

# Order of Worship

## Gathering Music

*Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (S. 654)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

## A Moment of Silence

## Prelude

*Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (2011)*

Naji Hakim (b. 1955)

## The Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

ONE: We gather this morning at the start of a new day and the start of a new week, to join hearts and voices in prayer and praise.

**ALL: We are one people worshipping the one God in unison with all God's people in every time and every place!**

ONE: In fact when we worship here, we join the melodies of birds, the whistling of winds, the crashing of seashores, the song of whales, the hum of bees, the silence of stones...

**ALL: Yes, in fact, we join with all of creation to give thanks and praise to our Creator whose infinite creativity and love renews the world every morning.**

ONE: Come brothers and sisters, men and women, young and old, joyous and sorrowful, this is God's church and you belong worshipping here this morning.

**ALL: Amen, brother Ben!**

## \*Processional Hymn

*Siyahamba/We Are Marching in the Light of God*

NCH #526

## Prayer of Confession

Kathleen Zagata

**ALL: God, we have failed to understand and accept the great demands placed upon us by your Kingdom. We have joined your causes, but have too soon lost interest. We promised to be courageous, but have found ourselves afraid. We want to be sensitive, but find ourselves hard and callous. We have been invited toward great opportunities for service in the work of justice and peace, but have failed to take advantage of them. We have allowed our fearful ego-self to blind us and have forgotten that whatever is done to any one of your children is done to You. Forgive us when we let our comfort stand in the way of the cries and struggles of the poor, the hungry, the sick, the prisoner. Have mercy, O God, and hear our confessions. Take our limitations and turn them into possibilities for service. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## A Time for the Young

Ben Pulaski

## \*Hymn

*This Is My Song*

NCH # 591

## Scripture

Mark 14:12-26

NT p. 51, Large Print NT p. 44

## Sermon

"Communicating and Communing"

Rev. Will Burhans

## Anthem

"Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees" from *Two Spirituals*

Stephen W. Cole, baritone

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

traditional spiritual/arr. Leo Nestor

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Invitation

### Prayer of Consecration

### Words of Institution

### Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*You are invited to proceed to any one of the 4 stations at the corners of the sanctuary and receive communion by intinction (dipping bread in the cup). All bread is gluten-free. Everyone is welcome to partake. For those unable to come to the stations, the elements can be brought to you.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Offertory

"Migratory V" from *Myths and Hymns* [1999]

Susan K. Navien, soprano

We sail above the weather. We search the ocean floor.

We rival our creation still yearning for more.

But can we fly together, a migratory V? How wonderful if that's what God could see.

A single voice in whispered prayer can only pray to travel there,

But all as one we sound the everlasting sound, and sing our salvation.

Aloft and in formation a migratory V. How wonderful if that's what God could see.

Music and Lyrics by Adam Guettel (b. 1964)

## \*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.**

NCH #780

## \*Recessional Hymn

*For the Healing of the Nations*

NCH #576

## Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

## Passing the Peace of Christ

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

## Postlude

*Praeambulum*

Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

# Today's Worship Service

## Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Bertha Schwint and Betty Luettich by their Granddaughter Debbie Johnston. The Narthex flowers are given in loving memory of Ethel LeRuth, by Susan, David, Kristen, Meghan, and Casey Leathers.

## Meet Our Church

**First Congregational Church in Winchester, UCC, An Open and Affirming Congregation**

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[www.fcc-winchester.org](http://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.

### Get connected!

Please tell us about yourself and/or request a prayer by filling out a Welcome/Prayer Request Card found in each pew and place it in the offering plate when it passes. 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](http://www.fcc-winchester.org)

[facebook.com/fccwucc](https://www.facebook.com/fccwucc)

**Text FCCW to 22828 to join our email list**

**October 2, 2016**

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 Worship Service

## *People We are Praying for...*

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Michael Fahey, cousin of Deirdre Giblin	NY firefighter, died in the line of duty
The Collins Skinner Family	In their grief from the passing of Jody's sister, Robyn
Jen Gilhool	Comfort
Lucy Saunders	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
Martha George	For strength of body & spirit
Bruce Lauterwasser	For healing
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.*

Today is **World Communion Sunday** and we are invited to be aware of how the sacrament connects us to Christians around the world. Communion will be by intinction and will be offered at the 4 corners of the room. When all 4 deacons are in place, you are invited to receive the sacrament at any station you choose and then return to your seat. Each station will highlight one of the many world communities sharing the bread and juice with us today. In addition, a fifth plate and chalice will be offering communion to those who prefer to remain seated.

## Upcoming Events

**TODAY Organ demonstration, immediately following the worship service.** As we prepare to renovate and restore our beautiful Fisk Organ, you are invited to come to the chancel, up close and personal, sitting in the choir stalls – to meet with Jeffrey Mead and to hear a few of the whines and groans that he so cleverly disguises each week. Jeffrey will describe and demonstrate the problems that have increasingly plagued the instrument over the last ten years!

**FCC Monthly Men's Group**, Tonight, 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](mailto:chris.noble@yahoo.com).

### Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service this Saturday, October 8 at 11 AM in the sanctuary for Ann Miller.

Have you noticed some changes to Sunday morning worship?

Here is some of our thinking about it:

1. New Bulletin – We've changed the size, style and design. Why the change?
  - a. The larger size allows for larger font and now we have one bulletin accessible to all.
  - b. The graphic design, based upon our logo, now ties in with the website, business cards, welcome cards, Facebook etc...
  - c. Now there is one insert page and not many multi-colored insert pages falling out into your lap and on the floor.
  - d. On the back of the bulletin there's room now for an extended welcome to newcomers.
2. The Passing of the Peace - It's now passed at the close of the service instead of the opening. Why the change?
  - a. We hope to encourage people to pass the peace of Christ to neighbor, friend and stranger as a final gesture of worship. Having worshipped and received God's peace, we now offer it to one another.
  - b. The choir can better participate in the passing of the peace since they are often out among the pews at the end of the service.
  - c. Having shared common worship, the passing of the peace then becomes a more inclusive experience for newcomers.
3. The Anthem stands alone – Instead of being sung during the passing of the offering plates. Why the change?
  - a. We want to encourage the congregation to open themselves to God's presence during the choir's anthem instead of engaging in the activity of the offering.
  - b. This opens up the Offertory time for special music. Various musical offerings from congregation members and guests will happen here.
4. Welcome time is shortened/Announcements limited – The presiding minister welcomes people, offers a few orienting announcements and then moves us directly into the time of silence.
  - a. This allows us to enter into God's presence more reflectively.
  - b. The announcements are often a reiteration of what's already written in the insert.
  - c. We are working to contain the length of our service.

Our intent for these changes is to deepen and enhance your worship experience. We welcome your feedback as we live into them this fall.

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Will Burhans and The Ministry Team