

The United Church of Christ, Congregational  
Burlington, MA

**World Communion 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 6, 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**      Prelude in C by Bach / Earth Song by Frank Ticheli

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.**

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

## *Praising & Learning...*

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

One: All around the world people gather around God's table to share the feast.

**All: We gather with them in heart, mind, and spirit.**

One: All around the world the broken body is made whole.

**All: As part of that body we join in its unity.**

One: All around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for you, for me, and for all the children of God.

**All: We come with grateful hearts to receive God's grace and share God's love.**

### **\*Opening Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

NCH #1

### **\*Opening Prayer**

**Majestic God, your realm encompasses the universe, the earth, and our community. All creation declares your glory. May we unite with our kin around the world in celebrating you and the connections we share. As we gather in your name, may we remember those we join in faith, hope, and worship on every continent representing every tradition. May we declare in spirit and in truth – one bread, one body – the church striving to be one as you, Sustainer, Redeemer, and Spirit are one. Amen.**

## **Sharing of Joys & Concerns**

### **\*Devotional Hymn**

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

NCH #393

## *Reflecting & Praying...*

### **Scripture Readings**

Luke 19: 1-9

19 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. 5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. 7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." 8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." 9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.

### **Our Sermon**

Reaching a New Vantage Point

Rev. Andrew Harris

### **Anthem**

Jesus is Here Right Now by L. Roberts  
"Jesus is here right now. Jesus is here.  
With this bread and wine, true peace you'll find;  
Christ Jesus is here right now (right now)"

Choir

### **Pastoral Prayer**

## Communion

### **Invitation** - written by Richard Wilcox, Spain

One: Partake of the bread and the cup, the ageless symbol of Christ's life given for others. Eat and drink because of your need and not because of some special goodness you may possess or privilege you may feel.

Reach out to those near you and receive their friendship, reach up to receive the friendship of God, and be this day truly reconciled.

**All: We come not because we must, but because we may. We come seeking mercy, forgiveness, healing, and peace.**

One: Come one and all. The table of Christ is prepared for you.

### **Communion Hymn Communion Hymn**

Come; My Way, My Truth, My Life

NCH#331

Prayer of Confession, adapted from a Korean Prayer of Confession

Lord, thanks to you the dividing wall of the temple is no longer a problem for us, but the separating walls which we continue to build most certainly are. So Lord, whether we are in Berlin, Soweto, or on the 38th parallel, or a member of an ordinary Christian congregation somewhere, putting up all the barriers common to human communities the world over, show us how we may begin instead to take them down. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon, from the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa

One: Christ is our peace;

**All: those who are divided he has made one.**

One: He has broken down the barriers of separation

**All: By his death he has built us up into one body, with God.**

One: To whomsoever repents and believes

**All: he has promised reconciliation.**

One: So, live as people reconciled.

**All: Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*(Adapted from an Indian Liturgy for Celebrating the Eucharist,  
United Theological College, Bangalore, India)*

The Redemption Prayer

One: O God, Redeemer of the oppressed, at the last meal that your son, Jesus Christ, shared with his disciples before his death, He took bread in his hands of compassion, gave you praise and thanks, and broke the bread. Then he said, "Take this bread, all of you, and eat it. This is my body. Do this to remember me."

**All: We celebrate through this bread the self-offering of our Saviour Christ.**

One: Then after the meal he took the cup, offered praise and thanks to you, gave the cup to his disciples and said, "Take this all of you, and drink from it; This is the cup of the new covenant of my blood, shed for you and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this to remember me."

**All: We celebrate through this cup the new covenant of our Saviour Christ.**

The Bread Prayer

One: As this bread is broken and this cup is poured, O Seeker and Saviour of the lost, we remember again the poor and oppressed of the earth. We recall that your body was broken that the hungry might be nourished, the oppressed set free, replenished with the bread of new hope and new life.

**All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come in glory.**

One: As this bread was once scattered seed, O Bread of life, sown in the earth to die and rise to new life, so gather all peoples together in the one humanity of your coming new age. Restore the broken life of your creation; heal the disfigured body of your world; draw all creatures into yourself through the cross and in the power of your risen life. And grant to all the faithful departed a share in your bliss, that with them we too at the end may be welcomed into your kingdom through your inexhaustible grace, and guided by your indwelling Spirit.

Prasada (The Sharing)

One: When we break bread, do we not share in the body of Christ?

**All: We seek to share your life, gracious God.**

One: When we take the cup, do we not share in the life-blood of Christ?

**All: We seek to share your life, gracious God.**

Prayer for Darsana

**Risen Lord, be present, be present, even though we are unworthy for you to come to us. Only your peaceful presence can nourish us in faith, bind us together in love, and fill us with hope, so that we might share in your service. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

### 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

Renew Your Church

NCH #311

#### \*Benediction

#### Postlude

Experience by L. Einaudi

Brian Gionet

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Rev. Andrew Harris, Pastor  
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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.

### Special Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary after worship today!

#### SPECIAL MEETING WARRANT

-To consider and vote upon empowering the Parish Council to spend up to \$20,000 from the Endowment Fund as seed money for a Christmas Tree Fundraiser.

#### WORLD COMMUNION NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Neighbors in Need is one of the Church's special offerings. In the pews today you will find "Neighbors in Need" envelopes. There are envelopes outside Bobbie's office. Alternately you can mail your donation to UCC Congregational at 6 Lexington Street. Please add NIN on the memo line. If you want to give digitally you can do that through Vanco.

#### 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 - Next Date is October 17 8-9pm

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

*Deb Glancy donated today's altar flowers in memory of Scott Glancy, missed dearly!*

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

Passing of Auriana Musselman's uncle  
Passing of Nancy Davis's friend Donna  
Joan Zink's daughter Jen  
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  
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 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 Helene Victims  
Middle East, Ukraine,  
Violent weather!  
Mother Earth!  
Our Country's future!

#### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY-OCTOBER 6

There will be packets available from our Board of Finance and Stewardship. Please take a moment and read through the material for the life of our church.

## WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

### October 6 Communion, NIN, Stewardship

Communion Prep: Marge Zamanian  
Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris  
Organist: Brian Gionet  
Lay Leader: Chris Stahlinski  
Head Usher: Dave McNeil  
Usher: Carol Downing  
Greeter: Carol Downing  
Flowers: Deb Glancy  
Collector: Dick Butler  
Nursery: Jan McSheffrey  
Sunday School: Deb Raymond  
Donna Ferro  
  
Coffee Host:  
Baker

### October 13 Worship-Love Offering

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

**FOOD DRIVE - OCTOBER 12**  
**9:30AM - NOON AT**  
**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**335 Cambridge Street, Burlington**

Needed items for the Burlington pantry:

DIAPERS  
BABY WIPES  
Cereal, Oatmeal  
Pancake mix, syrup  
Jelly-Cooking Oil-Flour-Sugar  
Snack Food  
Condiments  
Coffee-Tea-Cocoa  
Side Dishes  
Canned or Dry Beans  
Canned Soups

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**10/6 Seasons of the Spirit:** Wilderness

**10/13 Service Sunday:** We all love coffee hour, so the Sunday School groups will help by providing coffee hour. The Sunday School students will come right to Sewall Hall at 10:30 to setup and prepare snacks for coffee hour including cleanup.

**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!

## 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.

Read more detailed information printed in your October Hilltop Newsletter and Weekly Email Blasts. Let's have some fun and share with our community!

For questions, please contact:

Deb Raymond  
Julie Lewis  
Kari Lynch  
Anna Karwan  
Joan Zink

### ALCOHOL POLICY QUESTIONNAIRE

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. There is a link to the survey on the church website:

<https://uccburlington.org/alcohol-policy-survey/>.

Paper copies are also available in the church office.

The short link to the survey is  
<https://bit.ly/uccburl1>.

**Please return your responses by Sunday, October 13.**

## ONLINE AUCTION BASKET PREP

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



**When:** Sunday, October 13, 2024 (after Church service). We'll be creating themed baskets for the Auction by combining individual items.

How can you help?

### **Bring in individual items to donate.**

-Have you received a gift that you will never use?  
-Do you have any other new, never-used items that you want to donate?

### **Help us create themed baskets by combining like items.**

-If everyone brings at least one item, we should be able to group items together into several themed baskets. Come and be a part of the Auction!

-If you'd rather, please feel free to donate a whole basket, if you'd like! Just let us know by filling out a Donation Form (at coffee hour) with details about your basket.

You can bring in your donated items and leave them in the Conference Room, where there is a box marked for the donations; or you can bring your donations on October 13th!

We appreciate any items you can donate, and any help you can provide! Together - Let's make the Online Auction a success!!

### **GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING**

Start now to gather your gift cards for the Christmas Season and more!

Or reload gift cards that you use on a regular a basis.

To learn more about the Gift Card Program check the Fundraising Bulletin Board. It's an easy way to donate to the church. Get Gift cards at full value and a percentage comes back to the church. It's a win, win for both!

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;  
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;  
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;  
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,  
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.  
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.  
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.  
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

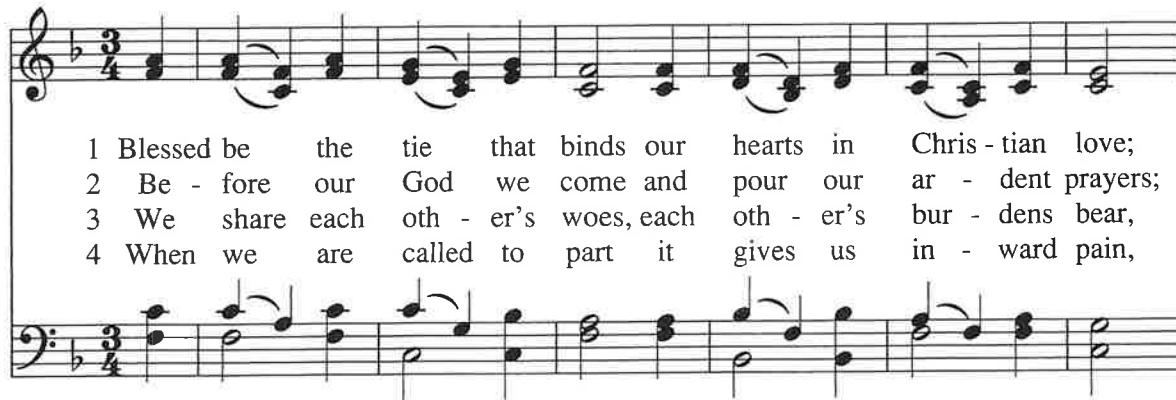


# Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

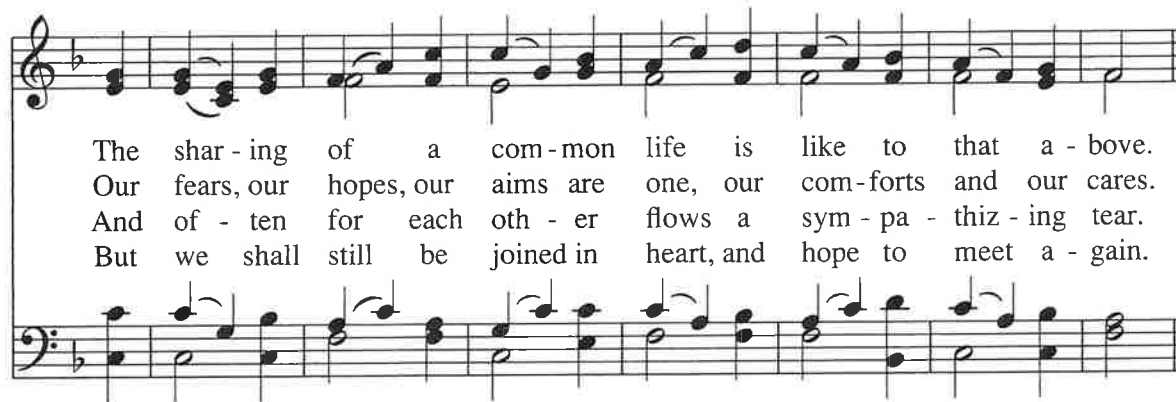
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*John Fawcett, 1782; alt.*

*Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15*



1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
2 Be-fore our God we come and pour our ar-dent prayers;  
3 We share each oth-er's woes, each oth-er's bur-dens bear,  
4 When we are called to part it gives us in-ward pain,



The shar-ing of a com-mon life is like to that a-bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.  
And of-ten for each oth-er flows a sym-pa-thiz-ing tear.  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a-gain.

*An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.*

Tune: DENNIS S.M.  
Melody by Johann G. Nägeli (c. 1768-1836)  
Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845

# Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

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George Herbert, 1633; alt.

John 8:12; 14:1-7; 15:11

*Unison*



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can



breath; Such a truth as ends all strife;  
feast; Such a feast as mends in length;  
move; Such a love as none can part;



such a life as con- - - quers death.  
such a strength as makes . . . . a guest.  
such a heart as joys . . . . in love.

Shortly before his death, the poet George Herbert entrusted his manuscript of *The Temple* (including this hymn) to a friend for publication. The musical setting by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams is from *Five Mystical Songs from George Herbert*.

Tune: THE CALL 7.7.7.7.  
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1911

# Renew Your Church

*Matt. 5:13-16; Luke 11:1-4; Mark 12:28-34*

*Kenneth L. Cober, 1960; alt.*

1 Re - new your church, its min - is - tries re - store: both to serve  
 2 Teach us your word, re - veal its truth di - vine; on our path  
 3 Teach us to pray, for you are ev - er near; your still voice  
 4 Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all—

and a - dore. Make us a - gain as salt through-out the land,  
 let it shine. Tell of your works, your might - y acts of grace;  
 let us hear. Our souls are rest - less till they rest in you;  
 hu - man-kind! Break down old walls of prej - u - dice and hate;

and as light from a stand. 'Mid som - ber shad - ows  
 from each page show your face. As you have sent your  
 this is life, full and true. Be - fore your pres - ence  
 leave us not to our fate. As you have loved and

of the night, where greed and ha - tred spread their blight, O  
 Christ to save, in love to tri - umph o'er the grave, O  
 keep us still that we may find for us your will And  
 given your life to end hos - til - i - ty and strife, Your

*Kenneth L. Cober grew up in Puerto Rico, the son of missionary parents. Cober has served churches in many states and has written several books about church education.*

Tune: ALL IS WELL 10.6.10.6.8.8.8.6.  
*Traditional English melody*

## THE CHURCH



send us forth with power en-dued. Help us, God, be re-newed.  
let our hearts with love be stirred. Help us, God, know your word.  
seek your guid - ance ev - ery day. Teach us, God, how to pray.  
grace we must be mind-ful of: Teach us, God, how to love.

