

The United Church of Christ, Congregational  
Burlington, MA

REIGN OF CHRIST 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."*

November 24, 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**

Pavane Pour Une Infante Defunte by M. Ravel

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** (Inspired by Psalm 132)

One: Rise up, O God, dwell in the praise of your people. Make your home in our worship.

**All: Let your people be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.**

One: Rise up, O God, remind us of your covenant and your commands. May your presence be a balm and your direction our guide.

**All: Let your people be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.**

One: Rise up, O God, reign with power, wisdom and love. May your kingdom come full and complete.

**All: Let your people be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.**

### **\*Opening Hymn**

Love Divine All Love Excelling

NCH #43

### **\*Opening Prayer**

**Magnificent God, in you, we move, live, and have our being. Your greatness humbles us. Your love can be overwhelming and incomprehensible. Your attentive care takes our breath. On this day of Ingathering, help us to remember that there are many among us who struggle to put food on the table. Help us to be caring neighbors, sharing what we have with one another so that no one may go hungry. Renew our spirits, strengthen our resolve, and fortify our compassion to put testimony on our lips, in our hands, and through our lives for your kingdom. Amen.**

### **Children of God Time**

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

### **\*Devotional Hymn**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

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## *Reflecting & Praying...*

### **Scripture Readings Today from the Gospel According to John**

John 18:33-38

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" <sup>35</sup> "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." <sup>37</sup> "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." <sup>38</sup> "What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him."

### **Our Sermon**

What Is Truth?

Rev. Andrew Harris

### **Anthem**

Love One Another by Brad Nix

Our Choir

**Love is patient, love is kind.  
Love is gentle, love divine.  
Love forgives, is never rude.  
Love rejoices in the truth.**

**Love one another,  
As God has also loved you.  
Love one another,  
As God has also loved you.  
Love is faithful, love is pure.**

Love is hopeful, love endures.  
Love is humble, love is strong.  
Love is such a joyous song.

Love one another,  
As God has also loved you.  
Love one another,  
As God has also loved you.

Love one another,  
As God has also loved you.  
Love one another,  
As God has also loved you.

As God has loved you,  
As God has loved you,  
As God has also loved you.

## Pastoral Prayer

### Committing...

## Stewardship Invitation

## Offertory and Ingathering of Food

**\*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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

NCH #76

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

A Victory in Jesus!

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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## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Dot's friend Doug who passed  
Bill Beyer's friend Lloyd who passed  
Michael Tredeau's sister  
Molly and Family  
Musselman's neighbor Caroline  
Andie Joseph's auntie  
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!

### **COMMUNITY DINNER AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 335 CAMBRIDGE STEET BURLINGTON, MA.**

Due to the holidays, the Presbyterian Church decided to combine November and December into one dinner on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. UCC is providing dessert, see signup sheet! This is a free event for all! The next dinner will be the last Wednesday in January 2025!

## **Worship Participation**

### **November 24 Ingathering Sunday 10:30am**

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

**Help the Deacons decorate the sanctuary on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. There is a lot to do for Advent. Many hands make light work!**

### **December 1 Communion 10:30am** **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Communion Prep:	Chris Stahlinski Marge Zamanian
Pastor:	Rev. Andrew Harris
Organist:	Brian Gionet
Lay Leader:	Sally Willard
Head Usher:	Dave McNeil
Usher:	
Greeter:	
Flowers:	Marcia Rich
Collector:	Joan Zink
Nursery:	
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Bakers:	

### **INGATHERING OF FOOD FOR OUR THANKSGIVING DRIVE!**

We will bring food items forward during worship today. Following worship, we will bring items over to Sewall Hall for sorting. 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).

### **BIBLE STUDY HYBRID WEDNESDAYS 2PM**

Zoom Link:

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

### 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 at the link below:

<https://calendar.app.google/g6MNjHjWXy6SWCG69>

### 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 Lexington UCC Church.



### BOSTON COAT DRIVE

The response to the need for coats in Boston has been great and Missions thanks all who have donated. The very last day to put coats in the Coat Boston bin, which is located outside Bobbie's Office, is Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>. They must be in Lexington the next day.

### CAMBRIDGE STREET CLOSET FOR BURLINGTON STUDENTS

The used coat and winter accessories drive for Cambridge Street Closet will end December 6<sup>th</sup>.

The bin for this clothing is in the hall outside of the office area. All donated clothing needs to be clean, with no stains and free of tears.

### PHP PAJAMA, UNDERWEAR, ETC.

If you took an index card to purchase pjs, underwear, etc. please be sure to return items by December 8<sup>th</sup> with the index card attached. Bin is near the office copier. Thank you!

### 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!

A poster for the Burlington Christmas Tree Lot. The background is red with a large green Christmas tree silhouette. At the top of the tree is a yellow starburst. The text is white and green.

**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

**Ornaments will be available for purchase!**

# Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.

Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,  
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;  
 3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;  
 4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;

Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;  
 Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;  
 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.  
 Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;

Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.  
 Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;  
 You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,  
 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,

Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.  
 End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
 Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.  
 Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.

*This hymn is said to have been suggested by a "Song of Venus" from Dryden's King Arthur. It is one of 6,500 written by Charles Wesley, the "sweet singer of Methodism," who was skilled at interweaving literary and scriptural images.*

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.  
 John Zundel, 1855  
 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL  
 For another harmonization, see 368, 495

# 521 Let There Be Peace on Earth

C Am Dm7 G7 C F C/E Am G7sus G7

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

C B7 Em B7 D#6 G7 D G7

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With

Am Em C7 F Em G G7 C

God our cre - a - tor, we are fam - i - ly.

Am7 D7 G Am7 Bm D D7 G G7

Let us walk with each oth - er in per - feet har - mo - ny.

WORDS: Bill Jackson, alt.  
 MUSIC: Sy Miller; Barn. Charles H. Webb  
 Words and Music © 1959, and 1963 by Jay Stone

WORLD PEACE  
 Irregular

# Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1964

*Descant*

2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

*Unison*

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, the  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

peo - ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave. The ser - vice is  
 tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of

end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the fruits of our wor - ship in  
 shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of

*Omer Westendorf, author of numerous hymns, compiler of several hymnals, and founder of World Library Publications, included this hymn in People's Mass Book, 1964, the first vernacular Roman Catholic hymn and service book to implement the decrees of Vatican II.*

Tune: THE ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11.D.  
 Welsh folk melody  
 Harm. Leland Sateren, 1972  
 Descant, The New Century Hymnal, 1993



CLOSE OF WORSHIP

each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with  
 all who be - lieve. The seed of the teach - ing, re -  
 each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with

your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this  
 cep - tive hearts reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for  
 your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this

life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -  
 God and for all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u -  
 life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -

giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.  
 nite us to work for God's realm and to an - swer the call.  
 giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.