

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: Temporary Hours: M-F 9AM-12PM

Church Office Phone Number: 802-524-4555

Pastor Jessica's Office Hours: By Appointment

Monday is Pastor Jessica's Sabbath.

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For urgent pastoral matters call Pastor Jessica at 207-632-5544.

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

READER: Sandy Christman



"WE WELCOME YOU AND SERVE ALL THROUGH FAITH."

WORSHIP WITH US:

MAY 26, 2024

10 AM

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Words:

"You are the sky, everything else is just the weather."
 –Pema Chodron

❖ BEGINNING OF SERVICE ❖**THE PREPARATION**

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

PRELUDE *Largo* arr. Conrad J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call To Worship

One: Within this community

All: We experience God's unconditional love

One: Within this community

All: We rejoice in the risen Christ

One: Within this community

All: We awaken to the Holy Spirit

One: Within this community

All: We join together in worshipMorning Prayer¹ (Unison)

**Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh upon us. Renew us by your
 continued creative acts in the world. Your presence among us
 is a blessing and a gift. Open us to receive, ponder, and grow
 as you communicate with your people. In Voice, Body, and
 Spirit, we worship you and invite your transformative power
 to be alive among us and at work in us. Here we are, O
 Triune God, here we are. 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

¹UCC, WORSHIP WAYS

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

- ★ Sandy Cristman, Thank You for your creating the beautiful Pentecost Installation!
- ★ Maria Baressi, Thank You for helping out in the office!

Annual Church Picnic – June 8, noon

At the Brown's camp on the Lake in West Swanton. There is a sign-up sheet at Coffee Hour. Directions and carpooling info to follow.

Please bring a lawn chair

Ecumenical Pride Sunday Worship

June 9 @ 10:30

Taylor Park at the gazebo

YES 10:30

St. Paul's Praise Band will be playing!

Please bring a lawn chair

Zoom Bible Study

Our next Bible Study will meet on May 29; 7-8PM

Text: Mark 2:23-3:6

Join us at any time, call Pastor Jessica.

HYMN*

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (1,2,4) NCH 277

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹ (UNISON)

God of mercy and grace, you come to us with loving compassion. You know our shortcomings and our willfulness. Make us new as we seek to become the people you have called us to be. Help us live according to the spirit and in union with you and community with our neighbors. Give us a burden to be instruments and witnesses of your loving kindness in the world. Hold us accountable as your empowered people. Let repentance and hope for new life overcome any sense of shame that may paralyze us in our past mistakes and misdeeds as we turn toward you with wonder and expectation that you will lead us into life abundantly for all. Amen.

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE MESSAGE

TIME WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

ANTHEM

Creator of Beauty and Giver of Light Mark Schweizer

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 6:1-8

MORNING REFLECTION

Divine Encounter

HYMN*

"Praise to the Living God" (1,2,4) NCH 8

THE THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Hear Our Prayer, O lord

D. Welpton

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.

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*

"Go Now In Peace"

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Go now in peace, never be afraid

God will be with you each hour of every day

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true

Know he will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe

Reach out to others so all the world can see

God will be there, watching from above

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Tyler Song

S. Conrady

❖ END OF SERVICE ❖

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