

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

BAPTISM, FATHER'S DAY AND MUSIC 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 21, 2026

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!

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

Gathering....

Musical Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*Morning Psalm - Based on Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Serve the Lord with gladness!

All: We come into God's presence with singing!

One: Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are his;

All: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

All: Give thanks to him, bless his name!

One: For the Lord is good;

All: His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

NCH #4

Order of the Sacrament of Baptism....

for

Margot Harvie Issac

Born January 14, 2026

Daughter of Jenn Irving and David Issac

Granddaughter of Thomas & Cheryl Irving and Issac Simon & Mercy Issac

Presentation of the Water for Baptism

One: Brothers, sisters, and siblings in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

All: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, Creator of us all.

One: Baptism is the sacrament through which we are united with Jesus Christ, and given part in Christ's ministry of reconciliation. In baptism God works in us the power of forgiveness and the renewal of the Spirit, and the knowledge of the call to be Christ's disciples always.

All: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

Responsive Scripture Reading - Mark 10:13-16

One: People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them. When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them:

All: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."

One: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

Invitation to the Family

Questions and Affirmations

Pastor: Jenn and David, do you desire to live and grow with Margot in the covenant community of Jesus Christ?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Will you strive to learn from the wisdom of the prophets; doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with your God, helping Margot to do the same?

Parents: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Will you seek an a for the life and teachings of Jesus, in concert with an appreciation for diverse religious traditions, helping Margot to do the same?

Parents: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Will you honor the faith questions that arise throughout life, and will you help Margot do the same?

Parents: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Will you remember and help Margot to learn that faith is a journey and that God's love is available to you each day?

Parents: We will, with the help of God.

Congregational Assent

One: Jesus calls us to make disciples of others, and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. On behalf of the Christian church in every place, do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Margot, as she lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support and care.

Prayer of Baptism

One: We give you thanks, O Holy One, mother and father of all the faithful for this your child and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit.

All: Gracious and loving God, we pray that you bless Margot with strength for life's journey, courage in the face of injustice, compassion at the sight of oppression, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

Baptism of Margot Harvie Issac

Passing the Peace

Thanking those who surround us with Music

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Devotional Hymn - To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

NCH #17

Reflecting...

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."
But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Matthew 10:24-39

"A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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| Our Sermon | That Which Cannot Be Contained | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Anthem | When I Sing- Russell Robinson | Sung by the choir |

Praying...

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***Song of Prayer**

Offering...

Invitation of Offering

Offertory Be In Our Gathering - Sandra T. Ford Sung by the choir

***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

Sending...

***Closing Hymn** When In Our Music God Is Glorified NCH #561

*Benediction

Postlude

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*Baptized today is Margot Harvie Issac, daughter of Jenn Irving and David Issac.
Granddaughter of Thomas & Cheryl Irving and Issac Simon & Mercy Issac*

Today's altar flowers were given by Bobbie in memory of her mother, Claire. Bobbie would like Jenn and David to take the flowers home to celebrate Margot's baptism.

Rev. Andrew Harris, Pastor
Aline Beck, Organist
Deb Raymond, Director of Christian Education
Bobbie Killilea, Administrative Assistant
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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.

Worship Participation

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| Pastor: | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Organist: | Aline Beck |
| Lay Leader: | Sarah Clark |
| Head Usher: | Dave McNeil |
| Usher: | |
| Greeter: | |
| Collector: | Lucy Damiani |
| Flowers: | Bobbie Killilea |
| Nursery: | Volunteer |
| Coffee Host: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Bakers: | Chris Stahlinski
Deana Tredeau |

Join us Wednesday afternoons for Bible Study. We will meet in the conference room 2-3pm. Hybrid on Zoom livestream. All welcome!

Crafting for a Cause (C4C) meets in the conference room on Thursday afternoons 1-3pm. If weather permitting, we will meet outside by the picnic tables. Come join us!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Shirley and Geoff Fong

Nancy Davis

Dan Shea

Donna DeSiome's sister Brenda, brother-in-law Rick
and granddaughter Brooke

Molly Kyokunda's sister

Skip Glancy

Bobbie and Tom Killilea

Tonia Egan, her mom and dad

Joe Stoddard's family member Jada

Cindy Phillip's friend's husband pancreatic cancer

Bill Livezey

Kay Shute

Roberta Low

Debbie Claar's dear friends Victor, Bob

Jan Blandino, her grandson Toby

David Knowles

Ted Brierley

Andrew's friend Lorenzo

Bill Hitchcock

Shirley Fong's Mom Mary

Julie Lewis' cousin Alicia

Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn

Jessy McNeil's sisters Grace and Joyce

Kelly Sievert

Ginger Mungillo, daughter, Cindy, son Jim

Barbara Garland

Barbara Naddaff's grandson, friend Mary

Sally Willard's sister Vicky

Anna Karwan's sister as caregiver for mom

Rev. Cheryl Kerr's son Gabe

Auri Musselman, her sister-in-law's family

Woody Knowles