

The United Church of Christ, Congregational
Burlington, MA

SEVENTH 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 7, 2024

9:30 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

Gift of Finest Wheat

Brian Gionet

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

The Church's One Foundation

NCH #386 v3

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.

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

Praising & Learning...

*Call to Worship

One: Take off your shoes!

All: We are standing on holy ground.

One: Shake off the dust!

All: We are ready to start afresh.

One: Let us worship God and receive Christ's teachings, that we may be renewed and strengthened to share God's love with the world.

*Opening Hymn

Lord I want to be a Christian

NCH #454

*Opening Prayer

God of grace and powerful weakness, at times your projects were ignored, rejected, belittled, and unwelcome. Trusting that we, too, are called to be prophets, fill us with your Spirit and support us by your gentle hands, that we may persevere in speaking your word and living our faith. Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

*Devotional Hymn

We Shall Overcome

NCH #570

Reflecting & Praying...

Scripture Readings

Mark 6:1-13

6 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. **2** On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! **3** Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary^[a] and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense^[b] at him. **4** Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." **5** And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. **6** And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. **7** He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. **8** He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, **9** but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. **10** He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. **11** If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." **12** So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. **13** They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Our Sermon

Shake It Off

Rev. Andrew Harris

Anthem

Prevail, We Shall

Brian 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

Communion

Prayer of Confession

One: Merciful God, forgive us when we are paralyzed by confusion and doubt.

All: Strengthen our faith, that we may not only believe, but may be filled with the power to help and heal.

One: When others reject or refuse our ministry, help us to be forgiving and grace-filled.

All: Grant us the courage to accept those things that cannot be changed, that we may be freed from anger and resentment.

One: Forgive us when our disappointment clouds our wisdom and confuses our actions.

All: Guide us on our path, that we may be filled with the joy of our ministry.

Assurance of Pardon

Forgiving and gracious God, your grace is sufficient for all our needs, covering all our sins. May we accept in our hearts that there is more forgiveness in You than there is sin in us. In the light of Christ, and in communion with one another, we surrender to your mercy and give thanks for your word of forgiveness. Amen.

Communion Hymn

As we Gather at Your Table

NCH #332

Invitation to the Table

One: We gather now at the table of Christ, seeking mercy, forgiveness, joy and peace. We remember that this is his table, and so we say, come from the north and come from the south, come from the east and come from the west. Come regardless of age or race or sex or creed or orientation or identity. Come not because you must, but because you may.

All: We come because this is God's table and God bids us come.

Prayer of Consecration

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, as you gather us all in this place. May the broken bread become our healing and the cup of grace our fullness that we might empty ourselves to become a blessing to those who long for peace and reconciliation in their lives.

All: Come, Holy Spirit Come, be with us in all of our eating and drinking together. Amen

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Going...

***Closing Hymn**

Forward Through the Ages

NCH #377

***Benediction**

Postlude

Erhalt uns, Herr, being defined Wort by J.S. Bach

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
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
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,
Violent weather!
Mother Earth!

WELCOME!

This morning, we are joined by our brothers and
sisters from the Presbyterian Church.
Take a moment and say Hi!

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

July 7 Ecumenical Worship 9:30am

With the Presbyterians

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

July 14 Worship-Love Offering 9:30am

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| Pastor: | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Organist: | Brian Gionet |
| Lay Leader: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Head Usher: | Dave McNeil |
| Usher: | |
| Greeter: | |
| Flowers: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Collector: | Marcia Rich |
| Nursery: | |
| Coffee Host: | Jan Costa |
| Bakers: | Jan McSheffrey |

TRUE NORTH COFFEE SHOP

PASTOR HOURS

Thursdays from 9-11am
204 Cambridge St, Burlington

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

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!

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.

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.

COFFEE HOUR NEWS!

Thank You to Linda Sutton of Indianapolis. We have a replacement for our 100-Cup Coffee maker!

Linda, Deana Tredeau's sister, heard we were in need of a new pot and offered us a pot that had only been used one time. She even donated shipping to us. Thank you Linda!

Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

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African-American spiritual

Deut. 6:5-6; 10:12-16

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart,
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Refrain

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Many of the enslaved of antebellum America did not want to become Christians because they did not want to adopt the religion of their captors. But this spiritual attests that the Christian faith was an internal strength and aim for many.

Tune: I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
 8.6.8.3, with refrain
African-American spiritual
 Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

We Shall Overcome

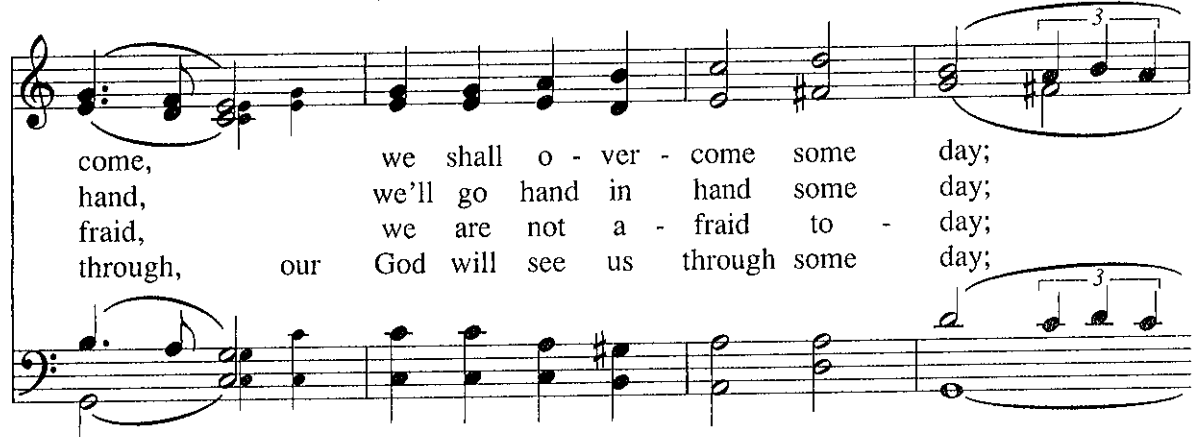
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United States traditional

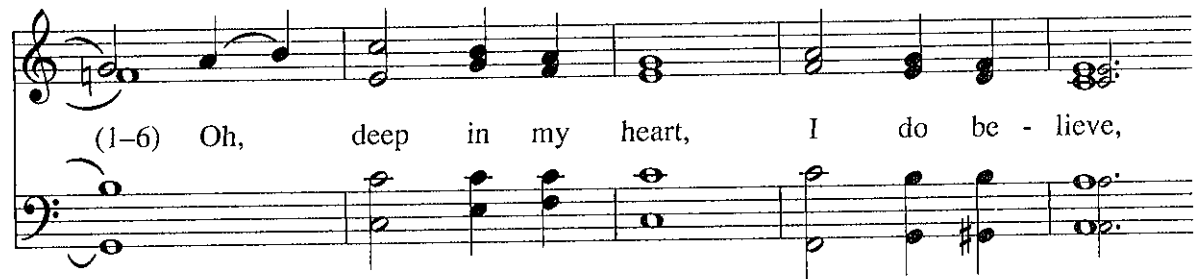
John 8:31-32; Rom. 12:21; 2 Cor. 13:11



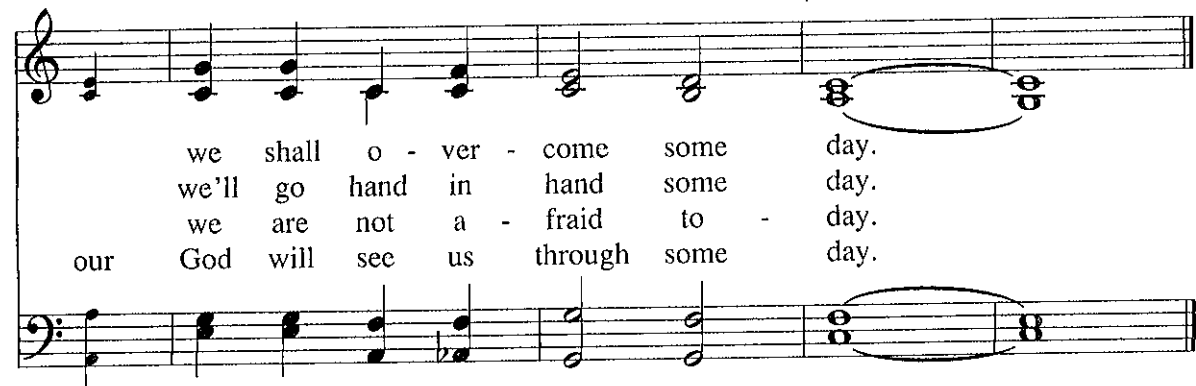
1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -
 2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in
 3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -
 4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us



come, we shall o - ver - come some day;
 hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;
 fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;
 through, our God will see us through some day;



(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,



we shall o - ver - come some day.
 we'll go hand in hand some day.
 we are not a - fraid to - day.
 our God will see us through some day.

- 5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.
- 6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

This anthem of the 1960s civil rights movement was frequently sung at mass meetings and marches. Several sources have been cited as its origins, including the spiritual "No more auction block for me" based on the tune known as Sicilian Mariners; an old Baptist hymn "I'll Be All Right"; and part of the text from C. A. Tindley's gospel hymn "I'll Overcome Someday."

Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME Irr.
 United States traditional
 Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981

Matt. 22:1-10; Luke 14:16-24

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

In this hymn, commissioned by an Episcopal parish in Virginia for the celebration of its tricentennial, Carl P. Daw, Jr., utilized a familiar phrase from Isaac Watts' "Joy to the World," which was the motto for the celebration: "Repeat the sounding joy."

Tune: BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D.
 The Sacred Harp, 1844
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1992

Forward through the Ages

Heb. 11; 1 Cor. 12

Frederick Lucian Hosmer, 1908; alt.

1 For - ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,
 2 Wide grows God's do - min - ion, reign of love and peace;
 3 Not a - lone we con - quer, not a - lone we fall;

move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine;
 for it we must la - bor, till all striv - ings cease.
 in each loss or tri - umph, lose or tri - umph all.

Gifts in dif - fering mea - sure, hearts of one ac - cord,
 Proph - ets have pro - claimed it, teach - ers tes - ti - fied,
 Bound by God's far pur - pose in one liv - ing whole,

man - i - fold in ser - vice, one the sure re - ward.
 po - ets sung its glo - ry, mar - tyrs for it died.
 move we on to - geth - er to the shin - ing goal.

Frederick Hosmer, educated at Harvard and ordained to the Unitarian ministry, served Congregational and Unitarian churches throughout the country. He was known for his concern for social issues, his service book for Sunday schools, and his lectures on hymnology.

Tune: ST. GERTRUDE 6.5.6.5.D. with refrain
 Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Refrain

For-ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,

Move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine.