

**The United Church of Christ, Congregational
Burlington, MA**

THIRTEENTH 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."

August 18, 2024

9:30am

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"Wisdom"

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

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

NCH#282 2X

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.**

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

Praising & Learning...

*Call to Worship

One: Praise the Holy One! Give thanks to God in the congregation.

All: God's works delight us, inspire us, challenge us, and uphold us.

One: Praise the Holy One! Give thanks to God in the congregation.

All: Righteousness endures forever. The covenant is everlasting.

One: Praise the Holy One! Give thanks to God in the congregation.

All: Honoring God leads to wisdom. Let us praise the Holy One forever!

*Opening Hymn

This is the Day

NCH #84

*Opening Prayer

Holy God, we come together in your presence to offer worship, thanksgiving, and praise. We remember your covenant and acknowledge your abiding presence. Envelop us in your glory, strengthen us to confront the weariness of the world, challenge us to spread the good news, and empower us to be the church you have created us to be. Amen.

Children of God Time

Sharing of Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns

*Devotional Hymn

Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

NCH #304

Reflecting & Praying...

Scripture Readings

Psalm 111

¹ Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. ² Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. ³ Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful. ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. ⁸ They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

¹⁰ Then David slept with his ancestors and was buried in the city of David. ¹¹ The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his kingdom was firmly established. ³ Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. ⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you. ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. ¹⁴ If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Sermon

If I had a Million Dollars!

Rev. Andrew Harris

Music Guests

Katie Parker and Brad Sampson on Flute and Alto Flute

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**

Go my Children with my Blessing

NCH #82

***Benediction**

Postlude

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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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WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Christa Brown
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!

TRUE NORTH PASTOR HOURS

You can join Pastor Andrew at
True North Coffee Shop, 204 Cambridge St,
Burlington on Thursdays from 9-11am.
All welcome to come and have a chat.

August 18 Worship at 9:30am

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| Pastor: | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Organist: | Brian Gionet |
| Lay Leader: | Laura Nowell |
| Head Usher: | Anna Karwan |
| Usher: | Jan McSheffrey |
| Greeter: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Flowers: | Nancy Davis |
| Collector: | Joan Zink |
| Nursery: | Volunteers |
| Coffee Host: | Jan Costa |
| Baker: | Aline Beck |

August 25 Worship-Red Wagon 9:30am

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| Pastor: | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Organist: | Brian Gionet |
| Lay Leader: | |
| Head Usher: | Dave McNeil |
| Usher: | Carol Downing |
| Greeter: | Carol Downing |
| Flowers: | Deb Glancy
Donna Ferro |
| Collector: | Deb Raymond |
| Coffee Host: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Baker: | |

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

There is a need for diapers (all sizes)
Toiletries

Please bring to worship next Sunday, August 25 and we will bring forward during our service. You can also drop items at the Pantry 21 Murray Ave., Burlington. It is open for drop off 7am to 7pm every day!

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!

UCC COFFEE HOUSE

OCTOBER 5TH

Save the Date—October 5, 2024, 7-9:30 pm
for our Annual Coffee House

If you would like to perform, please talk to
Debbie Claar, email deborahsclaar@gmail.com

If you would like to volunteer to help us,
please contact Deana Tredeau, email
deanatredeau@gmail.com

Let's make it a great event this year!!

CONFIRMATION CLASS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2024

Do you have someone in your household that will be entering 8th grade or any year in high school in September? If your child will attend, please be sure to get in touch with Rev. Harris or CE Director Deb Raymond before September 7th to confirm.

This will be a dynamic class, with lots of questioning, open discussions and field trips. The classes will be approximately twice a month from September – May. The participants at the end will decide if they would like to become members of the church. Really looking forward to working with you all in September!

Call or text:
Rev Andrew Harris: C: 978-219-2715
Deb Raymond C: 857-373-9156

ON-LINE AUCTION OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 2

Start thinking about our On-line Auction. As stated in the August Hilltop Herald Newsletter we are looking for gift cards from local merchants. Do you visit spas, hairdressers, fortunetellers, golf courses, restaurants, florists, fitness centers and more? Also, keep in mind timeshares, vacation homes, pet sitting, crafts, artwork, sports equipment, etc. We will also be looking to collect individual items to make baskets. Read more detailed information printed in your upcoming September Hilltop Newsletter and Weekly Email Blasts. Let's have some fun and share with our community!

Contact Deb Raymond, Julie Lewis, Kari Lynch,
Anna Karwan and Joan Zink for questions.

This Is the Day

Ps. 118:24; Luke 24:1-7; Acts 2:1-4

St. 1 paraphr. by Les Garrett, 1967; alt.
St. 2-3, traditional; alt.

Unison

E \flat B \flat 7

1 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
 2 This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
 3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

E \flat

God has made; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be
 rose a - gain; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be
 Spir - it came; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be

A \flat E \flat A \flat

glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joyce and be
 glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joyce and be
 glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joyce and be

E \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat 7 E \flat

glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
 glad in it; This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
 glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

The first stanza of this hymn was written by Leslie Garrett, who was born in New Zealand and served as pastor of a church in western Australia. The other two stanzas are anonymous.

Tune: THIS IS THE DAY Irr.
Les Garrett, 1967

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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*St. 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; alt.**Rev. 19; 5:9; Phil. 2:9-11**St. 4, John Rippon, 1787; alt.*

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 A - dorn, O mar - tyred saints of old, the cor - o - na - tion hall;
 3 All heirs of Is - rael's chos - en race, now ran - somed from the fall,
 4 Be - fore the cross, with heav - en's throng, we on our knees shall fall;

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.
 Ex - tol the wound - ed One fore - told, and crown Christ bear - er of all.
 Pro - claim the won - ders of God's grace, and crown Christ heal - er of all.
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Christ sav - ior of all.

At - tend the Sav - ior's sov - ereign claim, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.
 Ex - tol the wound - ed One fore - told, and crown Christ bear - er of all.
 Pro - claim the won - ders of God's grace, and crown Christ heal - er of all.
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Christ sav - ior of all.

Edward Perronet, long a worker for English Methodism, later became a Congregational minister near Canterbury. John Rippon, an English Baptist minister, wrote more than 1,000 hymns. The tune is by Oliver Holden, an early American carpenter, legislator, musician, and hymnal editor.

Tune: CORONATION C.M.
 Oliver Holden, 1793

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983, 1990; alt.

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;
2 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

Wak - ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own;
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis-mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here with ten - der com - fort stilled you;

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.

For marriage services, this stanza may be sung between stanzas 1 and 2 above.

In this un-ion I have joined you hus-band and wife,
Now, my chil-dren, live to-geth-er as heirs of life:
Each the oth-er's glad-ness shar-ing,
each the oth-er's bur-dens bear-ing,
Now, my chil-dren, live to-geth-er as heirs of life.

American hymnwriter and translator Jaroslav Vajda crafted this benediction text as though God were "dismissing the congregation after worship, while drawing together a review of the events that transpired during the service." The wedding stanza was a later addition.

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.8.4.
Traditional Welsh melody
For another harmonization, see 425