

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

A Time of Silence

Prelude

Steal Away

arr. James Pethel

Call to Worship (from David Adam's "The Open Gate")

Ben Pulaski

One: In the mighty name of God, the saving name of Jesus and the strong name of the Spirit, we watch, we wait, we look, we long, we listen for the Sacred Three.

All: **In the praise of the Creator, in the presence of the Savior, in the power of the Spirit, we come. Let us worship together.**

*Processional Hymn

O for a World

NCH #575

*Call to Confession

Kathleen Zagata

*Prayer of Confession (from Martin Luther King Jr.)

Thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive. We love our friends and hate our enemies. We go the first mile but dare not travel the second. We forgive but dare not forget. And so as we look within ourselves, we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against you. But thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love your will. In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray:

*Assurance of Forgiveness and the 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 debts as we forgive our debtors 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

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

NCH # 572

Scripture

Amos 5:13-15, 20-24

Matthew 11:25-30

Liturgist: Jason Ryan

OT pg. 854, LP OT pg. 807

NT pg. 12, LP NT pg. 10

Sermon

"On Being God-Determined"

Rev. Will Burhans

A Quiet Time for Reflection

Offertory

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Traditional Spiritual/arr. Tim Harbold, 1995

I want Jesus to walk with me.

All along my pilgrim journey,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord walk with me.

When my heart is almost breaking,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord walk with me.

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.

Litany Prayer for MLK Jr. Day

please see insert

*Closing Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

NCH #593

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Postlude

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of deceased members and friends of this congregation.

Meet Our Church

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

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Text FCCW to 22828 to join our email list

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

Ms. Sarah Marino, Office Manager

Mr. Tyler Campbell, Sexton

Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

January 14, 2018

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

We now have an inductive hearing loop for those whose hearing aids have Telecoil (ask your audiologist). Listening devices are also available in the back. For our coffee hour in Chidley Hall, 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 are trained caregivers in our a 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 water, sofas, chairs, carpet and a video 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.

People for Whom We Are Praying ...

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| Gino, Laura, and Alyson Mauriello (friends of Jodie Mullane) | In their grief for the loss of their mother, Rose |
| Lucy Sanders | Continued healing & direction for Arthur & my future |
| Martha George | For courage and healing |
| Dory Cole Ogden, niece of Stephen W. Cole | For healing |
| Jessica Brand | For healing |

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

News & Upcoming Events

Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

Our Outreach Ministry is inviting our church community to consider a mission trip to Puerto Rico (largely funded by Outreach) this summer to help in the rebuilding effort. We need to know if there is a critical mass of people interested and then we will meet to secure a date that works best. Please speak with Rev. Judy or Rev. Will if you are interested and willing to serve in this meaningful way.

Adult Faith Exploration Ministry:

Bible 101 Starting Soon!

Mondays, Jan 22- Feb 26, 2018 7-8:30 PM

Are you hard pressed to name more than one or two Biblical stories or people? Are you intimidated by the Bible - "it's so big", "it's hard to follow", "where do I even start"? Have you ever wondered what all the fuss is about? Are you a bit skeptical? How can such an ancient text be relevant today? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this small group study series is just right for you. We have half a dozen folks signed up already (on our website), please consider joining in.

Habitat for Humanity Workday

Saturday Jan. 20 in Lawrence, MA

Please join our crew at the Habitat for Humanity site in Lawrence on one (or more!) of our upcoming work days. We typically meet at the church around 7:45 AM and carpool up to the site, returning sometime in the late afternoon. The Habitat organization appreciates when we can provide a head count, so if you're able to join us, please contact either Doug Taylor (mccall.taylor@verizon.net) or Andrew Beltz (andrewjbeltz@gmail.com). Thank you!

The Dwelling Place Needs Cooks for Saturday Jan. 20

On Saturday, Jan 20th, the Girl Scouts (led by Kim Farina) are serving at The Dwelling Place. So, we've got lots of servers but we need 1 or 2 people to prepare the following items:

- Baked Beans for 25 people
- Green vegetable for 25 people (Peas or green beans have worked well in the past. Salad or coleslaw is also a possibility)

All you have to do is cook the food and bring it warm to The Dwelling Place by 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20th. We can provide Stop and Shop gift cards to help defray the cost of the food. If you are not able to bring the food to The Dwelling Place, we can help with that too!

If you can help, please contact your Dwelling Place coordinators: Lisa Loughlin lisa3abp@aol.com (781.346.1241) and Linda Alexander lgalexander@comcast.net (617.763.0650)

LITANIES

ON THE OCCASION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY

READER 1: Miriam hid a baby in the bullrushes, disobeying pharaoh's edict to kill the male children of the Hebrew slaves. The child grew to adulthood. Called by God, he liberated his people from Pharaoh's bondage—and Miriam sang a freedom song!

READER 2: Jonah, called by God to preach repentance to his enemies in Nineveh, resisted. He fled from Nineveh in a storm-tossed ship. Rescued from the depths of the sea, he returned to the enemy city, preached, and witnessed the Ninevites' salvation when they turned to God.

READER 1: Mary, the mother of Jesus, accepted her call from God with rejoicing, saying, "God has filled the hungry with good food and sent the rich away empty."

READER 2: Paul, the apostle, journeyed over the known world founding Christian communities. Called by God, he preached reconciliation to Jew and Gentile, creating controversy among his colleagues as he pursued God's purpose of peace among estranged people.

READER 1: The women with the banners and petitions were called suffragettes. They wanted peace among men and women and peace based on justice between races. Called by God, they struggled seventy years to win the right to vote in the United States so that their granddaughters could take up the work they had begun.

READER 2: Black and white marched together in Alabama, Mississippi, Chicago, and Washington, D.C., called by God to turn the nation around. Martin Luther King was our drum major keeping rhythm as we walked toward a new day when liberty and justice would be shared in peace by all.

READER 1: The march continues, as we raise our voices with women, hispanics, gays, lesbians, children, and poor people from the developing countries in every corner of God's world, crying out for a just peace.

READER 2: Christ, our peace: we hear your call; we experience your ministry through the lives of peacemakers and justice seekers. Guide us as we follow the path of shalom. We thank you for the cloud of witnesses who have known your presence in their struggles every step of the way to peace. Your promise is sure that peace is possible when we follow in the way you lead. Amen.

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