

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: 8-12 Tuesday, 8-10 Wednesday,  
8-12 Thursday and 9-12 Friday.

Church Office Phone Number: 802-524-4555

Pastor Jessica's Office Hours: T-W-F, 9am-12pm

Email: [pastorjessica@firstcongregationalstalbans.org](mailto:pastorjessica@firstcongregationalstalbans.org)

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:** ALAN SHANNON



**"WE WELCOME YOU AND SERVE ALL THROUGH FAITH."**

**WORSHIP WITH US:**

**JULY 2, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**REV. JESSICA MOORE, PASTOR**

**ERIN GRAINGER, MUSIC AND CHORAL DIRECTOR**

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**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

CENTERING WORDS:

“The task of prophetic ministry is to nurture, nourish, and evoke a consciousness and perception alternative to the consciousness and perception of the dominant culture around us.” — Walter Brueggemann

**THE PREPARATION**

PRELUDE: *Dorian Prelude*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

One: O Sing to God a song of joy,

**All: For we have been greeted by our God.**

One: O Dance for God a waltz of welcome,

**All: For we have been embraced by our God.**

One: O Create for God a portrait of hope,

**All: For we have been inspired by our God.**

MORNING PRAYER (UNISON)

**You patiently wait for us on the threshold of your Realm, ready to welcome us as we step across the doorway of your Kin-dom. As we see your inviting lights, we feel the warmth of your love. May we open doors to your Realm. May we be your encouraging embrace and your melodic voice of welcome in a world filled with harsh tones. Amen.**

**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> UCC WORSHIP WAYS

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# CHURCH STREET FESTIVAL

July 22, 2023 | 10 AM - 4 PM

*Rain date July 23, 2023 | 12 PM - 6 PM*

Church St., St. Albans, VT

*Above Taylor Park*

FOOD HISTORIC TOURS GAMES  
VENDORS KIDS' ACTIVITIES FUN!

*Celebrate history and community in the heart of St. Albans.*



PRESENTED BY



HYMN\*

*"God Is Here! As We Your People"* (1, 2, 4)

NCH 70

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup> (UNISON)

Holy Prophet, Divine Warmth,

Creating a home for strangers and friends can often take extra effort. From the extra cleaning to food preparations, we spend extra time, talents, and treasures to care for your children. Sometimes, we often do not feel as if we have the energy to go the extra distance – to ensure the drinks are cold and our homes are cozy. Give us an extra boost in our bodies, minds, and souls to be the welcome team in your Realm. May we embrace divine hospitality as we care for the ones struggling the most, the ones caring for your creation, and the ones speaking prophetically for you.

Amen.

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

## THE MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC NEO-BAROQUE S. CONRADY

SCRIPTURE READING

JEREMIAH 28:5-9

MATTHEW 10:40-42

MORNING REFLECTION: "Extravagant Welcome"

HYMN\*

***“Let Us Break Bread Together”***

NCH 330

## THE COMMUNION

BLUE BINDER

## THE THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER ~

## 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\*

***“This Is My Song”***

NCH 591

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*FIREWORKS*

G.F. HAENDEL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- Greg Beeman Thank You for organizing another wonderful Open-Mic Night!
- Paula Kane, Valerie Walden, Hadley and Alan Shannon, Larry Bruce, Joel Magnuson, Sue Brown, Park Newton— Thank you for doing the heavy lifting for the Capital Campaign. We will do our part too!
- Jean Vanslette Thank You for cleaning the church’s basement and dealing with all the STUFF- from old insulation to forgotten furniture!

### **Pastor Jessica will be on vacation from July 3- July 10**

The office will be open as usual.

Pastoral Emergencies: Rev Seok-Cheol Shin of Georgia Methodist and the Saint Albans Bay Methodist Church.  
802-528-5252

### **Stephen McLaughlin Special Guest Preacher on July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**July 16:**

**Church Street Community Worship**

**10am in Taylor Park:**

**“Reflections on Home”**

**Church Street Community Worship:**

**FCC, St. Paul’s, St. Luke’s**

Special Guests: Barry Lampke from Housing For All: Working Communities Challenge and David MacCallum from Franklin/grand Isle Habitat for Humanity

### **Save-the-Date**

**August 12<sup>th</sup> Cookout at the Beeman’s in Fairfax!**

### **Bible Study**

Is on break for the summer.