

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Nun lob mein Seel den Herren

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Sermon

“God’s Timing”

Rev. Will Burhans

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

A Quiet Time for Reflection

A Time of Silence

Prelude

Wo soll ich fliehen hin?

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

(Where shall I flee, since I am burdened with many great sins?

Where shall I find rescue? If all the world came to me, they could not take away my fear.)

Offertory

Anthem

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler [1993] Text: Sylvia Dunstan, based on Matthew 11

Music: William P. Rowan, based on his tune AUSTIN

Come to me, O weary traveler, come to me with your distress,
Come to me you heavy burdened, come to me and find your rest.

Do not fear, my yoke is easy, do not fear, my burden’s light;
Do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.

Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me.

Take my yoke, I am beside you; learn humility.

Rest in my, O weary traveler, rest in me and do not fear.

Rest in me, my heart is gentle, rest and cast away your care.

Call to Worship (adapted from Glen Rainsley)

Kaye Nash

One: We see light, hope, and joy;

All: We bring heart, soul, mind, and body;

One: We share blessings and fears;

All: We bring faith and doubt.

One: With all that we are and all that we have, let us worship God.

*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.

*Processional Hymn

Arise, Your Light Is Come

NCH #164

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

PH #288

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Invitation

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(Communion this morning is by intinction. Please come forward by the center aisle, receive the elements by dipping the bread in the juice and partaking. Return to your seat by the side aisles. Deacons will gladly bring the elements out to those who are unable to come forward. All the bread is gluten free.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (by Beth Merrill Neel)

O Jesus, our beloved, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast. May we know that we have been fed with love and grace, and may we follow you out in the world, ambassadors of your hope and peace. Amen.

Call to Confession

Kathleen Zagata

Prayer of Confession (by Beth Merrill Neel)

O Holy God, we know we have fallen short.

We turn our backs when we could embrace.

We remain silent when we could speak.

We speak when we could listen.

We close the door when we could fling it wide open.

We judge when we could seek understanding.

We cling when we could give.

Forgive us, O God, for being so very human at times,

and help us to continue to grow into the people you created us to be, through

Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Judy Arnold

*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.

*Closing Hymn

Softly and Tenderly

NCH #449

Benediction

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Isaiah 40:21-31 (read as translation and paraphrase)

Liturgist: Kaye Nash
OT pg.668, LP OT pg. 627

Postlude

Offertoire

François Couperin (1668-1733)

Today's Worship Service

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

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

Ms. Sarah Marino, Office Manager

Mr. Tyler Campbell, Sexton

Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

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

February 4, 2018

Fifth 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 for the first week of the month is a combined worship service specifically made for them. We will meet in the Chapel before the start of the service and will return to the sanctuary to take communion with the congregation.

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 ...

Bliss McCrum, Laura Bailey's step-father Family of Blanche Linehan (cousin of John Keeley)	For courage and peace In their grief
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

P&D Fund

On Communion Sundays you will find envelopes for the Pastors' & 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.

Budget Q & A and Upcoming Vote

Budget q and a is today, immediately after worship in the Palmer room. The congregational budget meeting will be next week, February 11th in the sanctuary immediately after worship. Childcare is available for both meetings.

Our Treasurer and the Leadership Team have been investing much time in recent weeks towards preparing a budget that is realistic and forward-looking and we will be pleased to share our proposal with you at these meetings. We encourage you to come to the q today so you have the opportunity to listen, to share your ideas and then to have time to think over the weighing of priorities that the preparation of a budget necessarily involves. We appreciate you all having as full an understanding as possible of decisions before us. And we so appreciate your generosity and that of others before us that makes the work of this church possible.

Mission Trip to Puerto Rico, August 4 to August 10

Our church community is going on a mission trip to Puerto Rico this summer to help in the rebuilding effort. The Outreach Commission is underwriting a significant portion of the cost. The dates are August 4 to August 10. We've had a great response from people who are interested which helped us set the date. We welcome you to join us. Our mission trip advisor and guide is Experience Mission. Log in and look at the Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery information. Rev. Will will be the 'trip leader'. We will be rebuilding houses. Handy with a hammer? Good at handing out nails? Feel a call to serve? Please speak with Rev. Judy or Rev. Will if you are interested and willing to serve in this meaningful way.

Ben & Kerri Pulaski Baby Shower Feb 10 11-2 PM, Palmer & Tucker Rooms

Please join us for a drop-in baby shower for Ben and Kerri Pulaski. February 10 from 11-2pm in the Palmer and Tucker rooms. Light lunch will be served. View our website for a link to the Evite and registry details. Any questions please contact Michelle Stewart at 781-835-9203 or Christine Tresselt at 617-605-6618.

Jazz Worship Returns

Please join us on Sunday morning, February 11 for Jazz Worship! On this last Sunday before we enter the season of Lent, we will celebrate with Dixieland/Mardi Gras style music. Our band is tuning up: *piano, bass, drums, trombone, and saxophone*. The choir is preparing a beautiful jazz piece from Chilcott's *Jazz Mass*, and, along with the children of the church school, we will "bury the Alleluia." Get ready to sing and to swing and to revel in God's grace!

Ashes & Grounds

Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 AM

Winchester Center Train Station

Join the Ministry Team and other church members as we offer "ashes and grounds" to Winchester commuters at the train station on Ash Wednesday. We will offer free coffee to all, and a blessing, with or without ashes, to those who desire it. Stop by and join us as we begin the season of Lent!

Ash Wednesday Service

Wed February 14, 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, the period between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Traditionally we observe Lent with fasting, prayer, confession, and other spiritual practices and during the Ash Wednesday service we impose ashes in the sign of a cross on our foreheads as a symbol of the season. The ashes, made from the burning of last year's Palm Sunday palms, are a biblical sign of penance. The service is a beautiful contemplative service designed to lead us towards inner quiet and introspection. While the imposition of ashes has often been associated exclusively with Catholicism, more and more Protestant churches are reclaiming this beautiful practice which began long before our churches were divided in the late 6th century.

Tuesdays with Jesus

Tuesdays during Lent beginning Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30-8pm

Back by popular demand, we will be holding "Tuesdays with Jesus" again this Lent in the Palmer and Tucker Rooms. We have a wonderful new slate of church members preparing to share how their faith intersects with their work. We'll begin with about 20 minutes of silent meditation/centering prayer from 6:30-7 in the Palmer Room and then move into the Tucker Room where we'll have a simple soup and bread supper while we listen to one of our 6 presenters. Julianne Zimmerman, Doug Taylor, and Susan Sawyer are among those who will be speaking. A full slate of participants and their topics will be announced soon. We hope you'll join us!

Heidi Breyer Debut Album Concert to Benefit RIM

Friday, February 9, 2018, at First Congregational Church in Melrose

121 West Foster Street, Melrose 7:30 – 9 p.m.

The net proceeds of this debut performance of neo-classical composer/pianist Heidi Breyer's new album "Moonlight in Empty Rooms", will benefit the Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM).

Tickets are tax deductible: **\$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 18.**

For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit our website or read our weekly email.

FCC Monthly Men's Group,

Sunday February 11th, 7-9 PM, 4 Heritage Drive, Woburn (Paul and Lynne Rahmeier's house).

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.