

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

**Second Sunday After Epiphany
Band 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."

January 19, 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

O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing

NCH # 42 v1

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace!**

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

Praising & Learning...

***Sung Call to Worship**

Refrain: God walks with us

***Opening Hymn - We Shall Not Be Moved**

We shall not, we shall not be moved
We shall not, we shall not be moved
Like a tree that's planted by the water
We shall not be moved

We're fighting for our freedom, we shall not be moved
Fighting for our freedom, we shall not be moved
Like a tree that's planted by the water
We shall not be moved

Black and white together, we shall not be moved
Black and white together, we shall not be moved
Just like a tree that's planted by the water
We shall not be moved, oh

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Sharing of Joys, Sorrows, and Concerns

***Opening Prayer**

Let all God's children with love in their hearts say, "Amen!"

Amen!

Let all God's children who seek peace across the world say, "Amen!"

Amen!

Let all God's children who thirst for justice in our country and in our world say, "Amen!"

Amen!

Let all God's children whose spirits are filled with gratitude say, "Amen!"

Amen!

Let all God's children who care for god's beautiful creation say, "Amen!"

Amen!

Let all God's children who feel blessed to be here say, "Amen!"

Amen!

Let all God's children who feel the Holy Spirit say, "Amen!"

Amen!

Amen!

Amen!

Amen!

***Devotional Hymn - This Little Light of Mine**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Reflecting & Praying...

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Our Sermon

Gifts of the Spirit

Rev. Andrew Harris

Anthem

People Get Ready written by Curtis Mayfield

Pastoral Prayer

Committing...

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

Blowin' in the Wind written by Bob Dylan

***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 We Shall Overcome**

**We shall overcome,
We shall overcome,
We shall overcome, some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome, some day.**

**We'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand, some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome, some day.**

**We shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace, some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome, some day.**

**We are not afraid,
We are not afraid,
We are not afraid, today
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome, some day.**

**We shall all be free,
We shall all be free,
We shall all be free, some day
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall all be free, some day.**

***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.

SUNDAY MORNING ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers for our Sunday Morning Worship, the signup sheet and forms are located in the hallway on the bulletin board. Leave the slip with the church office. Flowers are \$30 and payment should be made out to UCC and placed in the collector's plate or sent to the church office.

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

Passing of Kari Lynch's Aunt
Ted Brierley

Tonia Egan's Mom and Dad
Claire Simas

Passing of Susan Eby's family friend Antoinette

Paul Raymond
Shirley Fong's mom Mary
Deana's sister and brother-in-law,
Linda and Jim Sutton
Kay Shute

Julie Lewis's cousin Alicia
David Leonard's sister Lucinda
Nancy Davis's son George

Barbara Naddaff's daughter Nancy
Laura Nowell's cousin Nigel and friend Mary
Molly and Family

Joan Zink's daughter Jen
Christa Brown

Tom Killilea's brother Jim
Bobbie Killilea's sister Karla
Carpenter Family

Claire Simas, niece Janice and
daughter Marianne

Chris Stahlinski's sisters
Brian Gionet's Dad
Roberta Low

Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn
Jessy McNeil's sisters 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

Mother Earth!
Our country!

BIBLE STUDY RETURNS

Join Pastor Andrew on Wednesdays, 2-3pm
in the conference room and on Zoom livestream.
All welcome!

*Bobbie Killilea donated this Sunday's altar flowers
to celebrate all those January Birthdays.*

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

January 19 Worship – Band Sunday

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| Pastor: | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Organist: | Brian Gionet |
| Lay Leader: | Lucy Damiani |
| Head Usher: | Dick Butler |
| Usher: | Karen Butler |
| Greeter: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Flowers: | Bobbie Killilea |
| Collector: | Dick Butler |
| Nursery: | |
| Sunday School: | Deb Raymond
Donna Ferro |
| Coffee Host: | Marge Zamanian |
| Bakers: | Marcia Rich
Karen Butler |

January 26 Worship-Red Wagon*

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| Pastor: | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Organist: | Brian Gionet |
| Lay Leader: | Sally Willard |
| Head Usher: | Deb Glancy |
| Usher: | |
| Greeter: | Andie Joseph |
| Flowers: | Nancy Davis |
| Collector: | Marcia Rich |
| Nursery: | |
| Sunday School: | Deb Raymond
Donna Ferro |
| Coffee Host: | Deb Glancy |
| Baker: | Chris Stahlinski |

RED WAGON PANTRY NEEDS

***Red Wagon items needed at the
Burlington Pantry:**

Diapers (all sizes)
Wipes

Please bring to worship next Sunday!

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

Look what's coming up in Sunday School

Today All ages worship, Sunday School in church for the entire service, it's Band Sunday.

January 26 Science Sunday



March 23rd We will head over to the Boys and Girls Club for a swim! More info will be coming!

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT FEBRUARY 15, AT 6PM POTLUCK DINNER AND KARAOKE



All are welcome to join us for a night of fellowship and song. There will be a signup sheet at coffee hour for food donations. We are looking for an EMCEE and someone who is familiar with Karaoke machines. This is a free event and should be a lot of fun. Questions, speak with Kari Lynch or any Deacon. Come one and all!

SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL MEETING/LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 2, 2024



Join us for our 292nd Annual Meeting. After worship we will have a light lunch in Sewall Hall and then return to the sanctuary for the meeting which will also be on Zoom. There will be a signup sheet at coffee hour for food items. We also need childcare downstairs in Skelton Hall during the meeting. It will be Zoom livestreamed so you can still vote while providing childcare.