

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:

M: 10-12, Tu: 9-2, W: 10-12, Th: 9-12 & 1-5, F: 10-12

Church Office Phone Number: 802-524-4555

Pastor Jessica's Office Hours: By Appointment

Monday is Pastor Jessica's Sabbath.

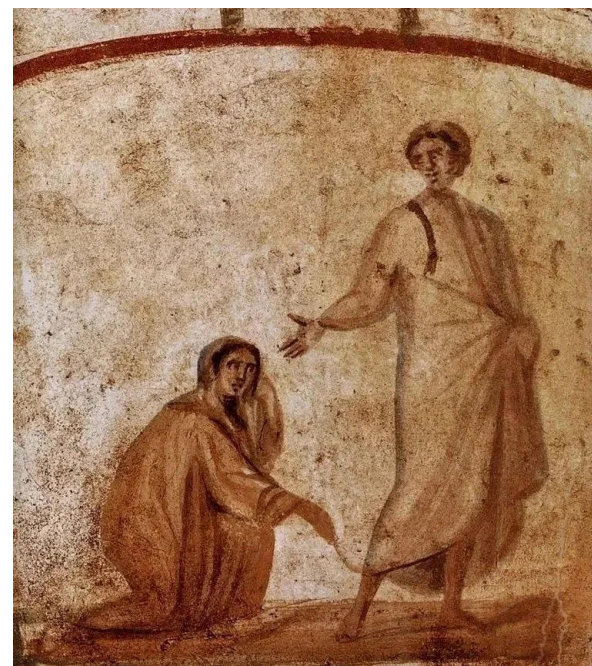
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For urgent pastoral matters call Pastor Jessica at 207-632-5544.

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

READER: Sandy Cristman

ACOLYTES: Mykala Pryor & Ada Sanders



"WE WELCOME YOU AND SERVE ALL THROUGH FAITH."

WORSHIP WITH US:

JULY 21, 2024

10 AM

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Words:

"Some people come and go and are forgotten. But there are other people who share a part in our destinies. They come, they go, but they are never forgotten. They come, they go, but even after they go... they're still here. They never really went anywhere." — C. JoyBell C.

❖ 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

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 worship

Morning Prayer¹ (Unison)

Wonderful Creator, you come to us with power and gentleness, strength and compassion, peace and joy. We come to you with hope and hopelessness, love and heartbreak, thanksgiving and lament. You fortify us as we go

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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Mission Highlight

The Welcome Home Initiative:

First Congregational Church of St. Albans is a founding member of the Welcome Home Initiative (WH). WH provides people transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties of Vermont with new- home essentials (mop, broom, dishes, cleaners, trash can, pots & pans, etc.), personal items (shampoo, deodorant, etc.), and nonperishable food items.

The Welcome Home Initiative is a collaboration among:

- ➔ Franklin/Grand Isle CVOEO- Community Action
- ➔ First Congregational Church of St Albans
- ➔ Grace Episcopal Church, Sheldon
- ➔ Sheldon Methodist Food Shelf
- ➔ Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Swanton
- ➔ Congregational Church of So. Hero
- ➔ Our local Girl Scout Troop
- ➔ As well as other churches and businesses that have donated to the Initiative.

WH works with local housing case workers from:

- F/GI Community Action
- Voices Against Violence
- Samaritan House
- Restorative Justice Center
- Pathways
- Reach-Up
- Spectrum Youth and Family Services

First Congregational Church functions as the fiscal agent, collection center and pick-up hub for the program. WH serves on average 6-7 individuals/families to be housed a month.

on our journey, assured of your presence and renewed by your love. Give us rest in our coming and our going. Give us joy in ministering in your name. May our worship restore our soul as we dwell in your presence. Amen.

HYMN*

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (1,2,4) NCH 28

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹ (UNISON)

Holy God, we confess that our lives keep us consumed more with doing than with being. We trust in the chariots and horses of our times—our tools, our schemes, our positions. We acknowledge that you call us to rest in your truth, your love, and your peace without abdicating our responsibility to embody your good news in the world. We struggle to balance the rhythms of rest and renewal in our lives and seek your guidance and direction toward a life where you are our peace, our hope, and our standard. Guide us on this path, we pray. Amen.

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE MESSAGE

TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SPECIAL MUSIC

Adagio from Concerto de Aranjuez arr. Conrady J. Rodrigo

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

MORNING REFLECTION

Fringe

HYMN*

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” NCH 400

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, 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. (X3)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

❖ END OF SERVICE ❖

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- ★ Mara Vijups, Jessica Pecor, Chauncey Scates Thank You for tending to one of our neighbors in need.
- ★ Jessica Pecor and Stephen McLaughlin Thank You for tending to the "big mess" on the sanctuary steps.
- ★ Sue and Ray Brown, Nancy and Park Newton, the Odrechowski family, Sue Powers, Jessica Pecor and Landon, Sandy Cristman, Jo Ann Chambers, Greg Beeman, Mara Vijups, Amanda Parrott, everyone who dropped off items to sell, and anyone I missed (my apologies) Thank You for all your hard work at the yard sale- it was a huge success!!

July 27 The Church Street Festival

We will be doing tours of the church, scooping ice cream, selling t-shirts and raffle tickets for the DeLorean.

We need LOTS of help! Sign-up sheet in Coffee Hour

Franklin County Field Days

We are looking for 'DeLorean' raffle ticket sellers at the fair. There will be a sign-up sheet available at coffee hour. Sign up times are for Aug. 1-4, timing from 12-6pm.

Raffle Baskets

We need two raffle items to donate for the July 27th Historic Church Street street fair. We have decided to do two "theme" baskets, one filled with garden items and one with kitchen items. We need a few select items for each basket. Please contact Paula or Sandy with what additional items we could use.

July 27: 2pm- Special Open Mic during the Church Street Festival

July 20 The Klassic Car Show

The DeLorean will be there and we will be selling raffle tickets to help "Save the Clock Tower". We need sales help!! There is a sign-up sheet in Coffee Hour

July 29 - August 12

Pastor Jessica's Vacation - Rev. Preston Fuller will be providing emergency pastoral care

Online Giving:

Wi-Fi:

Sanctuary
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