

The United Church of Christ, Congregational
Burlington, MA

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

"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."

October 13, 2024

10:30AM

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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

I Woke Up This Morning

NCH #85

**I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.**

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

Praising & Learning...

***Prayers for Healing and Hope**

One: Let us come together now in prayer, recognizing brokenness suffered, wounds not yet healed, and our hope for peace and restoration.

All: O Great Spirit, God of all people and every tribe, through whom all people are related, call us to the kinship of all your people. Grant us vision to see through the lens of justice, the brokenness of the past.

One: Forgive us for the colonialism that stains our past, the ignorance that allowed us to think that we could claim another's home for our own.

All: Remind us that none of us were discovered since none of us were lost, but that we are all gathered within the sacred circle of your community.

One: Help us to confront the racism that divides us as we confess the pain it has caused to the human family.

All: Call us to kinship. Mend the hoop of our hearts and let us live in justice and peace through Jesus Christ, the One who comes to all people that we might live in dignity. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Gather us in. Here it is!

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***Prayer of the Directions for Indigenous Peoples' Day**

One: Loving Creator God, we your people come before You.

All: Thank you for today's sunrise, for the breath and life within us, and for all Your creation.

One: Lord, hear our prayer.

All: Great Spirit of Light, come to us out of the East, with the power of the rising sun.

One: Let there be light in our words. Let there be light on our paths that we walk. Let us remember always that You give us the gift of a new day. Guide our steps and give us courage to walk the circle of our lives with honesty and dignity. And never let us be burdened with sorrow by not starting over again.

All: Great Spirit of Creation, send us the warm and soothing winds from the South.

One: Comfort and caress us when we are tired and cold. Help us to walk our paths with joy and love, for ourselves, for others, for our four-legged companions, the winged ones,, the plants, and all creation upon Mother Earth. As You give to all Earth Your warm, moving wind, give it to us, so that we may grow close to you in warmth. We did not create the web of life, but we stand in it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.

All: Great Life-giving Spirit, we face the West, the direction of sundown.

One: Let us remember every day that the moment will come when our sun will go down. Bring into balance the physical, mental and spiritual, so that we are able to know our place on Earth, in life and death. Never let us forget that we must face into You. Give us a beautiful color, give us a great sky for setting so that when it is our time to meet you, we can come with glory.

All: Great Spirit of Love, come to us with the power of the North.

One: Make us courageous when the cold wind falls upon us. Give us strength and endurance for everything that is harsh, everything that hurts, everything that makes us squint. Give us wisdom so we may be able to make wise choices in all things that are put in front of us. Let us move through life, ready to take what comes from the North.

All: Great Creator Spirit, we thank you for the beauty of Earth and for all You have given us in and through Earth, our home.

One: Remind us never to take from Earth more than we need, and remind us to always give back more than we take.

All: Great God of the vast heavens, lift up our spirits to You.

One: May our hearts worship You and come to You in glory. Help us to remember that You are our Creator God. Let all that is in Earth lift our minds, our hearts, and our lives to you so that we may come to You always in truth with a good mind and a clean heart.

All: God our Creator, We ask that we have the wisdom and patience to listen to one another and to learn the many ways You call us to live life. Teach us the ways to live it that heal and renew it so that we may hand it on to generations to come radiant with Your goodness and glory. Amen.

Sharing of Joys, Sorrows, Concerns

***Devotional Hymn**

From the Crush of Wealth and Power

NCH #552

Reflecting & Praying...

Scripture Readings

Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.' " He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Sermon

Who owns the land? Who owns the sky?

Rev. Andrew Harris

Anthem

Arpeggione Sonata by F. Schubert

Choir

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Committing...

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory and Love Offering

*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

Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way

NCH #465

*Benediction

Postlude

Divenire 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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**ALCOHOL POLICY QUESTIONNAIRE
DEADLINE TODAY (See basket for forms at
coffee hour)**

Parish Council would like your input as we go through the process of reviewing some of our church policies. Our current policy regarding alcohol is to NOT allow it within our facilities. Please take a few thoughtful minutes to complete this online survey and share your comments and questions with us. We would like to hear from as many congregants as possible in order to fairly represent the membership.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPCOMING PROGRAMS

10/13 Service Sunday: We all love coffee hour, so the Sunday School groups will help by providing coffee hour.

10/20 All Church Worship: The kids will usher, pass out the friendship pads and collect the offering.

**PUMPKIN PATCH AT
ST. MARK'S CHURCH
OPEN SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 30
NOON-6PM!**



**COME SHOP LOCAL AND SUPPORT OUR
BURLINGTON PANTRY!**

**OCTOBER 27 FROM 3:30-4:30 PM
HALLOWEEN PARTY IN SEWALL HALL**



Start getting your costumes ready for the Halloween parade! There will be games, prizes and a light snack. Invite your friends!

Adults feel free to come in costume as well!

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE



If you like to knit or crochet or just want to come and enjoy some lighthearted conversation, C4C meets every Thursday at 1pm in the church conference room. We are hybrid so if you can't come in person, you can always join us on Zoom. All are welcome!

ONLINE AUCTION BASKET PREP

***** We need your help!! *****



Join us after worship today. We'll be creating themed baskets for the Auction by combining individual items. See Kari Lynch at coffee hour.

**ON-LINE AUCTION
OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 2**

To help with our Auction, 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.

**DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS IS
OCTOBER 20TH**

We have lots of prepping before posting online. The link will be shared closer to October 26th.

For questions, please contact:

Deb Raymond
Julie Lewis
Kari Lynch
Anna Karwan
Joan Zink

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Joan Zink's daughter Jen
Tom's brother Jim
Christa Brown
Joe Stoddard and Paul Mouratidis
Bobbie Killilea's sister's friend Kat
Mark Omobono's friend Dave
Mark Flecchia's friend Mike
Carpenter Family
Claire Simas, niece Janice and
daughter Marianne
Billy Martin and friend Barbara
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 sisters
Laura Nowell's cousin Nigel and friend Mary
Brian Gionet's Dad
Roberta Low
Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn
Jessy McNeil's sister Grace and Joyce
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

Hurricane Victims!
Middle East, Ukraine,
Mother Earth!
Our Country's future!

The Fong Family donated today's altar flowers.

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

October 13 Worship-Love Offering

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| Pastor: | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Organist: | Brian Gionet |
| Lay Leader: | Sally Willard |
| Head Usher: | Lucy Damiani |
| Usher: | Jan McSheffrey |
| Greeter: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Flowers: | Fong Family |
| Collector: | Marcia Rich |
| Nursery: | Ally Mazzarella |
| Sunday School: | Deb Raymond
Chris Stahlinski |
| Coffee Host: | Deb Raymond |
| Baker: | Sunday School |

October 20 Missions Sunday

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|----------------|----------------------------|
| Pastor: | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Organist: | Brian Gionet |
| Guest Speaker: | Brendan Egan |
| Lay Leader: | Sally Willard |
| Head Usher: | Dick Butler |
| Usher: | Karen Butler |
| Greeter: | Carol Downing |
| Flowers: | Kari Lynch |
| Collector: | Deb Raymond |
| Nursery: | |
| Sunday School: | Deb Raymond
Donna Ferro |
| Coffee Host: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Baker: | Jan McSheffrey |

TRUE NORTH COFFEE SHOP

Join Pastor Andrew on Thursdays 9-11am.
Come by for a cup of coffee and a chat!

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS 2PM (HYBRID)

PUB THEOLOGY

Third Thursday of the Mnth

Join Andrew at Emerald Rose
785 Boston Road, Billerica, Ma
All are welcome, bring a friend.

HURRICANE VICTIMS - HOW TO HELP!

I'm sure many of us are wondering how we can help those affected by both hurricanes, Helene and Milton. If you should want to donate individually before the church has some kind of special offering, you could consider donating to one of these three suggestions from SNEUCC:

- Consider UCC **Disaster Relief Services** through the Global H.O.P.E. team as a place to donate. The Hurricane Helene appeal information is here: <https://support.ucc.org/hurricane-helene-relief>.

We may not be the first to arrive, but we are often the last to leave a place where disaster has occurred. Our volunteers and co-workers are adaptable to what is needed long after the first wave has gone.

- **Church World Service** is our partner: <https://cwsglobal.org/> and their relief fund will help situate people on the ground.

The Red Cross is on the ground, first, so if you want to help impact the initial wave of response, you can donate here: <https://www.redcross.org/>

GATHER US IN

Strongly (♩ = 56-58)

D A C G Gm/Bb Dm

1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old— who
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4. Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,

C G D A C G

1. van-ished a - way, See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
2. yearn for your face, We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
3. bread of new birth, Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
4. light years a-way, but here in this place the new light is shin - ing,

Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D C/D Gm6/D D

1. brought here to you in the light of this day. _____
2. called to be light to the whole hu - man race. _____
3. call us a - new to be salt for the earth. _____
4. now is the King - dom, now is the day. _____

Descant

1. Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en, Gath - er us in— the
2. Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty, Gath - er us in— the
3. Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, Give us to eat the
4. Gath - er us in and hold us for ev - er, Gath - er us in and

Melody A C/G D/F# G A C/G

Harmony

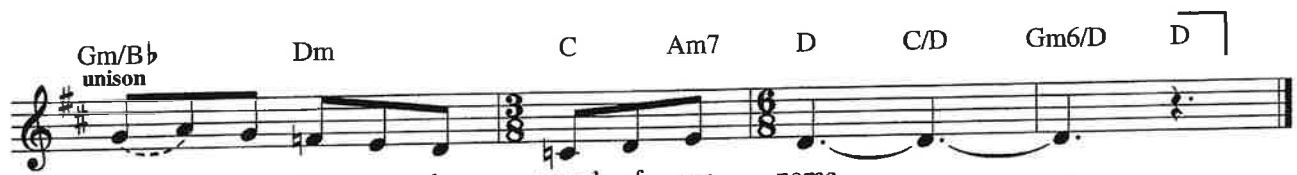
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1. blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 2. proud and the strong; Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 3. bread that is you; Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 4. make us your own; Gath - er us in— all peo - ples to - geth - er,



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1. we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
 2. give us the cour - age to en - ter the song. _____
 3. lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
 4. fire _____ of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

From the Crush of Wealth and Power

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Kendyl L. R. Gibbons, 1992

Luke 10:34; James 5:14-16

1 From the crush of wealth and pow - er some-thing bro - ken in us
 2 E - ven now our hearts are wa - ry of the friend we need so
 3 When our love for one an - oth - er makes our bur - dens light to
 4 Ev - ery time our spir - its lan - guish, ter - ri - fied to draw too

all waits the Spir - it's si - lent hour . . . plead - ing
 much. When I see the pain you car - ry, shall I,
 bear, find the sis - ter and the broth - er, hun - gry
 near, may we know each oth - er's an - guish and, with

with a poi - gnant call, bind all my wounds a - gain.
 with a gen - tle touch, bind all your wounds a - gain?
 for the feast we share; bind all their wounds a - gain.
 love that casts out fear, bind all our wounds a - gain.

This text was commissioned by the Unitarian Universalist Association for the 1993 hymnal Singing the Living Tradition. It was written for Peter Cutts' tune Bridegroom by Kendyl Gibbons, a Unitarian Universalist minister serving churches in Illinois.

Tune: BRIDEGROOM 8.7.8.7.6.
 Peter Cutts, 1969

Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way

William Matson, 1866; alt.

1 Teach me, O Lord, your ho - ly way,
 2 Help me, O Sav - ior, here to trace
 3 Guard me, O Christ, that I may ne'er
 4 Bless me in ev - ery task I face,

and give me an o - be - dient mind,
 the sa - cred foot - steps you have trod;
 for - sake the right, or do the wrong;
 be - gun, con - tin - ued, done for you;

That in your ser - vice I may find
 and ful - ly trust - ing in my God,
 A - gainst temp - ta - tion make me strong,
 Ful - fill your will in all I do,

my heart's de - light from day to day.
 to grow in good - ness, truth, and grace.
 and keep me in your shel - tering care.
 and grant me your a - bun - dant grace.

William Matson, English poet and Congregational minister, wrote a poem of 321 four-line stanzas titled "The Inner Life" (1866). This hymn of obedience to Christ has been drawn from that extended poem.

Tune: ROCKINGHAM L.M.
 Anon.

Adapt. Edward Miller, 1790