

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

Church Office Phone Number: 802-524-4555

Pastor Jessica's Office Hours:

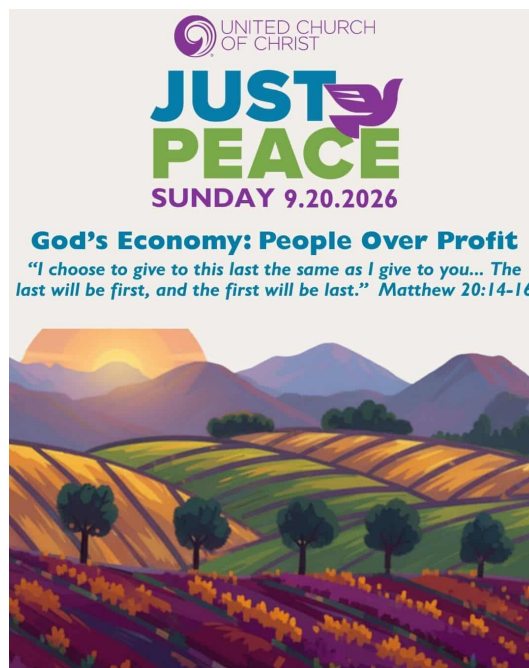
Friday 9:30am-2:30pm and by Appointment

Email: pastorjessica@firstcongregationalstalbans.org

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

Please note that Monday is Pastor Jessica's day off.

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:

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

10 A.M.

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CENTERING WORDS:

*Morning is glad on the hills.
 The sky sings in blue tones.
 The earth sings in greens.
 – Opal Whiteley*

❖ 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

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 PRAYER ¹ (UNISON)

Sovereign and Awesome God, we come to worship you, to know you and to be known by you. Expand our hearts to love fully. Build our courage to receive the truth. Nurture our spirits to be gracious, merciful, and kind. Transform us in your image and for your glory as we dwell in your presence. 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:

DEACON OF THE MONTH: Jessica Pecor

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH: Park Newton

SCRIPTURE READER: Alan Shannon

**After the service please join us for fellowship,
 conversation, coffee, and refreshments.**

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

¹ UCC WORSHIP WAYS

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Mission Highlight**The Welcome Home Initiative (WH):**

First Congregational Church of St. Albans is a founding member of 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.)

The Welcome Home Initiative is a collaboration among:

- First Congregational Church of St Albans
- Grace Episcopal Church, Sheldon
- St. Luke's Episcopal Church, St. Albans
- Sheldon Interfaith Food Shelf
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Swanton
- Congregational Church of So. Hero
- St. Martin's of Tours Inclusive Catholic Community
- Our local Girl Scout Troop

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
- NCSS

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.

HYMN*

Guide Me, O Great Redeemer

NCH 18

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION ¹ (UNISON)

Just God, we acknowledge that accountability is both a gift and a necessary step toward healing and repair. We also know that we do not sin against you alone. Forgive us for only seeking absolution from you for our benefit. Help us to reconcile with siblings, neighbors, friends, and enemies through recognition of harmful outcomes and committed actions toward repair. Amen.

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE MESSAGE

ANTHEM

TIME WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:2-15

CONTEMPORARY READING

from *Meditations of the Heart* by Howard Thurman

REFLECTION

Enough is Enough

HYMN*

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder (1,2,3) NCH 558

THE THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER:

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord. D. Welpton

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE ~

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*

Be the Change

Insert

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

❖ END OF SERVICE ❖

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- ★ Greg Beeman - Thank you for painting all the outdoor spots that need it so badly. . . especially the back door!
- ★ Chauncey Scates and Sandy Cristman - Thank you for cleaning, painting, and generally making beautiful all the old daycare rooms.
- ★ Park Newton - Thank you for finishing the Sanctuary light upgrades!
- ★ Nancy Newton - Thank you for refreshing the FCC Library!
- ★ Paula Kane, Jan Johnson, Alice Drislane - Thank you for working on the financial side of our rental needs!

The altar flowers today are in loving memory of Doris Hughes.

The Aha! Art Club: Thursdays at Noon

Looking for a creative outlet? Join us. Instruction, materials, and good cheer available. No experience necessary. Donations welcome.

Mindful Awareness with Jonathan: In the Sanctuary on Thursdays at 8am

ZOOM Bible Study: On break for the summer

Online Giving: QR Code
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