

Announcements

Prelude

Welcome and Introductions

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

\*Call to Worship

One: Holy One, praise for you rises in our hearts like spring flowers.  
Many: We sing with gratitude, with awe and joy.  
One: Loving Christ, our hearts bow in thanks; they dance with delight.  
Many: Our faithful companion, we open our hearts to your blessing.  
One: Holy Spirit, power of grace in us, we proclaim your mercy;  
we shine with your beauty.  
Many: We worship you. We serve you. We live by your grace. Alleluia!  
\*Hymn #522 Shall We Gather at the River

Call to Yearning

Prayer of Yearning

Humankind has not yet learned to love as you love, O God.  
We have spoken praise in our mouths even as our hearts were far from you.  
The gifts you gave for our peace, we have weaponized.  
Yet, even in our failings your love has never failed us.  
Even when we turned you away, you still choose to make your home among us.  
Our hearts are troubled. We are enmeshed in fear.  
Creation needs you. Our families need you.  
Our streets need you. Our cities need you.  
The soil needs you. Our souls need you.  
O God of Love: Heal us. Forgive us. Make us whole again.

Assurance of Grace

Hymn of Praise Halle-Halle-Hallelujah!

Blessing the Child in All of Us

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Sermon

\*Hymn #460 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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

Offertory

\*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 #192 (Sing!)

Carry the Light

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

\*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✝ Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> is the monthly **Fellowship Luncheon**. Please be sure to sign up in Webster Hall.
- ✝ There are still a few **plants for sale** after the plant sale yesterday. Please see Nora, Kelly, or Cindy if you are interested in adopting any of them.
- ✝ On June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm we will **celebrate the life of Doug Krause** here with Marny and his family. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.
- ✝ Please remember the **Pride Day Parade** is scheduled for Sunday, June 26, 2022, starting at 11 am.
- ✝ Robin is looking for **office coverage** the last week of June while she takes a vacation. Call Robin if you can help cover the phone.

*If you have announcements for the bulletin, please email them to [office@bennscc.org](mailto: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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Intercessory Prayer adapted from the Church of Scotland, [www.churchofscotland.org.uk](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk)

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

Sunday May 22, 2022  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Rev. D. Mark Blank, Pastor**

**Matt Edwards, Music Director**  
**Lorna Cheriton, Liturgist**



*Flowers provided: Ernie & Pat Lafontaine*