

The United Church of Christ, Congregational
Burlington, MA

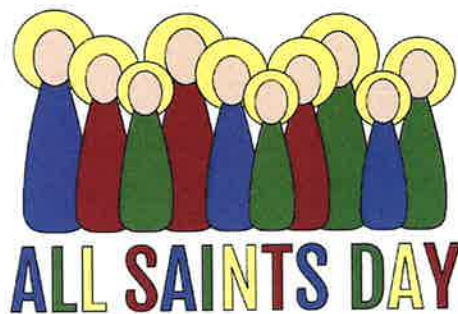
ALL SAINTS DAY

"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."

November 1, 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.**

Coming...

Musical Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Praising & Learning...

***Morning Psalm** Adapted from Psalm 34

One: I will bless the LORD at all times;

All: I will sing God's praise always!

One: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

All: Let the humble hear and be glad.

One: O magnify the LORD with me,

All: Let us exalt his name together.

One: I sought the LORD, and he answered me

All: God delivered me from all my fears.

One: This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD

All: I was saved from every trouble.

One: O taste and see that the LORD is good;

All: happy are those who take refuge in him.

One: O magnify the LORD with me,

All: Look to God, and be radiant.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

***Opening Hymn**

When Minds and Bodies Meet As One

NCH #399

Remembering the Saints in Our Lives

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe. We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God. We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime.

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon.

We lift up to you, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with your heart forever. As we read these names, we will pause after every name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.

(Reading of the names of those who have died in the past year.)

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, you are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. Amen.

Reflecting & Praying...

Scripture Readings

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one

instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Sermon

Exalted and Humbled

Rev. Andrew Harris

Anthem

"At the Table of the Lord" by J. Althouse

Our Choir

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

Carrying a vision of creation healed and restored,
we welcome all in the name of Christ.

Invited to the table where none shall go hungry,
we gather as Christ's guests and friends.

In holy communion

**we are commissioned to feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven,
love as we have been loved.**

The open table speaks of the shining promise
of barriers broken and creation healed.

In the communion meal, wine poured out and bread broken,
we remember Jesus.

We remember not only the promise but also the price that he paid
for who he was,
for what he did and said,
and for the world's brokenness.

**We taste the mystery of God's great love for us,
and are renewed in faith and hope.**

***Communion Hymn**

Lift Your Head O Martyrs, Weeping

NCH #445

Prayer of Confession

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
**Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end,
we confess that we participate in systems
that perpetuate oppression and injustice.
We are often numb to the pain of the world around us,
resistant to change that costs us something,
and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves.
We sin against your good creation,
failing to be faithful stewards
of the land, the sea, and all their creatures.
Make your home among us once more, O God,
naming us beloved and opening our hearts
to do your will. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

All you saints and sinners, this good news is for you:
God knows you,
forgives you by the self-giving love of Jesus Christ,
and frees you to love the world as you have been loved.
Creation's story will not end
until mourning, crying, and pain are no more.
When everything else changes, God's love is steadfast and sure.
Nothing can ever separate you from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Going...

*Closing Hymn

For All the Saints

NCH #299

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.

The Deacons have decorated the altar with a beautiful cornucopia to give thanks for all we have and all we can share with others.

Rev. Andrew Harris, Pastor
Sarah Del Dotto, Director of Music Ministries
Deb Raymond, Director of Christian Education
Bobbie Killilea, Administrative Assistant
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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Barbara Moran
Jan McSheffrey
Barbara Naddaff
Deb Raymond's friend Keith
Anna Karwan's brother Steve
Shirley Garside and daughter Lynn
Bobbie Killilea's godson Chris
Dan Shea
Skip Glancy
Donna DeSiome's sister Brenda,
brother-in-law Rick
Tonia Egan, her mom and dad
Joe Stoddard's family member Jada
Cindy Phillip's friend's husband
pancreatic cancer
Sally Willard's sister Vicky
Rev. Cheryl Kerr's son Gabe
Auri Musselman's sister-in-law's family
Woody Knowles
Joyce Carpenter

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
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

WORSHIP 10:30AM

November 1 Communion

Communion Prep: Chris Stahlinski
Mage Zamanian
Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris
Organist: Sarah Del Dotto
Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
Head Usher: Dave McNeil
Usher: Carol Downing
Greeter:
Cornucopia: Deacons
Collector: Deb Raymond
Nursery: Kanika Agarwala
Sunday School: Deb Raymond
Donna Ferro
Coffee Host:
Baker/Snacks:

WORSHIP 10:30AM-Love Offering

November 8 Love Offering

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris
Organist: Sarah Del Dotto
Lay Leader: Chris Stahlinski
Head Usher: Dave McNeil
Usher:
Greeter: Marcia Rich
Cornucopia: Deacons
Collector: Dick Butler
Nursery: Kanika Agarwala
Sunday School: Deb Raymond
Donna Ferro
Coffee Host:
Baker/Snacks:

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Before you go over to coffee hour, please join us downstairs in the Sunday School Classrooms to see what we have been working on. All the kids are so proud of what they have accomplished.

BIBLE STUDY

Women of the Bible

There are so many stories centered on women in the Bible and yet throughout church history they have often been overshadowed and sidelined. In this Bible study session, we will explore these stories and discuss the ways women have always played an essential role in God's creation, in the church, and in the story of our faith. Come join us and learn about Hannah, Tabitha, Rahab, Deborah and more amazing women in God's continuing story. Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89076641525>

November 4 - Woman at the Well (John 4:1-42)

November 11 - Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

November 18 - Anna (Luke 2:25-40)

COAT BOSTON

Coat Boston collected over 2,000 new winter coats last year which were distributed to children in need of coats in Boston. This year they are hoping to collect 3,000 **new coats** sizes for infants to 4XL. These will be distributed to 27 schools and organizations in Boston. ***UCC Burlington will be collecting coats through November 1.*** There will be a bin for coats outside the office area.

WISH PROJECT CLOTHING NEEDS

As you start to take out your winter clothing, please remember Wish Project in Chelmsford is asking for fall and winter donations of clothing. All sizes of clothing are needed. All donations need to be free of stains, with no holes, missing buttons or tears. Your donations can be left in one of the bins underneath the hall coat rack.

WISH TREE

The People Helping People Holiday program was established to help Burlington families in need during the holiday season. One part of this project is the Wish Tree Program which provides clothing and gifts requested by a child of pantry clients. The Wish Tree has a table located on the second floor of the mall. People stop by, obtain a wish, buy the gift from wherever they want and bring the item back to the Wish Tree table.

UCC will be at the Wish Tree table handing out the special wishes on December 1 and 7 from noon until 7PM. There is a sign-up sheet at coffee hour and outside the office if you can volunteer.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

Please remember to return your Pledge Card, and Time and Talent Survey by November 15th. You can mail it in or bring to worship that day. Thank you for all you do for our church on the hill.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Ingathering Sunday - November 22 during worship

Our church is blessed to serve as the collection and distribution point for the Burlington Community Thanksgiving Dinners to families in need this year. Currently, we are soliciting volunteers and donations, advertising, and planning for this huge event.

We are having a **Thanksgiving Food Drive on Saturday, November 21st from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at United Church of Christ, Congregational, 6 Lexington Street. For this food drive, we are requesting Thanksgiving and Food Pantry non-perishable foods. Cub Scouts Pack 555 will be collecting hundreds of pies at Shaw's, so stop by and buy a pie.

We are requesting that our church and our neighboring faith communities provide non-perishable food for the Thanksgiving Dinners. You may bring these donations on Saturday to the food drive and items will be taken directly from your car or bring your donations to worship on Sunday, November 22nd. We encourage all of our families to participate in the sorting.

This is a short list, but we need DOZENS and DOZENS OF EACH ITEM. **Please, NO EXPIRED DATES!**

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| Stuffing (bags or boxes) | Corn, canned |
| Gravy | Chicken broth |
| Mayonnaise | Cornbread mix |
| Cranberry sauce, canned | |

When families arrive to shop in the afternoon, we ask that only adults are allowed to help due to privacy reasons.

CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

Our tree sale opens Friday, November 27, the day after Thanksgiving! Hours are 4–6 PM on weekday evenings and 12–6 PM on weekends. We need volunteers to set up and staff the lot. Thank you for sharing your time and spirit! Along with beautiful trees, we'll sell fresh wreaths and handmade ornaments throughout the sale.

Prepay before November 27 to save \$5 on your tree this year, then pick it up anytime during the sale. You can also sponsor a tree for someone in need. If you don't need a real Christmas tree, consider buying one for another family; we'll work with People Helping People to deliver sponsored trees to families who would like one. Check your November Hilltop for the link.

MISTLETOE MARKET

We're delighted to welcome back the Mistletoe Market! Local vendors will rent tables to display their goods, and UCC's craft and bake table will feature handmade contributions from our congregation. Crafters and bakers, please contribute a few holiday-themed items or gifts, including Christmas cookies individually wrapped for hanging on our cookie tree.

Santa Claus will also join us for photos on the Sewall Hall stage!

The Market needs many volunteers! Save the date and contact us to help or look for the signup sheet at Coffee Hour in early November.

Raffles & Silent Auction: Many vendors are generously contributing raffle items for the Mistletoe Market, and a silent auction is also planned for that day. We'd welcome themed baskets and a few higher-value donations, such as vacation rentals or gift card bundles, to help make the fundraiser a success.

Want to Get Involved? If you have questions about the Market, feel free to email us at **UCCMistletoeMarket@gmail.com**. Vendor spots are filling quickly! Interested or know of someone who is? Share this application link: **<https://forms.gle/V3b7RmdMZJeFFxT99>**

We can't wait to celebrate the season with you - bringing joy, connection, and the spirit of giving to our church and sharing our joy with the community.

When Minds and Bodies Meet as One

Gal. 3:28; Eph. 4:1-16

Brian Wren, 1980; rev. 1993

Unison

1 When minds and bod - ies meet as one and
 2 When lead - ers meet with an - gry sound, yet
 3 When team - work serves a com - mon aim, and
 4 When peo - ple feel the lash - ing claws of
 5 In Christ we come to break and bless the

find their true af - fin - i - ty, we join the dance in
 bri - dle their hos - til - i - ty, to bar - gain for a
 play - ers move in sym - pa - thy, the flow - ing rhy - thm
 greed and in - hu - man - i - ty, yet strug - gle in a
 bread of new so - ci - e - ty, cre - a - ted for to -

God be - gun and move with - in the Trin - i - ty,
 com - mon ground, and end with u - na - nim - i - ty,
 of the game is beau - ty in sim - pli - ci - ty,
 right - ful cause with car - ing sol - i - dar - i - ty,
 geth - er - ness, from in - fi - nite va - ri - e - ty,

British poet Brian Wren and composer Peter Cutts were both encouraged in their work by the renowned hymnologist Erik Routley. They later collaborated in the 1983 collection *Faith Looking Forward*, in which this hymn was first published.

Tune: TRINITY CAROL L.M.D.
 Peter Cutts, 1980

so praise the good that's seen and done in
 be glad for all the hope that's won in
 so praise the good that's seen and done in
 be glad for all the hope that's won in
 so praise the good that's seen and done in

lov - ing, giv - ing u - ni - ty, re - veal - ing God, for -
 ev - ery gleam of u - ni - ty, re - veal - ing God, for -
 swift - ly mov - ing u - ni - ty, re - veal - ing God, for -
 free - dom - lov - ing u - ni - ty, re - veal - ing God, for -
 Spir - it - giv - en u - ni - ty, re - veal - ing God, for -

ev - er One, whose na - ture is Com - mu - ni - ty.
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Lift Your Heads, O Martyrs, Weeping

*Deut. 31:6; Ps. 36:7; Matt. 8:23-26**Károly Jeszensky, 1890; based on a hymn by
Pauli Joachim (1636-1708); transl. William Tóth, 1938
Adapt. Theodore S. Horvath, 1994*

1 Lift your heads, O mar-tyrs, weep - ing, God our Mak - er
 2 Though the storms may rage and roil . . . o'er the vast and
 3 Though the hills and vales be riv - en, once con-ceived by
 4 Though in chains you now are griev - ing, though a tor - tured

still does reign! You are dai - ly in God's keep - ing,
 fear - ful sea, Though you cry from wretch-ed toil, . . .
 God's own hand, Though the signs of earth and heav - en
 slave you die, Mar - tyrs, if you die be - liev - ing,

God is with you in your pain. Rise and be of val - iant heart,
 "O my Sav - ior, res - cue me!" Though it seems that God does sleep,
 sig - nal doom in ev - ery land, Yet, O mar - tyrs, have no fear;
 heav-en's path shall o - pen lie. Up - ward gaze and trust a - new,

and with cour-age bear your part; Soon a - gain God's
 hope and trust in God still keep; Calm your hearts though
 ev - er is your help - er near; God has sought you,
 God has not for - sak - en you; You are God's own

arms will fold you to God's lov - ing heart and hold you.
 they be quak - ing, God is faith - ful, none for - sak - ing.
 God has found you; God's pro - tec - tive wings sur-round you.
 peo - ple, sure - ly God will fold God's own se - cure - ly.

Heb. 12:1

William W. How, 1864; alt.

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the
 2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might: you, Christ, the
 3 Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold, live as the
 4 Ringed by this cloud of witness - es di - vine, we fee - bly
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the

world their stead-fast faith confessed, your name, O Je - sus,
 hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you
 saints who nobly fought of old, and share with them a
 strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet in your love our
 ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, then hearts are brave a -

be for - ev - er blessed.
 were their one true light.
 glo - rious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 faith - ful lives en - twine.
 gain, and faith grows strong.

This traditional All Saints Day hymn originally consisted of eleven stanzas written for the Sarum Hymnal (1869) and set to a tune by that name, Sarum. It has grown in popularity since it was later paired with the enduring Sine Nomine in The English Hymnal (1906).

Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906