

The United Church of Christ, Congregational
Burlington, MA

NINTH 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."

July 28, 2024

9:30am

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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

Chant Donne by M. Durufle

Brian Gionet

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

The Church's One Foundation
Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
We wait the consummation of peace for evermore,
Till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church attest.

NCH #386 v3

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

Praising & Learning...

***Call to Worship**

One: We call upon the Holy One, who is near to us. We testify to your power to make your kingdom known among creation.

Many: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

One: We speak of the glory of your miraculous acts, your abiding presence, and your abundant love.

Many: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

One: With justice and grace, with hope and mercy, with abundance and discernment, you sustain those in need, you uphold those who have been broken, and you satisfy those who seek a better way.

Many: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

***Opening Hymn**

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

NCH # 42

***Opening Prayer**

Great and Mighty God, we seek your presence among us. We strain to hear your voice as it so often gets drowned out by the noise of the world. We pause to consider your works, your word, and your way. Speak to us now in spirit and in truth. Open your hand and our hearts that we may join in this moment of holy encounter. Forge us as a community committed to follow the path Jesus has marked for us. Amen.

Children of God Time – Red Wagon

Sharing of Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns

***Devotional Hymn**

Breathe on Me, Breathe of God

NCH #292

Reflecting & Praying...

***Scripture Readings**

Psalms 145:10-18

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,

¹² to make known to all people your^[a] mighty deeds
and the glorious splendor of your^[b] kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words
and gracious in all his deeds.^[c]

¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶ You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ The LORD is just in all his ways
and kind in all his doings.

¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,^[a] ¹⁵ from whom every family^[b] in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and^[c] in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Sermon

“Breadth and Length and Height and Depth”

Rev. Andrew Harris

Anthem

The Call by Vaughn Williams Sung by Alli Gionet

Pastoral Prayer

Committing...

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

***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**

Take my Gifts

NCH #562

***Benediction**

Postlude

Choral Variation #1 M. Durufle

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

Conrad Fong-pneumonia
Deana Tredeau's niece Amber Wallace
Mark Omobono's friend Dave
Mark Flecchia's friend Mike
Joyce Carpenter
Claire Simas, niece Janice and daughter Marianne
Billy Martin and 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
Brian Gionet's Dad
Roberta Low
Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn
Jessy McNeil's sister Grace
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,
Violent weather!
Mother Earth!

***PLEASE MAKE NOTE WORSHIP TIME
HAS CHANGED TO 9:30AM
THROUGH THE END OF AUGUST!***

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

July 28 Worship-Red WAgon 9:30am

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| Pastor: | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Organist: | Brian Gionet |
| Lay Leader: | Jan Costa |
| Head Usher: | Dave McNeil |
| Usher: | Carol Downing |
| Greeter: | Aline Beck |
| Flowers: | Nancy Davis |
| Collector: | Deb Raymond |
| Nursery: | |
| Coffee Host: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Bakers: | Chris Stahlinski |

August 4 Ecumenical Service at the Presbyterian Church, 335 Cambridge Street, Burlington. Worship time will be at 10:30am

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| Lay Leader: | Volunteer Needed!!! |
| Collector: | Marcia Rich |

TRUE NORTH COFFEE SHOP PASTOR HOURS

Thursdays from 9-11am
204 Cambridge St, Burlington

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS!

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.

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.

BURLINGTON PANTRY NEEDS!

In addition to regular needs the Pantry will be supplying items for the summer lunch program. They will help supply lunches for 170 students. If you can donate any of the following it is greatly appreciated:

- Jelly
- Mayonnaise
- Individually wrapped snacks
- Fruit cups
- Juice boxes

Also there is a need for diapers (all sizes)
Toiletries

You can also drop items at the Pantry 21 Murray Ave., Burlington. It is open for drop off 7am to 7pm every day!

COMMUNITY DINNER AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON JULY 31!

Join us at 5:30pm for a Community Dinner at the Presbyterian Church, 335 Cambridge Street here in Burlington. UCC Christian Education will provide the dinner with a picnic and ice cream for dessert. A great time to catchup with friends and meet new people. It's free and all are welcome!

PASTOR OUT OF OFFICE

July 29-August 12

Please note Pastor Andrew will be out of the office through August 12th. If you have a pastoral emergency please contact the church office 781-272-4547 and leave a message. The covering Pastor, or a Deacon will return your call.

CELEBRATE BURLINGTON DAY - AUGUST 3RD

Celebrate Burlington on August 3rd. There will be a carnival, a concert, and fireworks on the town common. Our church is going to have a table at the event where we'll be giving out heart-shaped crayons, coloring pages of our church, and informational brochures (as well as anything else you can think of that would be fun). We're looking for volunteers to help staff our table from 11:00am to 4:00pm. If you have any clever ideas for activities we can provide at our table, please let us know!

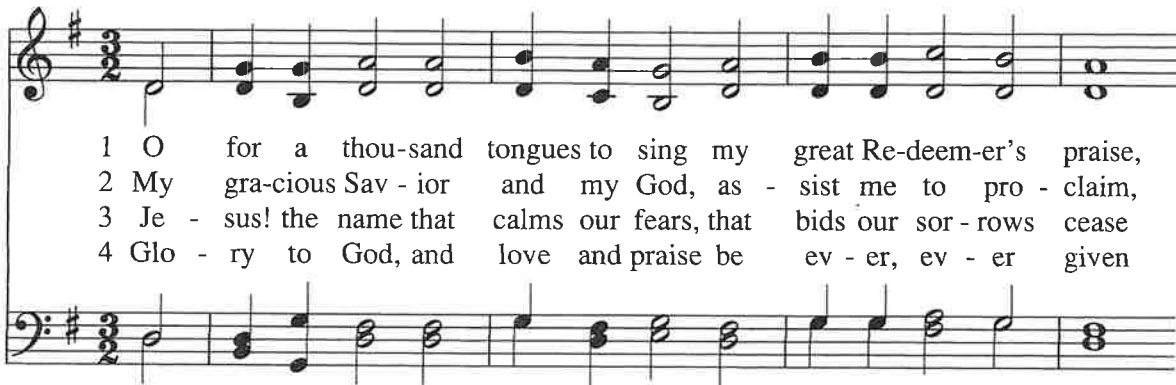
We're looking for fun ways to share love, joy, and fellowship with the community.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044BADA92CA7FD0-50166969-celebrate#/>

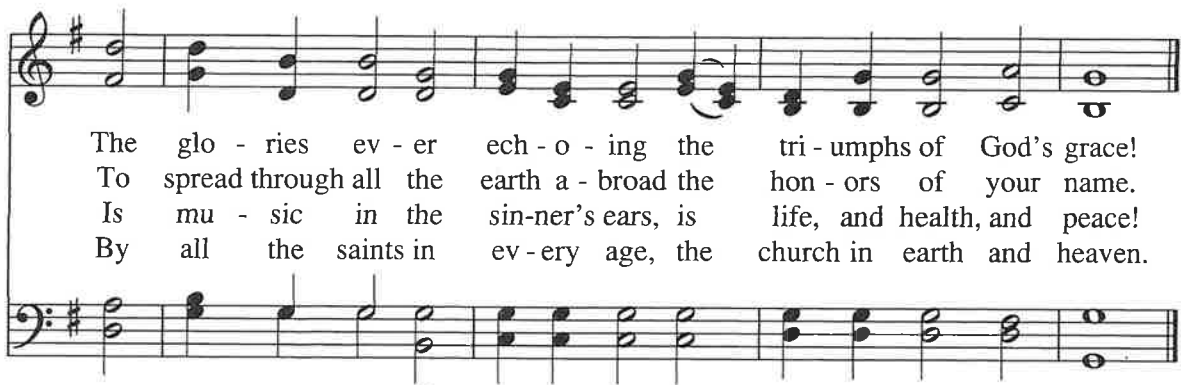
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.



1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease
4 Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given



The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!
To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
Is mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

The hymn is a cento from a longer poem of eighteen stanzas written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his conversion. The present form of the hymn is one edited by John Wesley for The Wesleyan Hymn Book, 1780.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. in L. Mason's Modern Psalmody, 1839
Alternate tune: RICHMOND

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Edwin Hatch, 1886; alt.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de - sire:
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.
Un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.
But live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

Between parish assignments in London, Edwin Hatch taught classics at Trinity College, Quebec, and lectured at Oxford. This hymn appeared in a leaflet, "Between Doubt and Prayer" (1878). Other hymns were published posthumously in Towards Fields of Light, London (1890).

Tune: TRENTHAM S.M.
Robert Jackson, 1894

1 Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
 2 Take the fruit that I have gath - ered from the tree your Spir - it sowed,
 3 Take what - ev - er I can of - fer— gifts that I have yet to find,

gave me light and food and shel - ter, gave me life and set me free,
 har - vest of your own com - pas - sion, juice that makes the wine of God,
 skills that I am slow to sharp - en, tal - ents of the hand and mind,

now be - cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,
 spiced with hu - mor, laced with laugh - ter— fla - vor of the Je - sus life,
 things made beau - ti - ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:

now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to mul - ti - ply!
 tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be - yond be - lief.
 take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

Shirley Erena Murray recounted that Colin Gibson composed this tune for her stewardship text "almost instantaneously." Gibson has served as professor at the University of Otago, as well as organist and choir director in Dunedin, New Zealand.

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Colin Gibson, 1991
 Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA