

• Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

A Moment of Silence

Prelude/Slide Show

The Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

ONE: Good morning my brothers and sisters in the faith. Welcome to our hour of worship where we have gathered in this sanctuary, on this holy ground, in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

ALL: With gratitude for the summer past and the opening of a new season, with hope for the year to come and love of neighbor and God, we gather to worship.

ONE: May the songs we sing, the prayers we raise, the silence we keep, and Word we receive bless our lives that we may be a blessing to others in this week to come.

ALL: Let it be so in the Spirit of the God of many names, amen!

*Processional Hymn

Bring Many Names

NCH #11

Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

ALL: O God, give us the lamp of love which never fails, that it may burn within us and shed its light on those around us. By its brightness give us a vision of the way our lives and this world could be; filled with more justice and peace and mercy in Jesus name...

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

*An Act of Praise

Gloria Patri

PH #513

Glory be to the Creator and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; World without end, amen, amen.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Ben Pulaski

*Hymn

Creator God, Creating Still

NCH #278

Scripture

Exodus 3:1-15

Luke 15:3-7

Teresa Cader

OT p.50, Large Print OT p.46

NT p.78, Large Print NT p.67

Sermon

"The Burning Bush Moment"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Anthem

Words & Music by Z. Randall Stroope (b.1953)

Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls [2006]

When the final timber lay 'gainst the measured stones,
with the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold.

The Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house,
the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole.

Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord.

Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength,
for the Lord dwells within and heals their land.

Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God.

When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray,
when they turn from dark to light and your will obey,

O Lord of Heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house,
and heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord, we pray.

Come dwell in Solomon's walls...

Pastoral Prayer

Morning Prayers, silent and spoken, and choral response.

Rev. Judith Arnold

Offertory

Oh How I Love Jesus

arr. John Carter

*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**

NCH #780

*Recessional Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

NCH #1

Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Passing the Peace of Christ

(Please offer "Peace" or "The peace of Christ" to your neighbor as you depart)

Postlude

Voluntary

John Stanley (1712-86)

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Gamble Millican and his sister Margaret A. Millican, by their family. Today's Narthex flowers are given in loving memory of Grace Haley, Barbara and Edward Lamson by the Lamson Family.

Meet Our Church

First Congregational Church in Winchester, UCC, An Open and Affirming Congregation
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www.fcc-winchester.org

We are a Christ-centered, nurturing community:
growing in faith, serving in love, welcoming all with joy.

The Congregation, Ministers To The World
Rev. William Burhans, Lead Pastor
Rev. Ms. Judith B. Arnold, Associate Pastor
Ms. Kathleen Zagata, RN, MS, CS, Minister of Congregational Health & Wellness
Ms. Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts
Mr. Ben Pulaski, Minister of Faith Formation: Children & Youth
Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist
Mr. Bradley Ross, Sexton
Mr. Tyler Campbell, Assistant Sexton
Ms. Sarah Marino, Office Manager
The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

Welcome!

We are happy you have joined us today for worship. We hope that in the coming hour of quiet, song, prayer, sacred scripture, and communal gathering, you will awaken more fully to God's presence in your life and the world around us.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located down the stairs as you first enter the front doors of the sanctuary.

Accessibility

Listening devices are available in the back of the church for the hearing impaired. An after-worship coffee hour is held in Chidley Hall on the bottom floor of the church building. An elevator is located out the doors to the right of the front chancel area and down the hall. Please ask a greeter if you need assistance.

Childcare

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary! We appreciate the sounds of little ones among us. If you'd prefer, there is a professionally staffed nursery on the floor beneath the sanctuary. Ask a greeter if you need help finding it.

Family Room

There is also a comfortable room with sofas, chairs, carpet and an audio link to the service for when you need more room to attend to your family. It is located just outside the doors to the right of the front chancel area.

Children (Stepping Stones) and Youth Church School

Classes for children and youth in pre-k through 12th grade are taught during worship. Families begin the worship service together in the sanctuary. Children are then invited to join us at the front (if they are comfortable) for the Time for the Young. Afterwards, the children and youth are led to their classrooms by their teachers. This week the youth (grades 6th-12th) will stay in worship.

Get connected!

Please tell us about yourself by filling out a Welcome Card, found in each pew. We look forward to getting to know you at Coffee Hour, held downstairs immediately following the service. You can also learn more about our community through our website and Facebook page:

www.fcc-winchester.org
[facebook.com/fccwucc](https://www.facebook.com/fccwucc)



First Congregational Church
IN WINCHESTER, UCC

September 11, 2016
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 Worship Service

People We are Praying for...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
The Collins Skinner Family	In their grief from the passing of Jody's sister, Robyn
Jen Gilhool	comfort
Henry Wilhoite	Blessed recovery
Lucy Sanders	In her job search
Ken Orth and George Paolucci	In their grief from the passing of Ken's sister, Marion
	Sonichsen
Family & friends of Ann Miller	In their grief
Jessica Brand	For healing
Olivia	Healing from trauma
The McCall-Taylor family	In their grief and for strength and healing
Martha George	For strength of body & spirit
Barbara Lauterwasser (Bruce's mother)	For healing
The family of Rev. Jena Roy	In their grief
The family of Steve Moore	In their grief

*Please let the Deacons or Ministry Team know if you have someone
to add or remove from this list.*

Upcoming Events

Shepherds Needed

Do you have older children and miss being around younger children? Do you not have any children, but would love to spend time with some? Well, do we have an opportunity for you! We are looking for a couple of adults who would be willing to teach or assist just a couple of times a year in our Stepping Stones program. This is not a yearlong commitment, but just the desire to help out. (Of course, once you get involved you will love it so much!) What's that you say? You don't think you know the bible that well to teach or assist? Well, don't fret! Our curriculum is set up extremely nice. It gives you as the leader all the background information! Which means you don't need a Masters of Divinity! Don't think that you are creative enough? Well, guess what! You don't need to be. The leader's guide gives you different activities to do with the children so you don't need to come up with things. You don't have time to prep? Ask any of the current shepherds... they will tell you it takes less than an hour. If you are interested in seeing what a week looks like in the leader's guide, there are some down in Chidley Hall after the service to take a peek.

We would love to have you part of the team. By volunteering to be in the classroom just a couple of times a year will give our shepherds a chance to enjoy the service and will make sure that we have enough support in the classrooms so that the children are having a great experience. If this is something that you would be interested in... please reach out to me ben@fcc-winchester.org.

Movie Night

On Friday 9/16 at 645pm join us on the front lawn as we watch the new **Jungle Book** on our 12 foot screen. Bring a blanket and enjoy the freshly made popcorn. Invite a neighbor or a friend!

American Red Cross Lay Responder Class,

Saturday, September 17th 3:00-7:00 PM. It will include CPR, AED and First Aid. Registration Deadline is Tuesday, 9/13. See details at the church website under "What is new at FCC" or email Kathleenzag@gmail.com.

NAMI Family To Family

NAMI Family to Family Education Series starts Wednesday, September 14th at FCC Winchester. Interested in joining the 12 week series? Contact Jacquie Serebrani-Kesner at 781 439-4586.

Pack Up Your Sorrows-The Documentary:

Winchester Screening and Panel Discussion with Meg Hutchinson will be held Sunday, September 25 from 6:00 to 8:45 PM at FCC Winchester. The film tells Meg's story of illness, hope and transformation. See link to film trailer and ticket info on the church website Health Ministry page.

Second Wednesday Bible Study

Bible Study meets in the Health Ministry Office at 7:00 p.m. This month the second Wednesday is September 14. Each month's meeting stands on its own – so come when you can and don't when you can't. Along with learning about the Bible, there is space for doubt, challenge and interpretation. This month we will read Isaiah 55 as a frame for the year to come. We will also talk about which scriptures or topics feel compelling to us for the year to come. We hope you can join us. We end promptly at 8:30.

FCC Monthly Men's Group, Sunday September 11th, 7:30-9 PM, Palmer Room.

All FCC men and their guests are welcome. We discuss matters that are personal and spiritual. Pot-luck beverages or snacks are welcome but not expected. Questions to chris.noble@yahoo.com.

The Dwelling Place needs volunteers for Saturday, September 17th!

We are looking for 4-6 volunteers to prepare and serve a meal for about 20 people at the Dwelling Place on Saturday, September 17th. The Dwelling Place is a collaboration of area churches that prepares and serves meals at the United Methodist Church in Woburn for individuals and families in need. Our FCC is responsible for preparing and serving the meal on the third Saturday of each month.

Can you and your family or friends help?

- Volunteers can be adults and children.
- Serving time is only 2 hours -- from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- The food is simple and easy to prepare.

If you want to serve but are not sure you can prepare the food, we can help with that. To sign up, please contact your FCC Dwelling Place coordinators:

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