

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: Monday: 2pm-4pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 10am-Noon; Thursday 9am-2pm; Friday 10am-Noon.

Church Office Phone Number: 802-524-4555

Pastor Jessica's Office Hours: By appt only..

Email: pastorjessica@firstcongregationalstalbans.org

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

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:

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

10 AM

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CENTERING WORDS:

“This is God’s universe and God is the master gardener of all. If we were to eliminate all colors in this garden, then what would be a rainbow with only one color? Or a garden with only one kind of flower? Why would the Creator create a vast assortment of plants, ethnicities, and animals, if only one beast or seed is to dominate all of existence?” — Suzy Kassem

❖ BEGINNING OF SERVICE ❖**THE PREPARATION**

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call To Worship

All: Within this community

One: We experience God's unconditional love

All: Within this community

One: We rejoice in the risen Christ

All: Within this community

One: We awaken to the Holy Spirit

All: Within this community

One: We join together in worship

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

¹UCC, WORSHIP WAYS

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

- ★ Everyone who attended the Informational Meeting, Thank You! Participation in the 'nuts & bolts' of congregational life is vital to the health and well-being of our community!
- ★ Sue Brown, Thank You for your continued shepherding of the Ladies Fellowship Breakfast!
- ★ Alice Drislane and Nancy Holland, Thank You for helping out with the Ash Wednesday ecumenical service!

Saturday March 2

10am -Noon

How Do We Meet The World?

With Zen Priest, Bradley Beukema.

How do we live in light of the divine?

Join the conversation as we explore Zen Buddhism in dialog with Progressive Christianity and what it means to live our faith in the world.

Bible Study

Our next Bible Study will meet on Feb. 21

Bible Study 7:00- 8:00 pm

Text: Mark 8:31-38

You can join us at any time, call Pastor Jessica for the link.

MORNING PRAYER¹ (Unison)

As in days of old, Creator God, we come to look for your signs of covenant promises. Like the rainbow days of Noah, we see and know your signs and hear your voice again directing us to places of preparation and transformation in our lives and in our world. Thank you God, for your covenant signs in this season of Lent. Amen.

HYMN*

"In the Bulb There Is A Flower" NCH 433

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹ (UNISON)**Creating and Renewing God.**

In this Lenten season we each need the opportunity to clear our eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy. Help us get our minds off distractions, obsessions and self-pity so that we don't feel helpless. Help us to start over. Re-orient head and heart so that we may fill our whole selves with life-affirming activities and thoughts. Amen.

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE MESSAGE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 9:8-17 & Mark 1:9-15

MORNING REFLECTION

Reboot

HYMN*

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus” NCH 506

THE THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTOR’S 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

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*

“Go Now In Peace”

Go now in peace, nev-er be a-fraid
God will be with you each hour of ev-ery day

Go now in faith, stead-fast, strong and true
Know he will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you be-lieve
Reach out to o-thers so all the world can see

God will be there, watch-ing from a-bove
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen. (x3)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

❖ END OF SERVICE ❖

