The United Church of Christ, Congregational
Burlington, MA

REIGN OF CHRIST
INGATHERING 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."

November 22, 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

Sharing Our Ingathering Gifts

***Morning Psalm** - Adapted from Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise
Make a joyful noise
to the LORD!
to the LORD!
Make a joyful noise
Make a joyful noise
all the earth!
all the earth!
Serve the LORD
Serve the LORD
with gladness!
with gladness!
Give thanks to God!
Give thanks to God!
Bless his name!
Bless his name!
For God is good!
For God is good!
God's love is forever!
God's love is forever!
Make a joyful noise
Make a joyful noise
all the earth!
all the earth!
Make a joyful noise
Make a joyful noise
all the earth!
all the earth!

***Opening Hymn** - I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me,
Anywhere, Lord, anytime
I'm gonna live God can use me,
Anywhere, Lord, anytime

I'm gonna work so…
I'm gonna pray so…
I'm gonna sing so…

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

***Devotional Hymn -** Wash Over Us

We let the love wash over us
We let, we let, it be

We let the light wash over us
We let, we let, it be

We let the joy wash over us
We let, we let, it be
We let the peace wash over us
We let, we let, it be

We let the grace wash over us
We let, we let, it be

Reflecting…

Scripture Readings

Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you

welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

Our Sermon The Sheep and The Goats Rev. Andrew Harris

Anthem All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Choir

Praying…

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offering…

Invitation of Offering

Offertory

***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 -** God Be With You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again
By his counsel guide uphold you
With his sheep securely fold you.
God be with you till we meet again.

Chorus:
Till we meet, till we meet
Till we meet at Jesus' feet
Till we meet, till we meet
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again
When life's perils thick confound you
Put his arms unfailing round you.
God be with you till we meet again.

Chorus

God be with you till we meet again
Keep love's banner floating o'er you
Smite death's threa'ning wave before you.
God be with you till we meet again.

Chorus

***Benediction**

Postlude

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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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CHURCH VISION STATEMNT
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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Donna DeSimone
Barbara Moran
Jan McSheffrey
Deb Raymond's friend Keith
Anna Karwan's brother Steve
Shirley Garside and daughter Lynn
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
Sally Willard's sister Vicky
Rev. Cheryl Kerr's son Gabe
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

JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP IN SEWALL HALL TO SORT ALL THE DONATED FOOD ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION THIS AFTERNOON TO THOSE PEOPLE CONNECTED TO THE BURLINGTON PANTRY. WE ASK ONLY ADULTS BE PRESENT DURING THE DISTRIBUTION AT 2PM (FOR PRIVACY REASONS)

Worship Participation-Today

Pastor:	Rev. Andrew Harris
Organist:	Sarah Del Dotto
Lay Leader:	Sarah Clark
Head Usher:	Deb Glancy
Usher:	Carol Downing
Greeter:	Marcia Rich
Cornucopia:	Deacons
Collector	Marcia Rich
Nursery:	Kanika Agarwala
Sunday School:	Deb Raymond
	Donna Ferro
Coffee Host:	Chris Stahlinski
Bakers:	Chris Stahlinski

Worship Participation
November 29 10:30AM
First Sunday of Advent Carol Sing at 10:20AM

Pastor:	Rev. Andrew Harris
Organist:	Sarah Del Dotto
Lay Leader:	Jan Costa
Head Usher:	Dave McNeil
Usher:	
Greeter:	Marcia Rich
Cornucopia:	Deacons
Collector	Marcia Rich
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CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

Our tree sale opens Friday, November 27, the day after Thanksgiving! Hours are 4–7 PM on weekdays 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.

We need volunteers to help sell trees.
Weekends noon-6pm. Weekdays 4-7pm.
Link to sign up:

https://evite.me/F6DPwG69Jm

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.

Home | Mistletoe Market at UCC Burlington!



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! *SIGNUP SHEET IS AT COFFEE HOUR!*

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.

If you are making crafts for the church table, please bring these on November 27th by 5pm. If preparing baked goods, please bring these by 5pm on November 27th.

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.

GIFT CARD CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Whether you want to use gift cards for yourself to purchase gifts, or give them as gifts, now is the time to order gift cards through the church! By doing so, you don't have to pay shipping, and the church gets a percentage as rebate- sometimes as much as 18%.

Go online to **Raiseright.com** and sign in using our church enrollment code: **BB48328431 5L1**

If you have any trouble, contact Nancy Todd or Deana Tredeau - we'd be happy to help. Ordering deadline is Monday, Nov 30th. You will receive your cards by Dec 7th.

A win-win for all!