

# Order of Worship

## Gathering Music

*Christe, aller Welt Trost (BWV 670)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

## Song

*Gathered Here*

New Century Hymnal # 742

*Text and music: Phil Porter, 1990*

Gath-ered here in the mys-tery of this hour, gath-ered here in one strong  
bod - y, gath-ered here in the strug-gle and the power, Spir - it draw near.

## A Time of Silence

## Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: In this place, the community of faith is reminded of the promise:

**All: God's love endures forever!**

One: In spite of our impatient grumbling, despite our attraction to the shadows:

**All: Christ's light shines in us!**

One: When we think our hands our empty, when we have no music in our souls:

**All: the Spirit fills us with glad songs, and creates us for good works!**

## \*Processional Hymn

*Rejoice, You Pure in Heart*

New Century Hymnal #71

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Brokenness/Confession

**Ancient One, we confess that we are short-sighted. Sometimes the problems right in front of us take over our world. Sometimes we only look to doing good deeds for the day, and forget the structures and systems of oppression and sin that affect others all the time. Forgive us for only perceiving what affects us, and move us towards compassion for our neighbors, especially those on the margins of society. In the name of Christ, who lived among the margins, and casts a vision into eternity for us, we pray all things. 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**

## \*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

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## \*Hymn

*O Grant Us Light*

New Century Hymnal # 469

## Scripture

John 3:14-21

NT pg. 94, LP NT pg.81

## Sermon

Rev. Judy Arnold

## A Quiet Time for Reflection

## Offertory

Anthem

*Psalm 23 [1969]*

Music: Michael Hennagin (1936-1993)

Text: Psalm 23, Scottish Psalter

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.  
He makes me down to lie in pastures green.  
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.  
My soul He doth restore again.  
And me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear none ill.  
For thou art with me.  
Thy rod and thy staff me comfort still.  
My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes.  
My head, Thou dost anoint with oil, and my cup overflows.  
Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house my dwelling place shall be.  
Forevermore.

## \*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.**

## 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. 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*

Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

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## \*Closing Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Pilgrim Hymnal, #228

## Benediction

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

## Postlude

*Ein Lämmlein geht und trägt die Schuld*

J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

# 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. 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)

**March 11, 2018**

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

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 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 ...*

Marjorie Moore	Recovering from surgery
The family of Diane Neth (Ken Orth's sister)	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

### Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bertha & Gerald Barrett, by Elizabeth Barrett & Theodore Barrett.

### Would you like to volunteer your time, but just not sure how?

Consider being a part of the Coffee Hour Ministry! This ministry is looking for a new coordinator, beginning in September, 2018. It is a lovely and important function of our church, bringing us all together after worship, as well as providing a warm and welcoming place for new comers to get to know us. It doesn't require a lot of time, just coordinating the calendar, sending out reminder emails, and checking the coffee and tea stock two times a year. If you (and a friend) are interested, contact Christine Tresselt [cgtresselt@yahoo.com](mailto:cgtresselt@yahoo.com). She'd love to chat about it!

### Talent Show: Friday, March 16th from 6-830 PM in Chidley Hall

#### **Help Us Raise Funds for the Youth Mission Trips!**

The youth are hosting a talent show, which will include a baked potato bar and sundae bar (which will be inclusive to all those with most allergies). This is your opportunity to be a part by showcasing your talents. We are encouraging people of all ages to sign up to perform whatever talent they have (or think they have!). Email [ben.pulaski@gmail.com](mailto:ben.pulaski@gmail.com) or visit our website to sign up. Space is limited, so sign up as soon as you can.

The main part of the fundraiser is selling tickets to the event. For a suggested donation of \$20 per person (or \$50 for a family), you will gain access to the baked potato bar, the sundae bar, and the talent show. We are asking that as many people as possible to reserve their tickets before the event so that we have a rough estimate of how many will be there. Don't worry though! There will be some tickets sold at the door as well. To reserve your tickets, email [ben.pulaski@gmail.com](mailto:ben.pulaski@gmail.com)

### Deacons Service Breakfast

#### **Sun March 25 at 8 AM in Childey Hall**

The Deacons will continue our FCCW tradition of honoring the service of the congregation, and will be hosting the annual "Celebration of Service" breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 25th at 8 AM in Chidley Hall. Please RSVP, to Andy Gallop (781) 526-5262. More details coming soon.

### Let's Talk About Mental Health

A community conversation will be held on Thursday, March 22 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the First Congregational Church in Winchester. Led by Representative Michael Day, Principal Dennis Mahoney of Winchester High School, and Dr. K. Mitchell of DMH, the focus will be on youth and young adult mental health services. Consumer experiences will be shared along with updates on access to emergency services, recovery resources and advocacy groups. Open to the public, this informative program is free of charge. A light meal is provided. For additional inquiry, contact Health Minister at 781 729-9180 ext:106.

### Tuesdays with Jesus: Tuesdays during Lent from 6:30-8pm

Back by popular demand, we are 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. We hope you'll join us!

#### Schedule for 2018 "Tuesdays with Jesus"

Date	Presenter	Topic
Tuesday, March 13	Marty Rozmanith	<i>Jesus and Construction</i>
Tuesday, March 20	Julianne Zimmerman	<i>Jesus and Venture capital</i>
Tuesday, March 27	John Montgomery	<i>Jesus and Human Trafficking</i>

These presentations are recorded. If you would like to listen to one, email Sarah in the church office ([first.congregational@verizon.net](mailto:first.congregational@verizon.net)) and she will send you the link.

### Second Wednesday Bible Study

#### **Wed March 14 at 7 PM in the Health Ministry Office**

We are reading through some of the letters of Paul. We started with Galatians and are now on 1st Corinthians. In our next class, we will finish 1 Corinthians - taking up where we left off 1 Corinthians 13:13. 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, you won't be behind. We've discovered some amazing things about Paul and some that we found upsetting. It's part of the balance between strengthening our faith and maintaining our authentic selves. Come join us.

### Are you interested in the newly drafted bylaws?

You may know that a small committee, consisting of John Montgomery, David Peretti and Julianne Zimmerman has been working to draft a new set of bylaws. The aim is to have the congregation vote in new bylaws at the church's annual meeting in May. After more than 6 months of work, the draft is ready for the congregation to take a look at. You can receive a copy of the draft and, if you are interested, in the bylaws it would replace, by contacting Sarah at the church office [first.congregational@verizon.net](mailto:first.congregational@verizon.net).

The Leadership Team would like to invite you to come to a 'By-law q and a' after worship on March 18<sup>th</sup> in the Palmer room. Members of the Bylaw Committee will be there to give a brief overview of the goals, outline some major decisions that guided the writing of the bylaw draft and to answer questions.

We are interested in your opinions regarding the draft, whether or not you can attend the meeting. Please feel free to write to Penny Sparrow, church moderator, at [pjsparrow2@gmail.com](mailto:pjsparrow2@gmail.com), who will coordinate responses for consideration by the Bylaw Committee and the Leadership Team.

### Maundy Thursday All-Night Vigil

#### **March 29th & 30th**

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 March 29th (after the Tenebrae Service of Shadows) and ends at noon on Good Friday, March 30th 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