

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:**

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8AM-10AM Wed.; 9AM-12PM Mon. & Fri.

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For urgent, pastoral matters outside of regular office hours, call Pastor Jessica at 207-632-5544.

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

**SCRIPTURE READER: LOUISE HAYNES**



**“WE WELCOME YOU AND SERVE ALL THROUGH FAITH.”**

**WORSHIP WITH US:**

**JUNE 11, 2023**

**10AM**

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**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

## CENTERING WORDS:

"I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice." — Abraham Lincoln

**THE PREPARATION**

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

PRELUDE *We All Are Jehovah's Creation (Meditation)* S. Conrady

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP

You are welcome here, **You are welcome here.**

No matter who you are, **No matter who you are.**

No matter where you are, **No matter where you are**  
on life's journey, **on life's journey.**

You are welcome here, **You are welcome here.**

No matter who you are, **No matter who you are.**

Come and join with us, **Come and join with us,**  
We're united in the church of Christ. **We're united in the church of Christ.**

MORNING PRAYER<sup>1</sup> (LITANY)

ONE: This month we celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride as we work toward greater inclusion in every church, workplace, and family.

**ALL: We gather today to be refreshed, renewed, and strengthened in our faith and in our resolve for the work we must do together.**

ONE: Listen, there is a voice calling us.

**ALL: It is the voice of our Divine Beloved.**

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**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

<sup>1</sup>FROM UCC WORSHIP WAYS

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## MUSIC MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT:



The *Church Street Sounds of the Season* series grew out of plans developed simultaneously, but independently, by the music directors at each host church.

As co-artistic directors, Donna Costes (St. Luke's) & Erin Grainger (First Congregational) cooperate to present fall and spring series to our communities. Our goal is multifold: to bring a variety of high quality music performances across the genres of classical, chamber, choral, and folk music; to provide a performance venue in the northwest corner of Vermont to our excellent musicians in the region; to share our beautiful church spaces with the public; and to allow these performances to be financially accessible to the public.

### Locations

Spring performances are held at **St. Luke's Episcopal Church** in St. Albans VT, the church on the south end of the park with the red door (8 Bishop St, St. Albans VT).  
*Stay Tuned for Spring Concert Information!*

Fall performances are held at the **First Congregational Church** in St. Albans VT, the church on the north end of the park with the clock tower (27 Church St, St. Albans VT).

**ALL: We call out in worship and praise together.**

ONE: Bring your hopes, expectations, and longings that you have carried with you throughout the week.

**ALL: Here they are. We speak them in our spirit and with our words.**

ONE: Come and worship. Come and praise. Come and pray.

**ALL: We commit ourselves to this sacred time of celebration.**

HYMN\*

*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

NCH 23

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

**Let us take a moment of silence and reflect on our own lives, on our limitations, on our sins.**

**Gracious God, you are indeed generous.**

**You give us the gifts of the spirit which enable us to have so much.**

**We forget, however, that we have been recipients of other people's generosity.**

**Believing that what we have is ours, we forget that all we have is yours. Forgive us.**

**Help us to remember that being made in your image, we should be as generous as you. Amen.**

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**THE MESSAGE**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*Fill Your Hearts With Joy and Gladness*

Sarah Quartel

SCRIPTURE READING

GENESIS 12: 1-9

MATTHEW 9: 9-13, 18-26

MORNING REFLECTION: ***Its Own Set of Rules***

HYMN\*

**“It Is Well With My Soul”**

NCH 438

## THE THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER:

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

D. Welpton

PASTORS’ PRAYER~

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**

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

*“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.” Scottish Psalter, 1615*

## OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessing flow  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, all heavenly hosts:  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

## THE DEPARTURE

HYMN\*

**“O God of Love, O God of Peace”**

NCH 571

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Have No Fear (from Karol’s Carols)* S. Conrady

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- Greg Beeman and Park Newton for replacing all the burnt out light bulbs in the Choir Loft . . . we can see the light!
- Sue and Ray Brown Thank you for hosting the annual picnic! It was so much fun!

### John Hancock’s Memorial Service with Military Honors:

**June 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am at First Congregational Church**

There will be visiting hours are on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-7pm at Heald Funeral Home (87 South Main St, St. Albans).

### Free Open Mic and Coffee House

**Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00pm**

**Theme: Summer Fun!**

Summer is here . . . let’s celebrate!

Join us for poetry, singing, storytelling, refreshments and fellowship!

Everyone is welcome: beginners, experts and everyone in between. For information, call Greg at 802-324-0308

**\*\*\* 9am Summer Worship Begins on June 25<sup>th</sup> \*\*\***

**Join us for Breakfast Church in the Chapel**

### Bible Study

Our next Bible Study will meet on June 14

6:45pm - 8:00 pm

**Stories of Luke with Kent Gramm**

**Two Incidents & a Parable Luke 18:35 – 19:27**

We are meeting IN PERSON, in the Fellowship Hall

**Music Notes:** Our mid-service hymn, “It Is Well With My Soul”, is offered up in memory and celebration of Wade Smith, and in support of his wife Lin, our former music director. A long time member of the church who served our church family in many capacities, Wade was also a member of the choir. We wish peace and love to the Smith family.