

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

TWENTY-SIXTH 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."

November 17, 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 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

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

Praising & Learning...

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn**

Oh Mary Don't You Weep

Chorus:

Oh Mary don't you weep, don't you mourn

Oh Mary don't you weep, don't you mourn

Pharaoh's army got drowned,

Oh Mary don't you weep.

***Opening Prayer**

Children of God Time

Sharing of Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns

***Devotional Hymn**

Ain't No Grave

Chorus:

Ain't no grave gonna hold my body down

Ain't no grave gonna hold my body down

When I hear the trumpet sound

Gonna get up outa the ground

There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down

Reflecting & Praying...

Scripture Readings

Matthew 6:25-33

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ²⁸“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Our Sermon

Don't you worry

Rev. Andrew Harris

Anthem

All Good Gifts, words and music by Stephen Schwartz

Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Committing...

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning
(Bring forward Morning Offering / Pledge Card / Time and Talent Survey)

*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

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

*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.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY/LUNCHEON

Join us after worship today for a luncheon next door in Sewall Hall.

If you have not received a pledge packet, please speak with Julie Lewis.

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

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!

November 17 Stewardship Sunday With our Band 10:30am

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| Pastor: | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Organist: | Brian Gionet |
| Lay Leader: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Head Usher: | Dick Butler |
| Usher: | Youth |
| Greeter: | Youth |
| Flowers: | Cornucopia-Deacons Flowers-TheTirrells |
| Collector: | Dick Butler |
| Nursery: | Mark and Donna Flecchia |
| Sunday School: | Deb Raymond |
| Coffee Host: | Potluck Luncheon |
| Baker: | Potluck Luncheon |

November 24 Ingathering Sunday 10:30am

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| Pastor: | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Organist: | Brian Gionet |
| Lay Leader: | Marcia Rich |
| Head Usher: | |
| Usher: | |
| Greeter: | |
| Flowers: | Cornucopia-Deacons |
| Collector: | Deb Raymond |
| Nursery: | Jan McSheffrey |
| Sunday School: | Deb Raymond |
| Coffee Host: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Bakers: | Bobbie Killilea |

TRUE NORTH COFFEE SHOP

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

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

BIBLE STUDY HYBRID WEDNESDAYS 2PM

11/20 - "What is a prophet again?"

Zoom Link:

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

PUB THEOLOGY
Third Thursday of the Month
November 21st 8-9pm

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>

**CAMBRIDGE STREET CLOSET FOR
BURLINGTON STUDENTS**

Burlington School district has established a service to provide **used clothing** to students who are in need. This service is named the **Cambridge Street Closet**. They are currently in need of winter coats, hats and gloves for children preschool age through high school seniors. These donations need to be clean, stain free and without tears or holes. There will be a bin under the coat rack for these donations.

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

C4C will move back to meeting in the conference room from 1 to 3pm Thursdays afternoons. Our project will include knitted scarves, hats and gloves/mittens for infants through high school seniors. These will be donated in early December to the Boston Coat Drive which this year is being run by the Lexington UCC Church.

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Today 4-5:30pm at UCC Burlington



BOSTON 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. We thank you!

**TOWN WIDE FOOD DRIVE
SATURDAY-NOVEMBER 23
10-1pm at UCC**

Food donations: Thanksgiving and any non-perishable items to stock our pantry.

Just pull up and someone will take items from your vehicle.

INGATHERING-SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24



Just a reminder we will have our food collection and distribution during and after worship. Please bring as many of the following items to worship (no outdated food):

Stuffing (bags/boxes)
Gravy
Mayonnaise
Canned corn
Chicken broth
Cornbread mix

We will bring items over to Sewall Hall. Folks connected to the pantry will come and shop for items for Thanksgiving 2-5pm. Volunteers will help them shop (no children please, for privacy reasons).

**Burlington Christmas
Tree Lot**

Opening Friday November 29th
10am-7:00pm

Fridays 3:00pm - 7:00pm
Saturdays 10:00am -7:00pm
Sundays 12:00 pm - 6:00pm

UCC Burlington
6 Lexington St

CASH AND CREDIT ACCEPTED
A Portion of proceeds going to People Helping People

VOLUNTEERING!

**We will need volunteers from
decorating to sales!**

Click the link below to sign up!

<https://evite.me/DfMP9CeKwV>

SAVE THE DATE! HOLIDAY CONCERT DECEMBER 1 3PM

Starring the Three of Cups
Debbie Claar and Anne Marie Messbauer

Tickets are on sale today at coffee hour!

WISH TREE at the BURLINGTON MALL



What is the Wish Tree you may ask? This program supports PHP and the children of their clients. Each child fills out a wish list. They are then added to index cards. People will come and pick up a card, buy that item and return it to the Wish Tree Table.

Questions talk with Aline Beck

The signup sheet is at coffee hour