

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen (S. 1093)
Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder (S. 742)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

PH #513

Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

Moment of Silence

Prelude-Anthem

Drei Geistliche Lieder (Three Sacred Songs) [1840] Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-47)

2. Choral: "Deines Kind's Gebet erhöre"

Hear thy lowly child's entreaty. Father, look down and save me.
Light unto my eyes afford me, rescue me from the dismal grave.
Else at me the enemies, laughing, while in triumph's haughty state,
Will pursue me without mercy, ever scornful of thy might.

Carrie Cheron, mezzo-soprano

The Call to Worship (James 5:14-16a)

One: Are any among you sick?
They should call for the elders of the church
and have them pray over them,
anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

All: **The prayer of faith will save the sick,
and the Lord will raise them up;
and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.**

One: Therefore confess your sins to one another,
and pray for one another,
so that you may be healed.

Janice Wilson

*Opening Hymn

We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness

NCH #179

*Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

(Adapted from *Declaration of the Lord's Love* by Brenda Craig)

O God, I am loved with a lavish love simply because I am Your child by faith in Jesus Christ. I rest in knowing that you love me with a passion unmatched anywhere in this world. Your love is beyond any mere human comparison, but that is the best we can do as we attempt to comprehend it. You are close to me in my brokenness, calling me by name and loving me with a tender heart. Your hand is stretched out, full and running over. I am infused by hope for everything I need is found in the abundance of your giving heart. As Jesus abides in me, Your love is revealed in my life. May I return as much of Your love as I am capable, seeking out what you call me to be in this world. In Jesus' name we pray:

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

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, Debbie Johnston, Frank Willwerth, & Christine Atkins

Scripture

Selections from the Gospels

Liturgists: Stephen Haggett and Branda Wilhoite
Citations listed on prayer card

Song

Mary Magdalene

Patty Larkin (b. 1951)

Carrie Cheron, voice and guitar

Sermon

"The Anointing One"

Rev. Will Burhans

Healing and Anointing Stations

You are invited to come forward to one of four healing stations. As the reflective music begins, take a moment to ask yourself, "For what in my life do I request healing? When you feel prepared, proceed to a healing station. Two stations will be positioned in the front and two in the rear of the church. A chair is provided for your comfort. If you wish just healing prayers (no laying on of hands or anointing), please indicate by folding your hands across your chest when you sit. Each healing team consists of Ministers, Deacons, Health Ministry and church members. People with mobility issues will be asked to raise a hand and a healing team will come to them. We invite all present to pray silently for those seeking God's healing.

Offertory

Drei Geistliche Lieder (Three Sacred Songs) [1840]

Rev. Judy Arnold
Mendelssohn

3. Herr, wir trau'n auf deine Güte
I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

*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

*Closing Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

NCH # 495

Benediction

Rev. Judy Arnold, Rev. Will Burhans, & Health Minister Kathleen Zagata

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude

Sonata (Op. 65, #6) - Fuga

Mendelssohn

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents,
by Kris and John Montgomery.

Meet Our Church

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

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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 26, 2017

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:00 Worship Service

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

People We Are Praying for...

Names

Daniel Lillie, great-nephew of Mike Redding
 Henry Daggett
 Bradley Ross
 Bob Shirley
 Jessica Brand

Purpose

For healing
 Healing and recovery from a broken hip
 For comfort and healing
 For strength and healing
 For healing

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

Upcoming Events

Death Over Dinner, tonight, Sunday, March 26th, 6:00 p.m.

We hope you are planning on joining us for this unusual, but important, dinner. The Adult Faith Exploration Ministry was inspired to organize this by the number of initiatives arising to help people talk together about death. Tonight is based on the "Let's Have Dinner and Talk about Death". The purpose is to stimulate talk and thought about deaths that are close to us, maybe even our own. In the Fall, we plan to follow up with "The Conversation Project" which will lead us to some concrete steps we should be taking to prepare for death. Members of the Adult Faith Exploration Ministry are: Jack Howland, Anne Hoenicke, Karen Roberts, Laurie Roby, Andy McKinley, Sarah Gallop, and Judy Arnold.

An invitation to the Leadership Team meeting!

April 2nd at 11:30am in the Palmer room.

The Leadership Team, the group that has strategic decision-making responsibility in our church, is having its April meeting on the 2nd.

The first part of this meeting is open to all-comers - please feel invited. We always begin the meeting with an opening devotion and then an opportunity for anyone within our congregation, including representatives of sustaining and living ministries, to bring items to the Leadership Team for presentation or discussion. If there is something that you might like to discuss or present please let me know as soon as possible. But you don't need to have an agenda item to be welcome at the meeting!

At this meeting we expect to hear a report on the financial model that has been developed by a small group within our congregation.

Thank you. Penny Sparrow, Moderator pjsparrow2@gmail.com

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.

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

Tue. April 4: Jennie Ryan - Jesus, Justice & 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! If you are unable to attend, presentations will be recorded and available on our website.

LTLC Dinner

The Lowell Transitional Living Center is the largest homeless shelter and support organization north of Boston with 90 beds and 70 emergency beds. They provide shelter, food, services and support for the chronically homeless and those left homeless by crisis—job loss, illness, fire or other disaster.

LTLC provides 110,000 meals annually, serving three meals daily 365 days per year. They receive funding for approximately 50% of those meals.

Community Meals is an LTLC program where participating groups prepare a healthy meal.

Outreach is looking for community members to help prepare a meal of lasagna, salad and bread at church and others to deliver and serve the meal at the LTLC on Sunday 4/2

Please contact Jody Collins Skinner at jcollinsskinner@verizon.net with any questions

The Health Ministry Lenten 40 Challenge

Lent is a journey that when consciously entered reawaken us from our winter lethargy. Consider a daily practice of gratitude and challenge yourself by asking, What about my faith makes me truly grateful?

FCC Monthly Men's Group

Sunday April 2nd, 7:30-9 PM, Paul Rahmeier's house, 4 Heritage Drive in Woburn. 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.

Easter Lilies and Tulips

You are invited to donate a chancel Easter plant as a memorial or as a gift. Plants will be distributed to our shut-ins following the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 16.



The cost of plants is \$20.00 each.
All orders are due by April 9

I wish to purchase _____ plants, which will be
_____ In memory of _____ In honor of (please check as appropriate)

Given
by _____

Please return this form with a check payable to First Congregational Church, with memo "flowers" to the church office, or place it in an offering plate in an envelope marked "Easter plants"

Maundy Thursday All-Night Vigil April 13th & 14th

Jesus asked his disciples to stay awake and pray with him during his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his death. In response, we hold an all-night vigil in our sanctuary — staying awake with Christ and praying for a suffering world. The Vigil begins at 9:00 PM on April 13th (after the Tenebrae Service of Shadows) and ends at noon on Good Friday, April 14th with a Vigil closing service. All are invited to help keep watch with the single Christ Candle that is lit at the end of the Tenebrae Service. No sign up is required to participate, but we are seeking Anchors to ensure a continuous watch through the night. The sign up sheet for anchors is located in the Church lobby. All are welcome!

~ The Maundy Thursday Vigil Pop Up Ministry

Holy Week & Easter Schedule



Sun 4/09 Palm Sunday

9:30 AM Blessing of the Palms on the Common
10:00 AM Palm Sunday Worship

Tue 4/11

6:30 PM Tuesdays with Jesus

Thu 4/13 Maundy Thursday

7:30 PM Service of Tenebrae
9:00 PM Maundy Thursday Vigil Begins

Fri 4/14 Good Friday

12:00 PM Vigil Closing Service

Sat 4/15 Holy Saturday

9:30 AM Bagels & Bunnies

Sun 4/16 Easter

5:45 AM Easter Sunrise Service at Wright-Locke Farm
9:00 AM Easter Worship
9:30 AM Pancake Breakfast
11:00 AM Easter Worship