

The United Church of Christ, Congregational  
Burlington, MA

Twenty-Third 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."*

October 27, 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**

Mozart Sonata in A Major

Brian Gionet

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

I sing as I Arise Today  
**I sing as I arise today!**  
**I call on my Creator's might:**  
**The will of God to be my guide,**  
**The eye of God to be my sight.**

V. 1 #83

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

## *Praising & Learning...*

### **\*Call to Worship**

One: Here we are – born into a world shrouded in mystery.

**All: We bring our questions and curiosity before God.**

One: Despite all of humanity's technological and scientific achievements, there is still so much that we do not know.

**All: Help us, O God, to find peace in the not knowing.**

One: Despite all our hearts' desires, the world is still plagued with pain and suffering, sickness and death, war and violence, poverty and hunger.

**All: We bring our sadness and anger before God.**

One: God of all, creator of all, be with us amidst our questions and curiosity and amidst our sadness and anger.

**All: With humility, we come to worship seeking presence more than answers, comfort more than control, and hope more than reason. Amen.**

### **\*Opening Hymn**

How Firm a Foundation

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### **Sharing of Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns**

### **\*Opening Prayer**

**Good and gracious God, your world is beautiful to behold. Creation overflows with good things. We are often moved to a state of awe when we consider your greatness and your glory. Help us to recognize what we can't understand. Help us to find peace and wonder in the mysteries that surround us. We cannot know what you know. We cannot see what you see. While we cannot grasp the fullness of your vision, we faithfully pray for your presence, trusting in your love and guidance. Amen.**

### **Children of God Time and Red Wagon (Pantry Donations)**

### **\*Devotional Hymn**

Breathe on Me Breathe of God

NCH #292

## *Reflecting & Praying...*

### **Scripture Readings**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Then Job answered the Lord:

"I know that you can do all things

and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me that I did not know.

'Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you declare to me.'

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,

but now my eye sees you;

therefore I despise myself

and repent in dust and ashes."

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends, and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning, and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years and saw his children and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

**Our Sermon** Too Wonderful Rev. Andrew Harris

**Anthem** Like as a Father Choir  
"Like as a father, filled with compassion,  
pities all his children, pities all his children,  
so the Lord has mercy on those who fear Him"

**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** Guide me, O My Great Redeemer NCH #18

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** Mozart Sonata in A major Variation 1 Brian Gionet

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Rev. Andrew Harris, Pastor  
Brian Gionet, Director of Music Ministries  
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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  
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!

## **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.

*Today's Altar flowers were donated by Woody Knowles in memory of wife, Betty.*

### **October 27 Worship-Red Wagon**

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:	

### **November 3 Communion Worship**

Communion Prep:	
Pastor:	Rev. Andrew Harris
Organist:	Brian Gionet
Lay Leader:	Sally Willard
Head Usher:	Dave McNeil
Usher:	Lucy Damiani
Greeter:	
Flowers:	Cornucopia-Deacons
Collector:	Joan Zink
Nursery:	Mark Flecchia
Sunday School:	Kids in Worship
Coffee Host:	
Baker:	Donna Flecchia

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



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

**PUMPKIN PATCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Saint Marks has no one to sell pumpkins to the public on Wednesday October 30. It often is a busy day for the pumpkin patch. If you could spare just an hour to help with the sales, please let Susan Eby know. Time slots available are for 12 -1, 1-2, 2-3, and 3-4. We need 2 people for each hour. If you can help, please let Susan Eby know 272-3614  
Thanks

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



Come in costume today for the parade!  
There will be games, prizes  
and a light snack. Invite your friends!

Adults feel free to come in costume as well!

**TRUE NORTH COFFEE SHOP**

Andrew will no long have pastor hours at the coffee shop. Instead, he would like to you schedule an appointment. You can sign up through the link below:

<https://calendar.app.google/g6MNjHjWXY6SWCG69>

**BIBLE STUDY WILL CONTINUE  
ON WEDNESDAYS 2PM (HYBRID)**

10/30 - Habakkuk (Habakkuk 1:1-2:5, 3:1-19)  
11/6 - Second Isaiah (Isaiah 40)  
11/13 - Jonah (Jonah 4:1-11)  
11/20 - "What is a prophet again?"

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86101550567>

**PUB THEOLOGY**

**Third Thursday of the Month**

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

How is Pub Theology working? Take a survey:

<https://forms.gle/WJEiJBaPEvPsbwNS6>

**ONLINE AUCTION**

If you missed the email recently sent out with the link here it is for your convenience:

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/ca29988c-600c-410a-9a91-e0f77a5df989>

To bid: Scroll through the items. To bid click on the bid box for that item. This will bring up a screen to enter your information. Now you can bid away on other items. Over 160 items to bid on. Do all your holiday shopping right here! 1 stop shopping!



**COAT DRIVE**

We are running a coat drive through *Coat Boston* for children sizes infants to adults.

The organizers hope to collect 4,000 new coats, hats, scarves and gloves. The sizes needed are infants to adults.

There will be a bin outside Bobbie's Office for your donation.

## How Firm a Foundation

*Isa. 43:2-5; 2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5**"K" in John Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; alt.*

1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,

by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!  
 for I am your God, I will still give you aid;  
 the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;  
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can God say than to you has been said,  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand  
 For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."  
 de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."  
 your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

*In 1787, John Rippon, English Baptist clergyman, identified the author of this hymn as "K"; no one has yet verified a complete name. The pentatonic melody has been known by several names since it first appeared in Funk's Genuine Church Music (1832).*

Tune: FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.  
*Early United States melody  
 from Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832  
 Alternate tune: ADESTE FIDELES*

# 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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Breathe on Me, Breath of God'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are provided for four verses and a concluding stanza. The first system covers the first four verses, and the second system covers the concluding stanza. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines.

*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

## Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

*Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39-44; Rev. 22:1-2*

*William Williams, 1745*

*St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.*

*St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.*

1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing  
 3 When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but you are might - y;  
 wa - ters flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with your power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on heav - en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.  
 ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.

*John Hughes, a railroad official by trade, composed this tune for the 1907 anniversary of Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales. Cwm Rhondda refers to the "low valley" area surrounding the urban district of Rhondda in southern Wales.*

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

*John Hughes, 1907*

*Alternate setting: ZION*