Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Reverie – from "Album for the Young" (Op. 68)

Robert Schumann (1810-56)

Welcome Rev. Will Burhans

Moment of Silence

Prelude

"French" Suite #5 (BWV 816) – Allemande

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: The sun rises and a new day begins as the sky greets the light with color and quiet.

All: Let us enter into this week, this day, this season of Lent with songs on our tongues and praises in our hearts.

One: Let us enter with ears that are listening and minds that are open.

All: Let us enter with our egos held in check and our deeper selves emerging,

One: In the name of God who creates,

All: Christ who redeems

One: And the Holy Spirit who sustains,

All: Amen!

*Processional Hymn

O God, How We Have Wandered

NCH #202

*Morning Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

(from Walter Brueggemann's "Prayers for a Privileged People")

One: As we begin our strenuous Lenten trek, we are aware that the power of resistance is at work in our midst, that the force of negation is alive and well, that our best will is contradicted by stuff that surges against our best selves, that we, even we, are prone to our several addictions that render us helpless.

All: So we pray in this Lenten season, give us primitive freedom to take full stock of the power of evil still among us in our prosperity, wealth and sophistication, and give us primitive openness to your ministering angels who are present with care and gentleness and great nourishment.

One: In the Lenten season, enter our lives with power for newness, deliver us from a sense of naive mastery, and give us honest contact with our vulnerability.

All: Enter the deep place of our life and claim us for your purposes. We would be more free than we are, more bold that we dare, more obedient that we choose.

One: We wait for the gift of your large gift of life that will wrench us away from death – one day - to the miracle of Easter joy.

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

Offertory Rev. Judy Arnold

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Trad. Spiritual/arr. Tim Harbold

I want Jesus to walk with me. (2X)

All along my pilgrim journey,

I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord walk with me (2X)

When my heart is almost breaking,

I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord walk with me. (2X)

When my head is bowed in sorrow,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

*Doxology 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.

Scripture Liturgist: Fred Greene

New Testament - Matthew 4:1-11

Rev. Will Burhans

"Running on Empty"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn of PreparationThe Light is in the Summer Sun

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Invitation

Sermon

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

We will be serving one another communion this morning. Please offer the bread and cup to your neighbor by saying "Bread of Life, Cup of Peace". Receive the elements by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the grape juice. We welcome everyone who wishes to partake in communion but if you would prefer not to receive simply offer the bread and cup to the next person.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: In the end as in the beginning, God is God, filling God's people with the gifts of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: For bread and wine, for this place and this time,

All: Thanks be to God.

One: For the peace we are promised which the world cannot destroy,

All: Thanks be to God.

One: For the hope of heaven on earth and the final song of joy to come,

All: Thanks be to God. Amen!

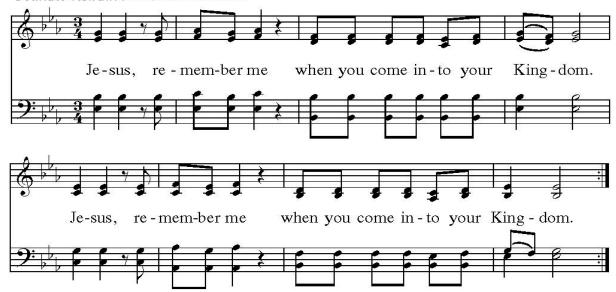
Service of Prayer

During Lent, we have the opportunity to lift our prayers in light as well as in words. When invited, those who wish to may come forward and mark their prayers by lighting a candle. (Continued on back cover)

*Those who are able, please stand **PH** indicates Pilgrim Hymnal (red) **NCH** indicates New Century Hymnal (black)

Should you desire to communicate your prayers in words to the congregation, blank index cards are provided in the pews for you to write a prayer on. Place the card in the baskets on the candle table, and they will be added to the prayer bulletin board in Chidley Hall. During the prayer time, we will sing "Jesus, Remember Me" as our prayer response.

Ostinato Refrain Jesus, Remember Me



*Closing Hymn

Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days

NCH #211

Benediction

Rev. Judy Arnold & Rev. Will Burhans

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude

O Sacred Head

arr. Greg Howlett

Meet Our Church

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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)

March 05, 2017

The First Sunday of Lent 10:00 Worship Service

People We Are Praying for...

<u>Names</u> <u>Purpose</u>

Diane Neth, sister of Ken Orth For comfort in her grief

Henry Daggett Healing and recovery from a broken hip

Bradley Ross For comfort and healing

Bob Shirley For strength and healing

Jessica Brand For healing

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

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Stephen Leahy and Timothy Beckett, Jr. by the McCall-Taylors.

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.

Upcoming Events

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. Potluck beverages or snacks are welcome but not expected. Questions to chris.noble@yahoo.com.

Leadership Team Today 11:30 AM

The next meeting of our church's Leadership Team is scheduled for March 5th. If you have an item that you think might be good for the LT to discuss, please let me know. Also, you are always welcome to come and share with us in at least the first part of the meeting. We eat a light snack and get down to business at about 11:30 in the Palmer room. Come and share with us in thinking about the strategic direction of our church. Penny Sparrow pisparrow2@gmail.com

Second Wednesday Bible Study March 8, 7-8:30, Health Ministry Office

We are reading through some of the letters of Paul. We started with Galatians and are now on Philippians. This is new territory for most of us and at a level everyone would be able to participate in. Each month's gathering is self-contained so come when you can. Last month we had an interesting conversation about the role obedience plays in Christian Life. Come join us!

Tuesdays with Jesus March 7 through April 11 6:30-8:00pm

As a way of staying conscious and connected to Jesus during the week on our Lenten journeys, we invite you to join us for an evening of prayer, reflection, and dinner together. From 6:30 to 6:50 we will be in the Palmer Room for Centering Prayer (silent meditation) as a way of meeting Christ beyond words, images, and attachments, and then we will gather for soup and a presentation in the Tucker Room where we will listen to how 6 of our fellow community members relate Jesus and their faith to the work they do. These are the presenters and their topics (not in order of appearance, yet!).

Tue. March 7: Bruce Lauterwasser - Jesus and Weapons Manufacturing

Tue. March 14: Deirdre Giblin - Jesus and Welcoming Refugees

Tue. March 21: Malcolm Sparrow - Jesus and Harm Reduction

Tue. March 28: Beth Bernhart - Jesus and Political Engagement

Tue. April 4: Jennie Ryan - Jesus, Justice and the Environmental Movement

Tue. April 11: David Page - Jesus and the Human Genome Project

We hope you can join us and that this series will enrich your Lenten journey this year. Please let us know if childcare is needed and we would be happy to provide!

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 church.

Accessibility

Listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary 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 facebook.com/fccwucc Text FCCW to 22828 to join our email list



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