

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

BLANKET AND TOOL 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."

June 15, 2025

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

Voluntary IV – Peek

Aline Beck

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Halle, Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Praising & Learning...

***Call to Worship**

One: Holy, Embodied, and Present God, how majestic are your many names in all creation! In you we find direction, inspiration, and encouragement.

All: Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice?

One: Creator, Christ, and Compassion, we turn to you in praise, prayer, and penitence to be made new, set free, and empowered.

All: Does not love call and understanding raise her voice?

One: Source, Sustainer, and Spirit, your abiding presence gathers, connects, and strengthens us. You make us a community that participates in your kingdom.

All: Does not truth call and understanding raise her voice?

***Opening Hymn**

De Colores

NCH #402

***Opening Prayer**

God of peace, we pray for the power to be gentle, the strength to be forgiving, and the patience to be understanding. May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence. Open our hearts and eyes so that we might see the face of our adversary, and recognize, as you do, that they are our sister, our brother. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who said "my peace I give to you." Amen.

Children of God Time

Sharing of Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns

Blessing of Blankets and Tools

One: Gracious God, you have given us so many good gifts. Help us to share these gifts with others. Let us pray for the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the oppressed, the unemployed, and those in any need. Gracious God, bless the givers of these blankets and tools. May they demonstrate your love through the giving of these gifts.

All: Bless the blankets and tools we have provided. Bless Church World Service while they are delivering these gifts on our behalf. Bless the lives of all who will receive these blankets, with God's great love. Amen

***Devotional Hymn**

Come, O Spirit Dwell Among Us

NCH #267

Reflecting & Praying...

Scripture Readings

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call
and understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all who live.

"The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
 the first of his acts of long ago.
 Ages ago I was set up,
 at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
 When there were no depths I was brought forth,
 when there were no springs abounding with water.
 Before the mountains had been shaped,
 before the hills, I was brought forth,
 when he had not yet made earth and fields
 or the world's first bits of soil.
 When he established the heavens, I was there;
 when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
 when he made firm the skies above,
 when he established the fountains of the deep,
 when he assigned to the sea its limit,
 so that the waters might not transgress his command,
 when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
 then I was beside him, like a master worker,
 and I was daily his delight,
 playing before him always,
 playing in his inhabited world
 and delighting in the human race.

John 16:12-15

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Our Sermon

Anthem

Father's Eyes by Gary Chapman

Soloist, Sarah Clark

Pastoral Prayer

Committing...

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

Andantino – Schubert

Aline Beck

***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 and Consecration**

Going...

***Closing Hymn**

O Holy Dove of God Descending

NCH #285

***Benediction**

Postlude

The Glory of God in Nature-Beethoven

Aline Beck

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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.

Meeting Date: Sunday, Jun 15, 2025

Warrant

Special Congregational Meeting

- Article 1. To consider and vote upon empowering Parish Council to borrow up to \$12,000 from the Endowment Fund as seed money for a 2025 Christmas Tree Fundraiser.
- Article 2. To hear any other business that may legally come before the congregation.

Rev. Andrew Harris, Pastor

Aline Beck, Organist

Deb Raymond, Director of Christian Education

Bobbie Killilea, Administrative Assistant

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Joys and Concerns

Lee Tirrell
Roberta Low
Claire Simas
Kay Shute
Matt Tierson's grandfather
Joyce Carpenter's grandniece Bree
Jan Blandino, her grandson Toby, daughter Brenda,
son-in-law Rick
David Knowles
Elaine Glancy
Susan Damiani's friend Linda
Ted Brierley
Karen Ciardi's mom Dottie
Andrew's friend Lorenzo
Ally's cousin Lia
Deana Tredeau's brother-in-law Jim
Bill Hitchcock's girlfriend Denise
Donna DeSimone's Brother-in-law Rick
Anna Karwan's mom Irene and gratitude
for her sister as caretaker
Skip Glancy and sister Dorothy
Karen Butler's brother-in-law Lenny
Barbara Naddaff's friend Mary
Tonia Egan's Mom and Dad
Shirley Fong's Mom Mary
Julie Lewis' cousin Alicia
Brian Gionet's Dad
Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn
Jessy McNeil's sisters Grace and Joyce
Marilyn Langley's brother Bill
Kelly Sievert
Ginger Mungillo and daughter Cindy, son Jim
Barbara Garland

Our Country/Mother Earth /World Violence-Peace!

Bobbie Killilea donated today's flowers to celebrate the life of her mom, Claire and to thank our music program here at UCC.

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

June 15 Worship-Blanket and Tool Sunday Happy Father's Day!

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| Pastor: | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Organist: | Aline Beck |
| Lay Leader: | Marcia Rich |
| Head Usher: | |
| Usher: | Carol Downing |
| Greeter: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Flowers: | Bobbie Killilea |
| Collector: | Marge Zamanian |
| Coffee Host: | Deana Tredeau |
| Bakers: | Marcia Rich
Cake from CE |

June 22 Worship-Music Sunday

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| Pastor: | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Organist: | Aline Beck |
| Lay Leader: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Head Usher: | |
| Usher: | |
| Greeter: | |
| Flowers: | |
| Collector: | Marcia Rich |
| Coffee Host: | Deana Tredeau |
| Bakers: | |



June 22 Pet Blessing at 4pm

A Blessing of Pets will be held outside. Pets must be on a leash or in carriers or cages. People may bring pictures of their pets or stuffed animals. All are welcome!

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

Join us on Thursday afternoons at 1pm in the conference room. We are in the process of making prayer shawls, prayer squares and blankets for the Linus Project. We also offer a hybrid connection so you can join us on Zoom as well!

DEACONS' SPECIAL MUSIC FUND

In celebration of Music Program, please consider making a donation to the Deacons' Special Music Fund. Our wonderful Easter Guest Musicians are a great example of how we use these donations. The fund supports not only Guest Musicians, but other music expenses not included in the Church's Operating Budget. Donations are accepted online as well as in the weekly offering. Forms can also be found at coffee hour.

Bible Study - Luke's Parables

Wednesdays at 2pm - In person and on Zoom

For the months of May and June, we will explore Jesus's parables in the Gospel of Luke. As always, all are welcome and there is no homework or pre-reading necessary. Just show up with an open heart, open ears, and an open mind and together we will discuss God's word for us.

June 18 - Parable of the Widow and Unjust Judge (Luke 18:1-14)

June 25 - Parable of the Ten Pounds

(Luke 19:1-28)

July 2 - Parable of the Wicked Tenants

(Luke 20:1-19)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84363847241>

BLANKET AND TOOL SUNDAY IS TODAY!

This dual offering will support the Church World Service work helping our worldwide neighbors in need. CWS will use your donations to supply blankets to the homeless, distribute blankets after disasters, donate blankets to refugee camps and in other situations where people need to know they are not alone. CWS will be able to supply tools to communities that need them to plant seeds and safely contain livestock, which will allow them to grow food thus creating a healthier future for their families. Additionally, after disasters tools can be given out to help repair the damage caused.

Specially marked envelopes will be in the pews, and outside the Church office in early June. If you wish to donate using a check, please mark the memo line with blankets/tools. You may also give digitally using Venmo. Details about this are on the Church Web site.

AN ACOUSTIC CONCERT

Hi friends!

I wanted to share an invite with you and your faith communities to join us for a concert next Friday evening at 7 PM. My friend, singer-songwriter Matthew Black, will be giving an acoustic concert in our sanctuary, dessert reception to follow. Matt's tour is called "Everything is Terrible and No One is Okay," but his music is inspiring and uplifting !

A free will offering will be taken, \$15 suggested donation, give what you can!
Thank you -- and hope to see some of you there next Friday!

Peace,
Rev. Trina Portilla
The Presbyterian Church
335 Cambridge Street
Burlington, MA

De colores

(Sing of Colors)

Mexican folk song

Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1995

1 De co - lo - res, de co - lo - res se vis - ten los
 1 Sing of col - ors, sing of col - ors that o - ver the
 2 Sing, re - joic - ing! Ev - ery crea - ture that breathes raise a

cam - pos en la pri - ma - ve - ra. De co -
 hills in pro - fu - sion are spring - ing; Sing of
 song to the God of cre - a - tion. Sing, re -

lo - res, de co - lo - res son los pa - ja - ri - tos que vie - nen de a -
 col - ors of the birds that fly out - side my win - dow their can - ti - cles
 joic - ing! Sing to God who so ear - nest - ly cares, who has of - fered sal -

fue - ra. De co - lo - res, de co -
 sing - ing; Sing of col - ors, in the
 va - tion. Sing the good news! Sing the

This Mexican folk song is known by many Mexican-American churchgoers, and has also been popular among the United Farm Workers.

Tune: DE COLORES
Mexican folk song
 Arr. Alfredo Morales, F.S.C.

lo - res es el ar - co i - ris que ve - mos sa - lir, Y por
rain-bow's bright col - ors God's prom - ise of hope we re - call; Sing of
love of the Sav - ior re - flect - ing the col - ors of all. Man - y

e - so los gran - des a - mo - res de mu - chos co - lo - res me gus - tan a
col - ors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who cre - at - ed us
col - ors that shine from God's face, man - y col - ors that tell us God's love to re -

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all. Sing of col - ors that make up the earth and give thanks to the
call. Man - y col - ors that shine from God's face, man - y col - ors that

lo - res me gus - tan a mí.
God who cre - at - ed us all.
tell us God's love to re - call.

Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

*Acts 2:1-36; Exod. 13:18-22; Ps. 118:19-29**Janie Alford, 1979; alt.*

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of

cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,
 for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,
 fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,

help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,
 hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney
 glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is
 you have led us all the way, still in pres - ence
 Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

PENTECOST

called to mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 move be - fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 loud ho - san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.


O Holy Dove of God Descending

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Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976

Unison


C Am F G C Am F G



1 O ho-ly Dove of God de - scend-ing, you are the love that knows no end - ing,
 2 O ho-ly Wind of God now blow - ing, you are the seed that God is sow - ing,
 3 O ho-ly Rain of God now fall - ing, you make the Word of God en-thrall-ing,
 4 O ho-ly Flame of God now burn - ing, you are the power of Christ re-turn - ing,



F C Dm G C F G7sus4 G C



All of our shat - tered dreams you're mend-ing: Spir-it, now live in me.
 You are the life that starts us grow-ing: Spir-it, now live in me.
 You are the in - ner voice now call - ing: Spir-it, now live in me.
 You are the an - swer to our yearn-ing: Spir-it, now live in me.



Bryan Jeffery Leech, educated in Britain and the United States, has served American churches since 1955. He has also written musical plays, assisted in preparing and editing hymnals, and co-edited The Hymnal Companion (1979).

Tune: O HOLY DOVE 9.9.9.6.
 Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976