

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Kathleen Zagata

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Adapted from The Iona Book of Worship)

O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you. Yet always in the midst of this creation-glory, we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness: around us in the earth, sea, and sky, the abuse of matter; beside us in the broken, the hungry, and the poor, the betrayal of one another; and often deep within us, a striving against your Spirit. O Trinity of life, forgive us that we may forgive one another, heal us that we may be people of healing, and renew us that we may be makers of peace. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kathleen Zagata

Hear now the words of Jesus for all those who confess and seek to renew their lives: "Your sins are forgiven. Go now in peace to love one another." Let us pray together 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

*ACT OF PRAISE

The Gloria Patri

PH 513

(Please use words that are most meaningful to you)

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.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG

Ben Pulaski

(The children are now invited to leave with the teachers for church school.)

TESTIMONY

Annamarie Galli

THE CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. William Burhans

Offertory Anthem O Nata Lux (O Light born) Thomas Tallis (c. 1505 - 1585)

Published: Cantiones sacrae (1575), no. 8

Source of text: 10th century hymn

O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
With loving-kindness deign to receive
Suppliant praise and prayer.
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
For the sake of the lost,
Grant us to be members of thy blessed body.

Doxology

(Please use words that are most meaningful to you)

NCH 780

**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

Rev. Will

CALL TO PRAYER

May God be with you this day.

And may God also be with you.

Let us quiet our minds, still our spirits, and open our hearts to God in prayer.

God is our strength and our refuge, before God we now come.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Judy

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Psalm 99

SUNG REFRAIN: *The Lord is my light, my light and salvation,
in God I trust, in God I trust*

Theme A

The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in
God I trust, in God I trust. The

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

SUNG REFRAIN

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees,
and the statutes that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

for the Lord our God is holy.

SUNG REFRAIN

New Testament Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

SERMON "We Are But Dust" Rev. Will

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Words of Preparation (from Jan Richardson's "The Painted Prayerbook")

Rev. Judy: And the table will be wide. And the welcome will be wide.

And arms will open wide to gather us in.

The People: And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

And we will come unhindered and free. And our aching will be met with bread. And our sorrow will be met with wine.

Rev. Will: And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

And we will turn toward each other without fear. And we will give up our appetite for despair. And we will taste and know of delight.

The People: And we will become bread for a hungry world.

And we will become drink for those who thirst. And the blessed will become the blessing. And everywhere will be the feast.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from *Touch Holiness*)

Dear God, in this place, at this table, we have touched, we have tasted, and we have heard the signs of your love for us. Grant that we may go away from this house filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love for those who are around us and who share our lives.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* black-covered NCH 184

*BENEDICTION (remain standing please)

POSTLUDE *Agincourt Hymn* John Dunstable (1370-1453)



First Congregational Church in Winchester

Transfiguration Sunday

February 7, 2016

Words for meditation and preparation: "Humanity has learned to harness the power of the tides and the sun and the moon. Someday in the future, humanity will learn to harness the power of love, and for the second time in history, we will discover fire."- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC *Christe, der du bist Tag und Licht* Anon. (17th cent.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Judith Arnold

A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Ben Pulaski

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
black-covered New Century Hymnal 1

2016 Budget Vote - THIS SUNDAY

There will be a congregational vote this Sunday, February 7th, to approve the 2016 budget. This follows the hearing last Sunday in which we had informal conversation about the proposed budget. We considered how, in our continuing transition period, it finds an appropriate balance between fiscal responsibility and faithfulness to our vision of a congregation transitioning to a new phase of vitality and growth.

**Please plan on joining us immediately after worship in the sanctuary.
We value your participation.**

Prayer Requests

Jena Roy
Rev. Janet Dorman
In memory of Christopher Righter
In Memory of Ralph Stone

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

NCIS: New-Comers Inquiry Session Sunday, March 6, 11:30 AM

New to First Congregational Church? If you'd like to learn more about our community, or are interested in becoming a member, please join us for an informal sharing and informational session immediately following worship on Sunday, March 6th. Please speak to one of the ministers or let Sarah in the office know at first.congregational@verizon.net if you are interested, and if you will need childcare. The gathering will last about an hour. Please join us!



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10th
in Ripley Chapel.

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. The service includes readings to deepen our understanding of ashes in our Christian tradition. We will include a prayer of confession and some time for silent prayer, and we will offer the sign of the cross in ashes to those who desire it. The service is planned to be about 30 minutes so as not to conflict with commission meetings that evening.

**Simply Delicious, Always Nutritious-
Join us today!**

February Coffee Hours will be hosted by Health Ministry. Weekly samples will include low carb and low sugar recipes, foods of the Bible and smoothies.

We look forward to serving you!

Tuesdays with Jesus
February 9 - March 22
6:30-8:00 pm

During the weeks of Lent (plus one), we will gather each Tuesday evening for 30 minutes of centering prayer, followed by a simple meal and family worship together. All ages welcome! We will offer an alternative activity for children during the prayer time. Don't worry if you didn't make it to the 2/6 workshop; Will will guide us through the basics.

Come once or every week! Jesus is our host; there is always room in the circle and at the table. All you need to bring are an open mind and heart.

Questions, comments, enthusiasm? Contact Will Burhans (iwillb@fcc-winchester.org or 781-729-9180) and/or Jena Roy (jenaroy@aol.com or 617-480-2558).

Schedule for the evening:
6:30-7:00 PM Centering Prayer
7:00-8:00 PM Breaking Bread



CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK (February 6-14)

SUNDAY			Chili Sale
			Souper Bowl of Caring
	10:00	AM	Worship Service: Communion
	10:00	AM	J2A Class - 9th & 10th Grades
	10:00	AM	Rite 13 7th & 8th graders
	10:15	AM	Stepping Stones (Church School)
	11:30	AM	Budget Vote
	1:00	PM	Girl Scouts
	4:00	PM	Girl Scouts
	7:30	PM	FORUM (High School)
MONDAY	7:00	PM	The Carilloneers
TUESDAY	6:30	PM	Tuesdays with Jesus
	7:30	PM	Boy Scouts
	7:30	PM	Mission & Outreach Ministry
WEDNESDAY	Ash Wednesday		
	6:20	AM	Sharing Ashes with the Community
	8:30	AM	Men's Coffee & Conversation
	9:00	AM	Ministry Team Meeting
	10:00	AM	FAN Toddler Playgroup
	7:00	PM	Ash Wednesday Service
	7:00	PM	Bible Study
	7:30	PM	Facilities Ministry
	7:30	PM	Personnel Ministry
THURSDAY	6:30	PM	Health Ministry
	7:30	PM	Choir Rehearsal
SUNDAY	10:00	AM	Worship -First Sunday in Lent
	11:30	AM	11th Hour: A Love Letter to Myanmar
	4:00	PM	Sounds of Grace

This morning's campanologist-Sam Carpini

PH indicates Pilgrim Hymnal (red) NCH indicates New Century Hymnal (black)

*Those who are able please stand

Head-sets for the hearing impaired & Large print bulletins are available from the deacons.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen & R. Gilman Wallace and their parents, by their children Susan & David and their families.

P&D FUND: On Communion Sundays you will find envelopes for the Pastors' and Deacons' Fund. This fund offers monetary aid to congregation members who are experiencing an urgent need for financial crisis assistance. Please consider a donation as part of your worship today.

CHILI PICKUP: Thank you for all of you who pre ordered your chili. It will be available for pick up after the service and also after the budget vote. There will also be extra chili for those who did not have a chance to pre order. We are selling it for 10 dollars a quart and is first come first serve! All proceeds go towards the J2A pilgrimage.



ELEVENTH HOUR, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 11:30 A.M., Palmer Room:
A Love Letter to Myanmar: Please join Minister of Music and Worship Arts, Jane Ring Frank, for a presentation and update on her most recent trip to Myanmar. With anecdotes and slides, Jane will share the way the Outreach Ministry's grant (Thank you to our church!) was distributed and used to aid children and young adults in need.

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