

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.*

June 8, 2026



WE GATHER TOGETHER

RINGING OF THE BELL / LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE *Meditation* by Joseph Atkins

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee* **FCCB Choir**

CHILDREN'S TIME

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

L: Come, all who are weary and searching. Come, all who carry burdens unseen by others.

P: We come seeking the mercy and grace of God.

L: Jesus called Matthew from the tax collector's table. Jesus welcomed sinners to His table. Jesus healed the suffering and raised the hopeless.

P: Christ still calls, heals, restores, and gives life.

L: Come worship the One who sees every person with compassion.

P: We come to worship Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***HYMN** *Through All the World* **TWC #738**

INVOCATION (unison)

Gracious and loving God, you are the One who calls us by name, who meets us in our brokenness, and who welcomes us with mercy and compassion. As Jesus welcomed the outcast, healed the suffering, and brought hope to the fearful, open our hearts today to your presence and your grace. Help us to worship you not only with our words, but with lives shaped by mercy, humility, and love. May your Holy Spirit move among us, comforting the weary, strengthening the discouraged, and

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reminding each of us that we are held in your care. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM *Jesus, Word of God Incarnate* by Josquin de Pres **FCCB Choir**

WE LISTEN TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 pew Bible p. 790

***HYMN** *As We Gather Around the Table* **TWC #770**

MESSAGE "Jesus Calls Everyone"

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 *Earth* (excerpt) by Takatsugu Muramatsu **Denise Ricker, flute**

***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

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

PREPARING AND SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of

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friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the fruits of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE TOGETHER

*HYMN *I Come With Joy* TWC #768

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Hornpipe* by George Frederick Handel



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

Announcements

- CWS Blankets & Tools of Hope mission collection through Father's Day; see details and donation envelopes on table in front entry.
- June 14: FCCB Council meets after worship
- Mondays thru June 15 (6:30-7:45): Learn West African drumming from Shidaa Projects' Jordan and Samuel; Drop-in single sessions are \$20 each. Contact Heather 617-780-2458 for details.
- Sunday, June 28 at 4 pm; **Dance Dance Dance Concert** given by Christopher McWilliams and friends, featuring music about dance. A reception follows.
- Choir rehearses at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays



Join us on Zoom for Sunday worship:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89101553827>
Meeting ID: 891 0155 3827 Passcode: 1808
1-646-558-8656

Pastor Doug's Office Hours

Wednesdays, 10 am – 2 pm Also available to
visit in homes.

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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!

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IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

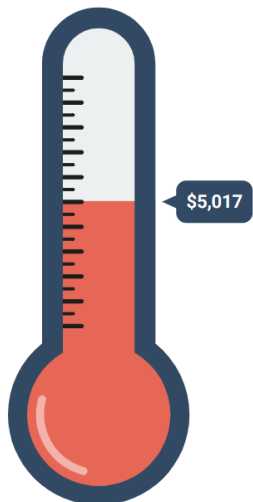
Joys: the Bethany and Northfield churches have a new (shared) pastor

For FCCB family & friends: school-age kids as the end of the year approaches, Vicky (Maggie's friend) with cancer, Melissa "Bidey" W. had abdominal surgery, Dylan H. dealing with a difficult roommate, continued prayers for Donna T. (and Peter H.) as she recovers from knee surgery, Sally C. has had health setbacks after a recent fall, Joy (Rick T.'s daughter) and Hayden S. searching for new job, Stephanie J. with brain cancer diagnosis, Sue R., Andy L., Lori (Pastor Doug's sister), Ed & Diane B, Lou (Maggie S.'s brother), Paul and Jeff (Pastor Doug's golf buddies), Trina N., Matthew A-B, Ian L., Marilyn (Rick's sister), Brenda C., Lesley, Eli, Logan C., Ray and Cindy C., Jordan's son, Yolanda, Jeanine K.

For the loss of a loved one, the families of: John Pelkey, Ginger's cousin's son who died by suicide, Jordan's uncle in Ghana, husband of Johanna (lifelong friend of Barbara C.), Nancy Adams McLaney, Jim Clemons, husband of Lois Adams, 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: farm workers with no employment rights, families under economic stress from oil prices especially, innocent victims (children and their families), prayers for PEACE: in the Middle East, for our leaders, our country and Constitution, remember those who fought/still fight for racial justice, the people of Minneapolis, the people of Venezuela and our service people there, victims of mass shootings, all military service people, food shelves & support services (and those who work there), starvation in Gaza, Ukraine, homeless communities in VT, all those battling cancer, mental illness, domestic violence and substance abuse.



Our new ramp will give accessibility to all. It will ensure the ability to participate in the events and gatherings that enrich the lives of the family we have made here through Christ.

We have a chance to show our love for this little church and our care for its community with a pledge of support.

If you would like to donate to FCCB to help cover the cost of the ramp for the upstairs parish hall (and potentially a roof for the ramp), please write a check to "FCCB" and put "Ramp" on the memo line. You can put it in the Sunday collection or mail it to FCCB, PO Box 1157, Montpelier VT 05602. If you prefer to give cash, please put the cash in a pew envelope, write "For FCCB ramp" on the envelope and put it in the Sunday collection. **THANK YOU!**