

***Call to Worship**

One: Loving God, we are hungry for your word.
Many: You invite us to your table, to feast on your grace.
One: So many around us are hungry for food.
Many: You invite us to share our table, that we may feast on grace.
One: Nourish us with your Spirit, that we may serve you faithfully.
Many: May our lives be a generous feast of love and gratitude.

***Hymn #469** *Morning Has Broken*

Prayer of Yearning

God, we have defaulted to un-hope in my life and we have encouraged un-hoping in others. We have criticized plans before hearing them out and we have turned to family, church, friends, colleagues, “we’ve tried that before and it didn’t work.” Together we have laughed at new ideas and circulated only bad news. Plant your promises deep in the field of our lives and forgive us our presuming to define your future. amen

Assurance of Grace

Hymn of Praise *Halle-Halle-Hallelujah!*

Blessing the Child in All of Us

Anthem *Dance, Love, Sing, Live!* Greg Gilpin

**Prayer of Listening
Scripture**

Amos 8:4-7
Luke 16:19-31
Hades on Earth
Ferry Our Prayers

Sermon
***Hymn #105 (Sing!)**

**Prayers of the People
Our Lord's Prayer (unison)
Sung Response**

Come and Fill
Come and fill our hearts with your Peace, you alone O Lord are Holy
Come and fill our hearts with your Peace, Alleluia

Stewardship Minute
Offertory *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone* George Allen
***Doxology**
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

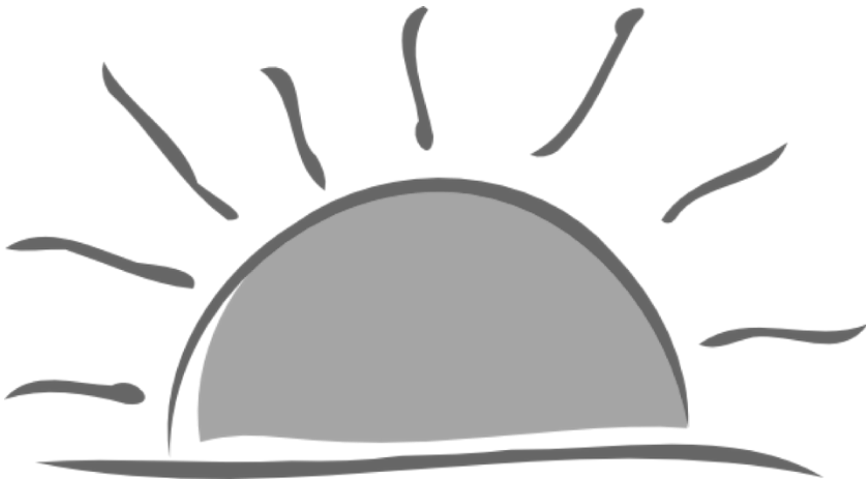
***Blessing Our Offerings**
***Hymn #302** *I Danced in the Morning*

Our Commission (unison)
*Go out into the world in peace, be of good courage,
hold fast to that which is good, render to no one evil for evil,
strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak,
help the afflicted, honor all people, love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Benediction

Postlude *Take the Name of Jesus with You* W. Howard Doane

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.



EVENTS

- ✝ The Justice Reading Group will meet Tues. 9/27 at 7pm to discuss pg. 1-84 of *F**ked at Birth: Recalibrating the American Dream for the 2020s*. The group meets at the UU Fellowship. For more info email JusticeReadingGroup@gmail.com or see the poster on the bulletin board in the lobby.
- ✝ **Covid test kits** are available in Webster Hall following the service and in the church office during the week.
- ✝ **Sunday Supper today** at 4:30 pm.

If you have events for the bulletin, please email them to office@bennscc.org by Thursday morning at 10am. Thanks.



Welcome to Second Congregational Church! We are an Open and Affirming, Green Justice Congregation of the United Church of Christ. We welcome to our worship and to our membership all people of faith, or in search of faith, without regard to age, race, gender, economic condition, ability, sexual identity, gender identity, or citizenship; and we affirm all persons beloved children of God. We invite all to share in the worship, full life, leadership, and employment opportunities of the church.

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**SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, U.C.C.
BENNINGTON, VERMONT**

Sunday September 25, 2022
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. D. Mark Blank, Pastor
Deb Perkins, Liturgist

Matt Edwards, Music Director



Flowers provided by Barbara True-Weber

Announcements

Prelude

My Lord, What a Mornin’

Spiritual

Welcome and Introductions

One: Whoever you are, or wherever you are on life’s journey,
All: **You are welcome here!**