

First Congregational Church of St. Albans (FCC) is a welcoming community of spiritual seekers, believers, and doubters.

Please know that no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

To create an open and loving community that encourages a joyous exploration with God.

To work together to care for and nurture the wider community.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission as a community resource church is to provide a safe place for spiritual exploration and personal growth. To affirm the value of each person and to meet them where they are.

To connect to the community through personal service, giving, and pastoral care.

Please feel free to contact us:

Administrative Office: 8 AM to 11 AM weekdays.

Church Office Phone Number: 802-524-4555

Pastor Jessica is on vacation until August 23.

Emergency pastoral care will be covered by Rev. Preston Fuller of St. Paul's Methodist Church (802-524-5632)

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST OVER THE LOCAL PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 1079 ON SUNDAYS AT 4 PM.

SCRIPTURE READER: NANCY HOLLAND



peace.

it does not mean to be in a place
where there is no noise, trouble
or hard work. it means to be in
the midst of those things and still
be calm in your heart.

(unknown)

"WE WELCOME YOU AND SERVE ALL THROUGH FAITH."

WORSHIP WITH US:

AUGUST 7, 2022

10AM

REV. JESSICA MOORE, PASTOR

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**CENTERING WORDS:**

The destructive pain of needless conflict is an act of cooperation—we can choose another way.

THE PREPARATION

The beginning of the prelude is a call to enter into the spirit of prayer and community.

Prelude *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Spiritual

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: The Creator resides in the midst of creation...calling us to this community.

Many: Our world waits for the Holy One, our help and shield.

One: God our Righteousness gazes upon the beloved with delight and concern.

Many: Our bodies wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.

One: The Spirit of the Living God greets us with fresh winds and new mercies.

Many: Our souls wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.

Welcome to all visitors: We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today and are strengthened by your participation in our service!

If you are new to First Congregational Church of St. Albans, please sign the guest book in the narthex (main entrance of the church).

If you would like more information about our church and its programs or would like to receive our Morning Reflections, and weekly e-newsletter “From the Manse” please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the Offering tray (be sure to include your email address).

After the service please join us for fellowship, conversation, coffee, and refreshments.

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

¹WORSHIP WAYS, UCC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please Welcome Guest Worship Leader: Doug Klette

Doug worked in the area of counseling psychology in school systems throughout New England, Franklin County Mental Health, the University of Vermont, and Castleton State University for 35 years.

He believes, people often get caught up in conflict, and resentment, and believe there is no way out. They ignore the words of God at the very moment they need to reflect on them. When we behave as God has taught us, we are better able to experience hope, wisdom, and peace.

A Special Note of Gratitude From All of Us At FCC:

Thank you, Pastor Jessica Moore for all you do. Enjoy your well-deserved vacation.

Pastor Jessica's Vacation August 2-23

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Summer Music

Do you, or a friend, sing or play an instrument? You are invited to "pray twice" and share music during Sunday worship! Contact Erin during coffee hour or during the week through the office or firstcongregationalmusic@gmail.com

Bible Study is on Summer Break!

We will resume in the September.

MORNING PRAYER¹ (Unison)

Abundant God, we wait for you with longing, hope, and anticipation. May your kin-dom be realized in this community. May your people be your ambassadors. May your love be our propeller in the world and our beacon to direct us home. Fill us with the bread of life and nourish our spirits to be your good news in the world. Amen.

HYMN*

"I Come to the Garden Alone"

NCH 237

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹ (Unison)

Loving God, Divine Comforter,
Peace is absent from our hearts. From pain to grief, and from turmoil to frustrations, we yearn for what we lack. We ache for the pains and injustices of this world to cease. What we forget is to pause and voice our concerns to you. How can we better integrate your presence in our lives? When have we forgotten to include you in our joys and heartaches? Move us to seek you and speak the burdens of our hearts to you. May your Spirit refill our souls with peace. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC ACCORDION 'HIJO DE LA LUNA' J.M. CANO

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:38-42
Luke 11:33-36

MORNING REFLECTION

"Light Your Candle"

HYMN*

"Let Us Break Bread Together" NCH 330

THE COMMUNION

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

ONE: God be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit

ONE: Lift up your hearts

ALL: We lift them up to God.

ONE: Give thanks to God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

In one hand, we embrace a piece of one common loaf.
Sharing one cup, we drink of the Christ's new covenant of
unity. With one voice, we lift up our prayers
to you, the one great God, who embraces our differences
yet rejoices in our unity in this one communion act. **Amen.**

*Please come to the table to receive the elements- if you are
unable to come up a Deacon will serve you.*

Sharing of the bread and cup

WORDS OF THANKSGIVING:

All: Thank you most Holy God, for meeting us in this simple meal. May your presence within us ripple beyond us, ever expanding, until the day when you gather all your saints from the four winds to share in your eternal banquet. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE ~

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever, Amen

THE DEPARTURE

HYMN*

"Let There Be Peace On Earth" BB 35

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Wir Glauben an den Einen Gott*

German Hymn