

**First Congregational Church of Berlin**  
Berlin Corners, Vermont  
An inclusive, open & affirming church  
Nancy Fowler and Rev. Laura Cadmus, Guest Leaders  
Lorna Carty, Guest Pianist

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

**July 6, 2025 Communion Sunday**



*"Poetry is a fresh morning spider-web telling a story of moonlit hours of weaving and waiting during the night."*

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

\*Indicates that you may stand

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**PRELUDE**      *What Wondrous Love is This*, William Walker's Southern Harmony,  
arr. by Cindy Berry

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

**L:** We come before God as equal in God's sight.

**P:** God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

**L:** None of us is perfect and without blemish.

**P: Yet God has called us God's children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.**

**L: We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.**

**P: Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours God's abundant love on us. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN**     *Take My Gifts*   **NCH #562**

### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)**

**Almighty God, we long to rest in your gentle arms. We need your compassion as we face the challenges and disappointments of life. When our hearts are hard, and our concern is only for ourselves, turn us back to you. Remind us of your saving love and keep us close to you, Lord. Love us as only you can love, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **WE LISTEN TOGETHER**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 66:1-9

**(Pew Bible p. 459)**

Romans 12:1-8

**(Pew Bible p. 922)**

**MESSAGE**     *"The Pieces of My Day Form a Pattern of Love"*   **Nancy Fowler**

### **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**     *I Need Thee Every Hour*, Robert Lowery, arr. by Phillip Keveren

### **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**

**\*HYMN**    *Let Us Break Bread Together*    **NCH #330**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **INVITATION**

**Pastor:** In a moment we will each come to receive ... Your place is set, are you ready to receive?

**People:** We come ready to receive!

### **COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Let us pray, Holy God, we thank you for your invitation ... (*prayer continues*) ... He said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.

**People:** We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!

**Pastor:** We remember that on the night Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said

**People:** "Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**Pastor:** In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said

**People:** "Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

**Pastor:** Come, Holy Spirit, come. ... (*prayer continues*) ... Through the broken bread

**People:** We participate in the Body of Christ.

**Pastor:** Through the cup of blessing

**People:** We participate in the new life Christ gives.

**Pastor :** These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready!

## **SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)**

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to find the lost and lonely, to heal broken souls, to free prisoners, and make the powerful care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your good news. Amen.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE TOGETHER**

**\*HYMN**        *I Would Be True*        **NCH #492**

## **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**    *Victory in Jesus*, Eugene M. Bartlett, arr. by Melody Bober

*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.**

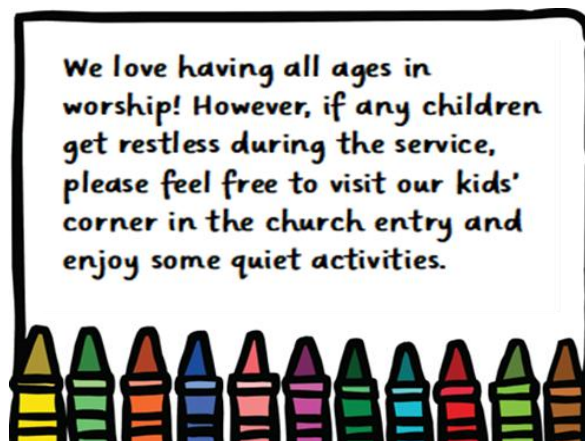
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**Announcements**

- Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 6:00 pm at Ellen's house or on Zoom.
- Saturday, July 12 is our annual Bonfire Worship at 6 pm, led by Gary Isham (bring a chair and dress comfortably for the weather). **NO WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JULY 13**



**SAVE THE DATE!** Saturday, July 26 at 5:30 pm. Potluck supper to get-to-know Pastor Doug Cameron, candidate for our next settled pastor, and his wife Donna. (Beverages provided.)



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**Tatum's Totes**  
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The collection for **July/August** is creative project materials: sketch pads, paints, anything that can be built by hand, jewelry making kits for teens.

Also: easy slides/slip-ons for when the weather changes would be great (tough to think that will happen again, but pretty sure it will). Teens love Adidas and Nike slides right now- and slides are very forgiving on sizes. Regular gym shoes would be helpful too. We can find homes for any size, but if you want target areas, youth 3-5 and regular 6-10 in gender neutral would find homes the fastest.

Please leave donations (marked with cost) in designated basket in the Narthex.

***Thank you!***



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