

***Hymn (video)** *This Little Light of Mine*
Call to Yearning
Prayer of Yearning (*unison*)
God of love, help us to see ourselves with the eyes of love,
to see what is in us that is loving, and what is not loving.
God, we recall when we have been in harmony with you, or with life, and we give thanks.
[Silent prayer...]
We recall when we have been out of harmony, and we seek your grace.
[Silent prayer...]
God of mercy, in Christ you have shown us your grace.
Forgive us, heal us, and perfect your love in us.

Assurance of Grace
Hymn of Praise *Halle-Halle-Hallelujah!*
Blessing the Child in All of Us
Special Music *Come, Risen Lord* Briggs/Smith

Scripture **Isaiah 1:1, 10-20**
Luke 12:32-40

Sermon
Prayers of the People
Our Lord's Prayer (*unison*)
Sung Response #249

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 (video)** *Come to the Table of Grace*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PASTOR: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from death and on that same day appeared to two of the disciples, sat at table with them and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

PEOPLE: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. All genders, all ages, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south and gather about Christ’s table.

PASTOR: This table is for all persons who wish to receive the presence of Christ and share in the Community of God’s people.

PEOPLE: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them to the Lord.

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to the Living God.

PEOPLE: With joy and praise, we offer our thanks to the One who offers abundant life.

PASTOR: Prayer of Thanksgiving

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your Glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

PASTOR: Words of Institution

PASTOR: Christ has come among us.

PEOPLE: We are all part of God’s loving creation.

PASTOR: Christ has taken our burdens.

PEOPLE: We are not alone in the world.

ALL: Bless now by your Word and Spirit, both us and these gifts of this bread and this cup, that in receiving them at this table and in offering here our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and one another and remain faithful to the tasks He sets before us. Therefore, in the strength Christ gives, we offer ourselves to you giving thanks that you have called us to serve you. Let us keep the feast. ALLELUIA!

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer Following Communion (*unison*)

O God, we thank you for gathering us as one in Christ. Grant that in the days ahead our lips which have sung your praises may speak the truth, our eyes which have seen your love may look with compassion on the needs of the world, our hands which have held this bread and cup may be active in your service. Amen.

***Hymn (video)** *For a Faith* Udis-Keesler

Our Commission (*unison*)

Benediction

Response *St. Theresa's Prayer* J.M. Talbot

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

✝ **Sunday Supper today** at 4:30 pm.

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 August 7, 2022

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. D. Mark Blank, Pastor
Alexis Scangas, Liturgist

Matt Edwards, Music Director
David Haley, Soloist



Flowers on the altar provided by: Cathy Kindle

Announcements

Prelude *Sanctuary* Thompson/Scruggs
Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary: Pure and holy, Tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary, for You.

Welcome and Introductions

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

***Call to Worship**

One: Eternal God, provider of every good thing, we praise you.
Many: **We are in awe; this is our worship.**
One: Loving Christ, your grace is overflowing.
Many: **We are grateful; this is our worship.**
One: Holy Spirit, you empower us to do justice and join the work of love.
Many: **We are ready; this is our worship.**
One: It is your good pleasure to give us the whole Realm.
Many: **How can we but serve you, in joy and love?**