like swimming in a pool
I've got joy like swimming in a pool
In my soul **Repeat 1X**

I've got peace, love and joy like a river
I've got peace, love and joy like a river
I've got peace, love and joy like a river
In my soul **Repeat 1X**

Benediction

Deb Raymond

Postlude

Brian Gionet

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!

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.

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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

Karen Ciardi's parents Dottie and Bill
Bill Livezey
Billy Martin's friend Barbara
Lynn and Lee Tirrell's friend Bob
Claire Simas, niece Janice and daughter
Marianne
Bill Beyer's friend Lloyd Rosenberg
Sarah Tredeau's friend Megan
Sally Willard's friends Maureen and Jack
Chris Stahlinski's sister Evelyn
Anna Karwan's friends Ellen and Don
Laura Nowell's cousin Nigel and friends
Glenda and Mary
Barbara Leonard
Brian Gionet's Dad
Roberta Low
Rebecca Sobolewski's sister, Holly
Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn
Jesse McNeil's sister Grace
Elaine Glancy's sister-in-law Irene
Jim Killilea, Tom's brother
Skip Glancy's sister Dorothy
Joyce Carpenter's niece Cindy, brother Bob
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 9 Children's Sunday and Love Offering

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| Pastor: | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Organist: | Brian Gionet |
| Lay Leader: | Deb Raymond |
| Head Usher: | Deb Glancy |
| Ushers: | Youth |
| Greeters: | Jan McSheffrey
Cindy Phillips |
| Collector: | Joan Zink |
| Flowers: | Deana Tredeau |
| Sunday School: | Deb-Donna |
| Nursery: | |
| Coffee Hour: | Ice Cream Social |

June 16 Worship-Music Sunday Happy Father's Day

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| Organist: | Brian Gionet |
| Lay Leader: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Head Usher: | |
| Usher: | |
| Greeter: | |
| Flowers: | Bobbie Killilea |
| Collector: | Marge Zamanian |
| Nursery: | |
| Coffee Host: | Jan McSheffrey |
| Bakers: | |

***Join us for an ice cream social in
Sewall Hall following worship today!
All are welcome.***

**Remember the Installation for
Rev. Andrew Harris as our Settled
Pastor is today at 3pm. Reception to
follow. All are welcome!**

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.

Here are the scheduled readings for this Bible Study:

- June 12 - Acts 17:16-34
- June 19 - Acts 25:23-27; 26:1-32
- June 26 - Acts 28:17-31

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING UPDATE

From January 1st through April 30th we have earned \$242.56 from participating in the RaiseRight Gift Card Program. Special shout out to Deana Tredeau, Ally Mazzarella, Andrew Harris, and Marge Zamanian who ordered ecards or refills on their own!

To learn more about the Gift Card Program check the Fundraising Bulletin Board.

MISSIONS NEWS

We are rehoming the old red/ brown hymnals. If you want one, please take one in the next week. They are in the hallway going into Sewall Hall.

C4C has altered the shape of the few remaining UCC reusable bags. They now have flat bottoms but are slightly shorter in overall length. They are hanging up in the hall. Take one if you want to. If you have ones that have the knife-edge bottom and want them converted, please put them in the conference room with your name on them so we can return them to you.

As you are planting your garden this spring, please save for the Church your 6 or 8 inch plastic pots. The green team will store them for reuse by the people organizing next year's plant sale. A bin for the pots will be provided under the coat rack. They need to have holes in the bottom and be washed out.