First Congregational Church of Berlin

Berlin Corners, Vermont An inclusive, open & affirming church Rev. Marjorie MacNeill, Guest Pastor Christopher McWilliams, Music Director

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

June 15, 2025 Trinity Sunday / Father's Day



WE GATHER TOGETHER

*Indicates that you may stand

RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE A Father's Purpose, by Robert Schumann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Glorify Your Name FCCB Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

L: Today God calls us, and we respond.

P: We respond with our prayers and our commitment. We respond with our hopes and our dreams. We respond with our hearts and our minds.

L: Today Christ welcomes us, and we enter.

P: We enter into this place of quiet and refuge. We enter into this time of reflection and vision. We enter into this space of inspiration and insight.

L: Today the Spirit is alive in our midst, and we are thankful.

P: We are thankful for opportunities to serve. We are thankful for moments of personal renewal. We are thankful for invitations to share the goodness of life with one another.

L: Come, be nourished by the fellowship that we share and be thankful for all that God has done for us.

*HYMN Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty TWC #2

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison) (from the United Church of Canada) Gracious God, we gather today to honor the mystery of your being, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God. May your presence fill this space, and may we be open to your grace and power in our lives. We thank you for the gift of creation, the love revealed in Jesus, and the ongoing inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Guide our hearts and minds, transform our lives, and empower us to be your faithful witnesses. Amen.

ANTHEM Healing River of the Spirit, words by Ruth Duck FCCB Choir

WE LISTEN TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 8 (Pew Bible p. 427)
John 16:12-15 (Pew Bible p. 879)

*HYMN Holy God, We Praise Your Name TWC #3

MESSAGE "Exploring Trinity" Rev. Marjorie MacNeill

WE RESPOND TOGETHER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER in song

(TWC #632)

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Errol Flynn, music by Amanda McBroom, words by Gordon Hunt **Rob Griffin, tenor**

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE DEPART TO SERVE TOGETHER

*HYMN Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven TWC #26

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Allegretto from Sonata Opus 27, No. 1 by Ludwig Van Beethoven





The vision of First Congregational Church of Berlin is to be a friendly, inviting spiritual home that practices the deep caring of Jesus within the congregation and in the wider community.

Please join us for coffee time following worship this morning, held in the Parish Hall Community Room.

Join Us on Zoom for worship:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89101553827

Meeting ID: 891 0155 3827 Passcode: 1808

1-646-558-8656

Announcements

- Choir Rehearsal is Wednesdays 1-2 pm.
- Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 6:00 pm at Ellen's house or on Zoom.
- Next Sunday, June 22, Rev. Sami McRae returns to lead our worship.



The collection for **June** is hygiene items: lotions, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, hair brush, combs, hair accessories, deodorant and loofahs. Needed for all ages any gender. No travel size or dental items please.

Please leave donations in designated basket in the Narthex. Thank you!

Sunday, June 22 at 4 pm

Christopher McWilliams, the FCCB choir and friends present "A Summer Solstice"

Join us for a concert that includes both secular works and music presented by the FCCB choir in past Sunday services.



Blanket Sunday & Tools of Hope



Mother's Day (May 11) to Father's Day (June 15) See details on table in entry.



