

I'm the Reverend Canon Matthew Griffin and have been the rector of St. Luke's since just the beginning of March this year. I'm glad to have this opportunity to delegate today. One of the things that helped me discern my call to St. Luke's is the Church Avenue project on your consent agenda today—and the enthusiasm in the parish for this opportunity.

St. Luke's is tremendously excited to work with the City of Burlington on transforming the Church Avenue corridor into space that will benefit all who share in downtown Burlington. One of the teachings of Jesus that we will hear in church on April 26th is his desire for us to have life, and to have it abundantly. We're meant to fully participate in life together, and to help every human being to flourish. Sharing this window to the lake with the citizens of Burlington and all who visit by creating an inviting space for reflection, contemplation, and celebration will offer deeper and more vibrant opportunities for abundant life together.

Standing with me today are Rosemary Armstrong and Wendy Murray, who both have been serving on our parish committee supporting the Church Avenue project. We are happy to speak to any questions you may have.