

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

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*"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 28, 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!***

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

# Gathering....

## Musical Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

#### \*Morning Psalm - *Adapted from Psalm 89*

One: I will sing of your love, Oh Lord, forever.

**Many: We declare your steadfast love forever. Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

One: You promised us love and protection throughout the generations.

**Many: We are so happy to know this truth, to walk in Your light.**

One: Come worship our God who is our shield.

**Many: We worship our God, our strength and our joy.**

#### \*Opening Hymn

*The God of Abraham Praise*

NCH #24

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Passing the Peace and Red Wagon

#### \*Devotional Hymn

*Joys Are Flowing like a River*

NCH #284

## Reflecting...

### Scripture Readings

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words:

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For

in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

**Our Sermon**

"Wilderness Rules"

Rev. Kate Kennedy

**Anthem**

*You Raise Me Up* - sung by Mark Omobono and Debbie Claar

**Praying...**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**\*Song of Prayer**

**Offering...**

**Invitation of Offering**

**Offertory**

*Be Thou My Vision* - sung by the Three of Cups

**\*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

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

NCH #403

\*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.

*Lucy Damiani donated today's altar flowers  
in loving memory of husband, Rollie*

Rev. Andrew Harris, Pastor  
Aline Beck, Organist  
Deb Raymond, Director of Christian Education  
Bobbie Killilea, Administrative Assistant  
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## **Worship-Red Wagon 10:30am**

Guest Pastor: Rev. Kate Kennedy  
Organist: Aline Beck  
Lay Leader: Chris Stahlinski  
Head Usher: Dick Butler  
Usher: Karen Butler  
Greeter: Marcia Rich  
Collector: Joan Zink  
Flowers: Lucy Damiani  
Nursery: Volunteer  
Coffee Host:  
Bakers: Marcia Rich

### **SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES**

#### **Drawn In: Living Out the Creative Life with God**

We spend too much time being "driven" rather than "drawn in." We focus on what we "should" do rather than what we feel excited and compelled to do in our lives, in this world. During this series, we will connect with our inherent creativity and nurture this foundational aspect of being human, giving us renewed energy for passionate work, delightful play, and creative problem solving to make this world a better place for all.

### **Happy 294<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!!**



This Ole Meeting House is 294 years old. It was raised on July 23, 1732. Yes, that is the same year George Washington was born; in case you ever wondered.

Our church, the UCC Congregational, Burlington, has gone through many changes in the last 294 years, beginning as The Meeting House of the Second Parish in Woburn. It has served the Burlington Community well and we want to celebrate it.

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, we are having a "Potluck" Picnic on the front lawn, immediately following our 10:30 worship service and all are invited. Please bring a dish or other food to share. We will provide beverages and paper goods. You are welcome and encouraged to bring your own reusable plates from home. There will be a signup sheet available at Coffee Hour or in the church office. Any questions may be directed to a member of the Board of Deacons.

**Bring a Friend!  
We hope to see you there!!**

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Skip Glancy

Nancy Davis's son Ross's wife Jackie

Donna DeSiome's sister Brenda,

brother-in-law Rick and granddaughter Brooke

Bobbie and Tom Killilea and their godson Chris

Tonia Egan, her mom and dad

Joe Stoddard's family member Jada

Cindy Phillip's friend's husband pancreatic cancer

Barbara Naddaff's grandson and friend Mary

Sally Willard's sister Vicky

Anna Karwan's sister as 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 and 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

Middle East

Our Country

The World

Mother Earth

# Yigdal Elohim Chai

(The God of Abraham Praise)

Gen. 12:1; 17:15-16; Exod. 3:14; Isa. 44:6; Rev. 4:8

Moses Maimonides, 12th century

Versification attrib. to Daniel ben Judah, c. 1400

Transl. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1884; alt.

1 Yig - dal e - lo - him chai v' - yish - ta - bach,  
 1 The God of A-braham praise, all prais - es to God's name,  
 2 God's spir - it free - ly flows, high surg - ing where it will;  
 3 God has e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;  
 4 The God of Sar - ah praise, all prais - es to God's name,

nim - tza v' - ein eit el m' - tzi - u - to  
 who was and is and is to be, for - e'er the same! *ff*  
 God spoke of old in proph - et's word; that word speaks still.  
 God's love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.  
 who was and is and is to be, for - e'er the same!

E - chad v' - ein ya - chid k' - yi - chu - do,  
 The one e - ter - nal God, be - fore what now ap - pears;  
 Es - tab - lished is God's law, and change - less it shall stand,  
 All praise the liv - ing God! Ex - tol that hal - lowed name,  
 The one e - ter - nal God, be - fore what now ap - pears;

ne - lam v' - gam ein sof l' - ach - du - to.  
 the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!  
 deep writ - ten on the hu - man heart, in ev - ery land.  
 who was, and is, and ev - er shall be 'still the same!  
 the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!

# Joy's Are Flowing like a River

(Blessed Quietness)

Matt. 8:26; John 14:16; Ps. 46:4

Manie Payne Ferguson (b. 1850); alt.

1 Joys are flow-ing like a riv - er, since the Com - fort - er has  
 2 Bring-ing life and health and glad-ness all a - round, this heav-en-ly  
 3 Like the rain that falls from heav-en, like the sun - light from the  
 4 See, a fruit-ful field is grow-ing, bless-ed fruit of righ - teous -  
 5 What a won - der - ful sal - va - tion, when we al - ways see Christ's

come; Christ a - bides with us for - ev - er, makes the  
 Guest Ban-ished un - be - lief and sad - ness, changed our  
 sky, So the Spir - it too is giv - en, com - ing  
 ness; And the streams of life are flow - ing in the  
 face, What a per - fect hab - i - ta - tion, what a

*Refrain*

trust - ing heart a home.  
 wea - ri - ness to rest.  
 on us from on high. Bless-ed qui-et-ness, ho - ly  
 lone - ly wil - der - ness.  
 qui - et rest - ing place.

qui - et-ness, what as - sur - ance in my soul. On the

storm-y sea, Je-sus speaks to me, and the bil-lows cease to roll.

# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Matt. 7:24-27; 1 Cor. 3:11; Heb. 6:19; Rev. 11:15

Edward Mote, c. 1834; alt.

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' love and  
 2 When shad - ows veil my Sav-ior's face, I rest up - on un -  
 3 Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When Christ shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in

right-teous-ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but  
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 ris - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ  
 Love be found, Dressed in God's righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an-chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

*William Bradbury met great success by composing hymn tunes and religious songs in a lively, popular style. He also helped establish music programs in New York public schools, served a church, and co-founded a piano company.*

Tune: SOLID ROCK L.M. with refrain  
 William B. Bradbury, 1863