

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

MISSIONS 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."

October 20, 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

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...

***Call to Worship**

God tells us
to open our hearts
and our hands
to all in need.
God gives us
all we need.
God loves us
when we love each other.
God bless us
in all we do.
You love me,
And I love you.

***Opening Hymn**

In the Highways

Insert

Sharing of Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns

***Opening Prayer**

***Devotional Hymn**

We Are One in the Spirit

Insert

Guest Speaker - Brendan Egan, Director of Burlington Parks and Recreation Department

Reflecting & Praying...

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

"If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,' and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'

Our Sermon

Jubilee

Rev. Andrew Harris

Anthem

Though I May Speak

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

Traveling Mercies

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*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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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to Josh Cahoon and Tricia Cordischi on their recent marriage!
Congratulations to Jenn Irving and David Issac on their recent marriage!

Joan Zink's daughter Jen
Christa Brown

Joe Stoddard and Paul Mouratidis
Tom Killilea's brother Jim

Bobbie Killilea's sister's friend Kat
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!

Welcome Brendan Egan from Burlington's Recreation Department. Brendan will share information about all the specialized programs offered to children and adults in Burlington.

Kari Lynch donated today's altar flowers in memory of her dad, Kenneth Drs.

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

October 20 Worship-Missions Sunday

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

October 27 Worship-Red Wagon

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| Pastor: | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Organist: | Brian Gionet |
| Lay Leader: | Lucy Damiani |
| Head Usher: | Dave McNeil |
| Usher: | Sally Willard |
| Greeter: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Flowers: | Woody Knowles |
| Collector: | Marge Zamanian |
| Nursery: | |
| Sunday School: | Deb Raymond |
| Coffee Host: | Jan McSheffrey |
| Baker: | |

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 Month

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

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



COME SHOP LOCAL AND SUPPORT OUR
BURLINGTON PANTRY!

BOOK STUDY

From the Green Team- If you are a gardener or just love nature? Please join us for a book discussion on, "Nature's Best Hope-How You Can Save the World in Your Own Backyard" by Douglas W. Talking and adapted by Sarah L. Thomson. We will meet during coffee hour on Sunday, November 3rd. You can get the book at the library or order it on Amazon.

**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



C4C will meet at St. Mark's Church, pumpkin patch. We are volunteering again this Thursday, October 24 from noon-6pm. If you want to knit under the colored leaves, join us!

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

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS

There will be an AUCTION CLOSING NIGHT PARTY
Sat. 11/2/24 6pm – 7pm!

The closing bell at 7pm.

Come have a light snack, look over items,
& make your final bids together.

Check in with your fellow partyers to see who YOU
might be bidding against. Bring your friends.

For questions, please contact:

Deb Raymond
Julie Lewis
Kari Lynch
Anna Karwan
Joan Zink

In the Highways

In the highways, in the hedges.
In the highways, in the hedges
In the highways, in the hedges
I'll be somewhere working for my Lord

Chorus:

I'll be somewhere working
I'll be somewhere working
I'll be somewhere working for my Lord (repeat)

If He calls me I will answer
If He calls me I will answer
If He calls me I will answer
I'll be somewhere working for my Lord

Chorus

In the highways, in the hedges.
In the highways, in the hedges
In the highways, in the hedges
I'll be somewhere working for my Lord

Chorus

We Are One in the Spirit

We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our Love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity
And save each one's pride.

Chorus

We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the News
that God is in our land.

Chorus

Traveling Mercies

Chorus:

Traveling mercies
Love the journey
God is with us on every road
Traveling mercies
Love the journey
God is with us all the way home

A simple blessing that's often spoken
When it is time to take to the road
A benediction to send us forward
Trusting the Spirit will lead us home

Chorus

Sometimes our feet take two good steps forward
Only to fall back ten steps behind
God's walking with us, we're being guided
Grace often writes straight with crooked lines

Chorus