

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

Sunday October 24, 2021
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. D. Mark Blank, Pastor
Matt Edwards, Music Director
Bonnie Holden, Liturgist



Announcements

Prelude

Welcome and Introductions

One: Whoever you are, or wherever you are on life's journey,

All: You are welcome here!

Blessing the Child in All of Us

Call to Worship

One: Sing aloud with gladness:

Many: God is gathering the people!

One: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

Many: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

One: Those who are weeping, God will console;

Many: Those who get lost find a clear path home.

One: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

Opening Prayer

Call to Yearning

Prayer of Yearning (*unison*)

God of mystery and blessing, we long to be counted among the wise, and not among the foolish who speak without knowledge; we yearn to be found among the righteous, and not among those who boast without cause; we desire to be sincere agents of your grace, and not be as those who speak empty words without true compassion. Give us eyes to truly see when we only see what others have, and not what they have lost. Give us hearts of flesh when we are absorbed in our own desires, and ignore the needs of others. As Bartimaeus before us, grant us the courage to cry out our need, for you are ever drawing near. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Hymn

Hosanna! A Moment for Social Justice

Scripture Readings

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Mark 10:46-52

Sermon

What do You Want Me to do for You?

Music

Sharing of Joys and Concerns for Neighbors Near and Far

Prayers of the People

Our Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Hymn

Blessing Our Offerings

Our Commission (*unison*)

Benediction

Postlude



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.

Call to Worship from *UCC Worship Ways*, www.ucc.org

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Intercessory Prayer adapted from the Church of Scotland, www.churchofscotland.org.uk