

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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9:30 AM

*"We are a community in Christ, called to act with love toward our neighbors."*

## **REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY THANKSGIVING SUNDAY TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **EXPRESSING OUR LOVE**

*(As we prepare for worship, we invite quiet contemplation of the Living God.)*

*\*For those who are able, please stand.*

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**INTROIT #213** (NCH-Black)      "Hosana, Loud Hosana" (Vs 1 & 3)

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 93)

The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel;

**the Lord has put on his apparel  
and girded himself with strength.**

God has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved;

**Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;  
you are from everlasting.**

The waters have lifted up, O Lord,

**the waters have lifted up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**

Mightier than the sound of many waters,

**mightier than the breakers of the sea,  
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.**

Your testimonies are very sure,

**and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,  
for ever and for evermore**

**HYMN #43** (UCC-Red)

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

#### **GATHERING PRAYER**

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

### \*SONG OF PRAISE #338 (UCC-red) (Gloria Patri)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## GOD MOMENT

### GROWING IN OUR FAITH

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14  
John 18: 33-37

### THE CHILD IN US ALL

(Teachers and classes leave for Church School)

### SERMON

"Not From This World"

### \*HYMN #171 (UCC-Red)

"As Men of Old Their First Fruits Brought"

### PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Our Father, who 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**ACKNOWLEDGING OUR GIFTS** (Please send pledges & donations to the church via mail or use online giving.)

## MUSICAL OFFERING

### \*SONG OF PRAISE HYMN #780 Doxology (NCH – Black)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, O heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dearest God, our gratitude overflows for the gifts you have bestowed on us. May our sharing of these gifts draw each of us closer to you, and enable your Good News to reach ever further in this world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

### HYMN #307 (UCC-Red)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

## BENEDICTION

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #812 (NCH-Black) "Threefold Amen"

Amen, Amen, Amen

## POSTLUDE

**WE EXTEND THE HAND** of Christian fellowship to all who have come to worship in this Welcoming, Open and Affirming congregation. May our prayers and the hearing of God's Word make our burdens lighter, our hearts encouraged, and our souls refreshed. If you are visiting for the first time, we welcome you.

To join our online live worship service for each Sunday at 9:30 A.M., go to the church website, [www.fccuccspfdvt.org](http://www.fccuccspfdvt.org). Click on Worship on the black bar under the picture of the church. Click on the Facebook link. Click on the arrow of the live video.

***Following the worship service, all are invited to join us downstairs in the vestry for coffee and conversation!***

Nursery care (up to 3 years old) and church school are offered during the worship hour. If you are not sure where to find this service, please speak to an usher.

**OUR THANKS** to Jon Clinch and all who participated in our service this morning.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this morning are given by

**ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED!** Please call Cynthia King, 885-5831, if you would like to sign up for flowers.

**INTERESTED IN LEARNING** more about the bible? Join us for Wilderness Bible Study at 10 AM on Thursday. It's a Zoom meeting; all are welcome! AND – a Tuesday evening edition, focusing on the Gospel of Mark, meets at 7 PM on Zoom.

### **CONGREGATIONAL CARE:**

Those words can mean most anything. Would you or someone you know benefit from prayers, home visits, help with shopping, rides to appointments, prepared meals, food to help you over a hard time? If you have such a need, or know someone who does, please contact one of the Congregational Care co-chairs. Claire Trask at 886-7377.

**PRAYER LIST** Pam Stone, daughter of Doris Westine  
Ruth and Dan Kelin            Ginny Blais  
Jane Morin                        Wayne Davis  
All others in need

### **COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR!**

Nov. 21	Worship –Michael Mario	9:30 AM
Nov. 23	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	7:00 PM
Nov. 25	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	
Nov. 28	Worship – Michael Mario	9:30 AM

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Tues. & Wed. 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M

### **PASTOR'S HOURS**

Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

### **STAFF**

Pastor: Michael Mario  
Administrative Assistant: Judy Lasell  
Sexton: Todd Murray