

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:

Tuesday -Friday 9am-2pm

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Monday is Pastor Jessica's Sabbath.

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



"WE WELCOME YOU AND SERVE ALL THROUGH FAITH."

WORSHIP WITH US:

OCTOBER 12, 2025

10 AM

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Words:

You are never alone. You are eternally connected with everyone.

— Amit Ray

❖ BEGINNING OF SERVICE ❖**THE PREPARATION**

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

PRELUDE *Surely the Presence*

L. Wolfe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP *Here in This Place*

Holy One, may your presence here open our minds.

May your Spirit among us help us to find

You are rising up now like a fountain of Grace

From the Holy Ground.

Here in this place. Here in this place.

Morning Prayer¹ (Unison)

Loving God, Compassionate Architect,

You are the bearer of all our souls, the hope of all possibilities when walls surround us. You carve paths in mountainous regions when our roads appear blocked. You build bridges between people separated by gaps and distances. May we be ones who create channels so that your children continue to form relationships with one another and with you. 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).

THIS SERVICE IS MADE POSSIBLE WITH THE GENEROUS PARTICIPATION OF:

GREETERS: Sue and Ray Brown

READER: Louise Haynes

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Chauncey Scates, Ira Wilkens, Dianne Kaseoru, and Sue Brown

ACOLYTES: Sophia Gagnon, Kaia Newton, Mykala Pryor, and Ada Sanders

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 the Pastor At FCC:**

- ❖ Doug Klette -Thank You for leading helping us learn ways in which we can put "love your neighbor" into action—it's all about communication!
- ❖ Sandy Cristman, Stephen McLaughlin, Park Newton, Ira Wilkens - Thank You for cleaning up and lighting the Handicap entrance this week!

October 18**Open-Mic****7-9PM; Pot-luck!****October 25, 12-1pm****Spooky Saturday**

Volunteers needed to hand out candy and help with a children's craft.
CANDY NEEDED!!!!

All Souls Prayer Walk**November 1 @ 10am****Hard'ack Grace Trail**

We live in stressful times! Take some time to recalibrate through reflection, contemplation, and prayer.

Annual Meeting: November 9**Mindful Awareness with Jonathan:****Thursday mornings 8-9am - Free**

Explore present-centered awareness and insight through acceptance and letting go. Everyone is welcome.

Bible Study:**Wednesdays 7pm****Via Zoom****Next: Oct. 15****Luke 18:1-8****Online Giving:**

Wi-Fi (Sanctuary):
 sanctuary123



HYMN* *JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU* (1,3,4) NCH 4

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE¹ (UNISON)

Holy One, Creator of All,

As your Spirit nudges people from all experiences and lands into our lives, we often turn the sign from "Come In! We're Open!" to "Sorry, We're Closed." It's easier for us to draw the curtains and remain in the shadows than open ourselves up to the light, to healing, and all the possibilities that God sends our way. May your Spirit swing open our souls to all possibilities of newness. May our unlocked minds notice the ways your presence fills our hearts with expanding love and hope. Amen.

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE MESSAGE

ANTHEM *For the Autumn Sky* Ruth Elaine Schram

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17: 11-19

From: A Foreigner's Praise Debie Thomas

MORNING REFLECTION *Awakened and Grateful*

THE COMMUNION

Come to the table! Not our table, God's table.

Come in your brokenness, in your fear, and in your doubt.

Come in hope. Come in silence. Come to the table where we are filled up and poured out. Come knowing that, in this community and through this sacrament, our hearts can be realigned with God's Love. Here, we can be made whole and gather strength for the journey.

One: May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pause

All: Loving God, recalling Christ's gracious life and death, and proclaiming the resurrection, we offer this bread and cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ Jesus, and being built up by this precious sacrament of grace, we may receive the gift of eternal life in the blessed and heavenly realm.

One: We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, praying the prayer taught to the disciples:

All: 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.

One: Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it and said, "This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat."

And Jesus took the juice and said, "This is my blood, poured out for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Distribution of the Bread and Cup: An Usher will invite you forward to be served Communion at the Table. If you would prefer to be served at your seat please notify the Usher.

COMMUNION TAIZÉ:

Let all who are thirsty come, let all who wish receive the water of life freely.

Amen, come Lord Jesus, amen come Lord Jesus.

One: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, we thank you for refreshing us at your table. May we who share Christ's bread live his risen life. May we who drink Christ's cup bring abundant life to others. May the Holy Spirit who lights the world also enlighten our lives. Strengthen in us the hope you set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and so that the whole earth may live to praise your name. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER:

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD D. WELPTON

PASTOR'S PRAYER~

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

"THOU WILT KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE, WHOSE MIND IS STAYED ON THEE."

SCOTTISH PSALTER, 1615

THE DEPARTURE

HYMN*

Go Now In Peace BB 14

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Path 19 (from Sleep) arr. Conrady M. Richter
(in memory of Donna Costes and Elfi Thiel)