

The United Church of Christ, Congregational
Burlington, MA

CHILDREN'S 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 7, 2026

10:30am

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Welcome all the children

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.**

Coming...

Musical Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Congregation: Thank you God

Amelia: for all that grows.

Congregation: Thank you God

Amelia: for the sky's rainbows.

Congregation: Thank you God

Amelia: for the stars that shine.

All: Thank you God

Amelia: for these friends of mine.

Congregation: Thank you God

Amelia: for the summer sun.

Congregation: Thank you God

Amelia: for all you've done. Amen

***Opening Hymn -A PLACE IN THE CHOIR** by Bill Staines

(Chorus)

All God's critters got a place in the choir

Some sing low, some sing higher

Some sing out loud on the telephone wire

And some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got

(Verse 1)

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom

Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus

Moans and groans with a big t'do

The old cow just goes moo

(Chorus)

(Verse 2)

The dogs and the cats, they take up the middle

While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles

The donkey brays and the pony neighs

And the old coyote howls

(Chorus)

(Verse 3)

Listen to the top where the little birds sing
On the melody with the high notes ringing
The hoot owl hollers over everything
And the jaybird disagrees

(Verse 4)

Singin' in the nighttime, singing in the day
The little duck quacks, then he's on his way
The 'possum ain't got much to say
And the porcupine talks to himself

(Chorus)

(Verse 5)

It's a simple song of living sung everywhere
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear
The grumpy alligator and the hawk above
The sly raccoon and the turtle dove

(Chorus)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Passing the Peace

***Devotional Hymn IN THE HIGHWAYS** by Maybelle Carter

(Verse 1)

In the highways, in the hedges,
In the highways, in the hedges,
In the highways, in the hedges,
I'll be somewhere working for my Lord

(Chorus)

I'll be somewhere working, I'll be somewhere working,
I'll be somewhere working for my Lord
Repeat

(Verse 2)

If He calls me, I will answer
If he calls me, I will answer
If he calls me, I will answer
I'll be somewhere working for my Lord

(Chorus)

Repeat:

(Verse I and Chorus)

Reflecting & Praying...

Poem Golden Sun – Lenore Hetrick

Poem Summer Splendor by the Sea – Patricia Cisco

Poem Bed in Summer – Robert Louis Stevenson

Present Bible to Carver

Present gift to Sunday School Students

Sermon Being thankful for our Congregants Enjoy a craft

Acknowledge Volunteers

Anthem **TURN YOUR RADIO ON** by Albert E. Brumley
Everyone, please join us on the chorus*

*(Chorus)

Turn your radio on
And listen to the music in the air
Turn your radio on
And glory share
Turn your lights down low
And listen to the Master's radio
Get in touch with God
Turn your radio on

Offering...

Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Music

***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.**

Blessing

Communion...

Invitation to the Table

Jesus said, "Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." So we invite the children to come forward to their place at Christ's table and to assist in the blessing of the elements.

Come everyone who wants to:
Come if you can recite the creeds,
Come if you can't remember the words to Jesus loves me;
Come if you've been in the church since birth,
Come if you've lost your way a few times but found your way here today;
Come if you like to study theology,
Come if you like to finger paint;
Come if you like tradition and ritual and ceremony,
Come if you like balloons and laughter and jumping in puddles.
Come if you like all these things
and find the wonder of heaven in them all.
Come as you are:
old and young and in between.
Just as you are:
one family,
right now,
each of you,
every one of you,
and find a place right here around the table.

Prayer of Confession

Dear Jesus, sometimes we make mistakes. We do not always do the things we are supposed to do. We do not always do the things we know are right and good. Sometimes we make bad decisions. Sometimes we ignore God. Forgive us. Forgive us for fighting. Forgive us for lying. Forgive us for our anger. Forgive us for our distractedness. Forgive us for war and violence and bullying. Forgive us for our lack of respect for others and our lack of respect for you. Help me to recognize the wrong that we've done, and the good that we've failed to do. We ask all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Beloved Children of God, God sees you and knows you. God knows your hearts better than you know them yourselves. God sees all that you are and God loves you. Say it together:

One: God loves me.

All: God loves me.

One: God loves me.

All: God loves me.

One: God forgives me.

All: God forgives me.

There is more forgiveness in God than there is sin in us and there is nothing we can ever say or do that will separate us from God's love. We are never out of the reach of God's love and grace. In the light of Christ, and in communion with one another, we surrender to your mercy and give thanks for your word of forgiveness. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, as you gather us all in this place. May the broken bread become our healing and the cup of grace our fullness that we might empty ourselves to become a blessing to those who long for peace and reconciliation in their lives.

All: Come, Holy Spirit Come, be with us in all of our eating and drinking together. Amen

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Popcorn Prayer of Thanksgiving

Going...

***Closing Hymn THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE** Traditional

(Verse 1)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, (Repeat 3 times)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

(Verse 2)

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, (Repeat 3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

(Verse 3)

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, (Repeat 3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

(Repeat Verse 1)

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.

Deb Raymond and family donated today's altar flowers to celebrate the life of dear Jane Raymond!

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

Skip Glancy

Passing of Joyce Carpenter's niece
Breanna

Nancy Davis's son Ross's wife Jackie

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

Molly Kyokunda's sister

Bobbie and Tom Killilea

Tonia Egan, her mom and dad

Joe Stoddard's family member Jada

Cindy Phillip's friend's husband
pancreatic cancer

Barbara Naddaff's grandson, friend Mary

Sally Willard's sister Vicky

Anna Karwan's sister caregiver for mom

Rev. Cheryl Kerr's son Gabe

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

Woody Knowles

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

June 7, 2026 Communion Worship **CHILDREN/BAND SUNDAY**

Communion Prep: Chris Stahlinski
Marge Zamanian

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris

Organist: Aline Beck

Lay Leader: Lucy Damiani

Head Usher: Dave McNeil

Usher: Chris Stahlinski

Greeter: Deana Tredeau

Collector: Joan Zink

Flowers: Deb Raymond

Nursery: volunteers

Sunday School: Deb Raymond
Donna Ferro

Ice Cream Social: Christian Ed

June 14 Worship Love Offering

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris

Organist: Aline Beck

Lay Leader: Marcia Rich

Head Usher: Chris Stahlinski

Usher:

Greeter:

Collector: Marge Zamanian

Flowers: Bobbie Killilea

Nursery: Volunteers

Coffee Host: Jan McSheffrey

Baker/Snacks:

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Today is Children's Sunday. Following worship there will be an Ice Cream Social. All are invited!

BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Wednesday afternoons
2-3pm in the conference room for
weekly bible Study

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

We meet every Thursday 1-3pm in the
conference room (outside on the picnic
tables if the weather is nice) to work on
a variety of knitted/crocheted items.
All are welcome to come and chat!

PRIDE DAY - June 13

Burlington Pride Day is Saturday
June 13 (rain date June 14th) and will
be celebrated on the commons 11 to 3.
We will have a table there. If you would
like to work an hour or two at the table
there will be a signup sheet outside of
the office.

Susan Eby, Sally Willard and
Lucy Damiani