

First Congregational Church of Berlin
Berlin Corners, Vermont
An inclusive, open & affirming church
Pastor Doug Cameron
Christopher McWilliams, Music Director

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

March 8, 2026
Third Sunday in Lent



WE GATHER TOGETHER

RINGING OF THE BELL / LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE *Faith of Our Fathers* **FCCB Chime Ringers**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Lord, We Worship and Adore You,*
words & music by Bruce Sheeran Leafblad **FCCB Choir**

CHILDREN'S TIME

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

L: Come, all who are thirsty.

P: We come seeking living water.

L: Come, all who are weary from the journey.

P: We come longing for rest.

L: Come, all who carry stories of joy and sorrow.

P: We come to be fully known and fully loved.

L: Christ meets us at the well of grace.

P: Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

***HYMN** *God in Mercy Grant Us Blessing* **TWC #344**

INVOCATION (unison)

Holy and gracious God, You meet us in ordinary places —at wells, at tables, in quiet moments, in crowded days. You cross the boundaries we build and speak

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to us with tenderness and truth. Pour out your Spirit upon us this morning. Still our distracted minds. Calm our restless hearts. Open within us a spring of living water. As we worship, draw us deeper —deeper into your love, deeper into honest reflection, deeper into compassion for the world you cherish. Be present among us, O Christ, and make this place a well of grace. Amen.

ANTHEM *How Many Morning?* words & music by Don Schlosser FCCB Choir

WE LISTEN TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READING John 4:5-42 pew Bible p. 864

***HYMN** *Macedonia* TWC #737

MESSAGE “Living Water”

WE RESPOND TOGETHER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (See also our Prayer List)

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. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Chanson Célèste*, by Lani Smith

***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** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* TWC #506

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Prelude Opus 28 no. 21*, by Frederic Chopin

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IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Joys: Sandy C. has a new great grandson, Grace L. is on Dean's List and won a blue ribbon at her college equestrian event

For FCCB family & friends: Paul and Jeff (Pastor Doug's golf buddies), Trina N., travel mercies especially during winter weather, Matthew A-B, Donna T. & Peter H., Thanna A., Donna C., Ian L., Andy L., Erin M., Dan H., Denise R., Marilyn (Rick's sister), Paul in California, Kevin G., Brenda C., Lesley, Eli, Logan C., Ray and Cindy C., Jordan's son, Yolanda, Pastor Doug's sister and niece, Jeanine K.

For the loss of a loved one, the families of: Stephen Murphy, Elaine Thomas, Brian Powell, the 9 skiers lost in the Lake Tahoe avalanche, Nancy Z., Joanne Bowles, Chad Duprey (Barb C.'s grandson), Karl Boisvert, Joanne Martin, the 7 crew members of the fishing boat from Gloucester, MA, Larry Miller, Marilyn (Linda I.'s sister)

For our members and friends in residential and independent care facilities: Janet (friend of Pastor Doug's), Chuck, Jamin, Elaine, Anita, Sandy, Ann, Renata, Marvie, Toni, Sue, Steve

For our World: our country and Constitution, February is Black History Month; we need to remember those who fought/still fight for racial justice, people struggling due to severe cold weather, the people of Minneapolis (especially Ginger's friend Jerry), the people of Venezuela and our service people there, victims of recent mass shootings, all military service people, food shelves & support services (and those who work there), storms that surround our country and world, starvation in Gaza, Ukraine, homeless communities in VT, all those battling cancer, mental illness, domestic violence and substance abuse.

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

Announcements

- March 15 will be a brief Congregational Meeting directly following worship
- Choir rehearses at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays
- Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 6:00 pm
 - ✿ **Until further notice, Bible Study will be held on Zoom during the winter months.**



zoom

Join us on Zoom for Sunday worship OR Thursday Bible Study:

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

Meeting ID: 891 0155 3827 Passcode: 1808 1-646-558-8656

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Pastor Doug's Office Hours
Wednesdays, 10 am – 2 pm
Also available to visit in homes.
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Would you like to hear a favorite scripture/theme for Pastor Doug's MESSAGE during worship? Write it down and leave in the Suggestion Box on his desk.

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.

DEACONS FUND
An anonymous monetary collection to financially and confidentially help members of the church and community when emergency needs are made known to a member of the Deacons Fund Committee or the minister. *(see envelope in pew)*

We love having all ages in worship! However, if any children get restless during the service, please feel free to visit our kids' corner in the church entry and enjoy some quiet activities.



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The collection for **March** is socks; all genders and sizes.

Please leave donations in designated basket in the Narthex.

Thank you!



Easter Bake Sale

Easter Baskets Raffle

Saturday, March 28, 10 am to 1 pm

Baskets Raffle will be ready and at the church by Sunday, March 22 so church members have a chance to see and buy raffle tickets even if they can't attend the sale on the 28th. **Winners will be drawn at the conclusion of the Bake Sale on March 28.**

Thank you!

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EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM (order by March 22)

3 OPTIONS: Daffodils \$8 --- Tulips \$8 --- Easter lily \$9

YOUR NAME: _____ # and flower choice _____

IN HONOR OF:

IN MEMORY OF:

The flowers will grace the sanctuary on Easter (April 5), and then you can take yours home or share with someone special.

Please tear off this stub and include with your order payment. Place in offering, mail, or give to our Treasurer, Rob Griffin. Thank you!

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