

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Christ lag in Todesbanden

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

Scripture

Luke 24:36b-48

Liturgist: Laurie Roby

NT pg. 91, LP pg. 78

Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

A Time of Silence

Prelude

Anthem (Op. 39, #4/1)

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Anthem

This Joyful Eastertide

Melody from Davids Psalmen (Amsterdam, 1685)

Arr. By Alice Parker and Robert Shaw, 1951

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: But now is Christ arisen.

The Call to Worship

*ProceSSIONAL Hymn

Thine Is the Glory

Pilgrim Hymnal #193

Scripture

Acts 3:12-19

Liturgist: Laurie Roby

NT pg. 120, LP NT pg.105

*Litany of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

One: Let us pray. O God, early in the morning when the world was young,
you made life in all its beauty and terror; You gave birth to all that we know.

All: Hallowed be your name.

One: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a new born child crying in a
cradle announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us.

All: Hallowed be your name.

One: Early in the morning, surrounded by self-interested religious leaders,
anxious statesmen and silent friends, You accepted the penalty for doing good,
for being God: you shouldered and suffered the cross.

All: Hallowed be your name.

One: Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved
that you had risen, that you had come back to those and for those who had forgotten,
denied and destroyed you.

**All: O God, bring new life, where we are worn and tired, new love where we
have turned hard hearted, forgiveness, where we have wounded, and the
joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are the prisoners of our
selves.**

(Silence)

One: To all and to each, where regret is real, God pronounces pardon and grants us the
right to begin again. As forgiven people let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

*Hymn

Now the Green Blade Rises

New Century Hymnal #238

Sermon

Rev. Judy Arnold

Quiet Time for Reflection

Offertory

*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.**

Prayers of the People

Rev. Judy Arnold

*Closing Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

New Century Hymnal #77

Benediction

Rev. Judy Arnold

Closing Blessing

Left: May the blessing of God surround you; may angels and friends share your journey.

Right: May you be safeguarded, loved and cherished; may you walk on holy ground

Left: May people of faith inspire you; may wisdom and justice empower you.

Right: May you be wise and strong and creative; may you celebrate life and hope.

Left: May God's image grow within you; may laughter and courage heal you.

Right: May the Gospel of life sustain you; all the days of your journey home.

ALL: Blessed we have been; blessed may we be; thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude

Christ lag in Todesbanden (BWV 625)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rhoda J. Murray and Dr. & Mrs. William Oddy, given by the Rev. Dr. Candice Ashenden and Atty. Pamela Oddy and their children, William David and Christina Louise Oddy Ashenden.

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. William Lewis, Custodian
Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter
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 ...

Cheryl Paradise, a Dwelling Place guest Lucy Sanders	As her life draws to a close Continued healing & direction for Arthur & my future
Martha George Jessica Brand	For courage and healing For healing

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

News & Upcoming Events

Chains of Love

Thanks to all the church members and youth who joined with people across town to make the "Chain Of Love" for the Winchester Library Staff during Library Appreciation Week. Drop into the children's room at the library to see the completed chain or to add a chain link if you did not have an earlier opportunity to do so. The community project expresses heartfelt feelings of love, appreciation and prayers of healing. ~ Kathleen Zagata, Health Minister

The Dwelling Place needs volunteers for Saturday, April 21st!

We are looking for 4 - 6 volunteers to prepare and serve a meal for about 30 people at the Dwelling Place on Saturday, April 21st. The Dwelling Place is a collaboration of area churches that prepares and serves meals at the United Methodist Church in Woburn for individuals and families in need.

Can you and your family or friends help?

- Volunteers can be adults and children.
- Serving time is only 2 hours -- from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- The food is simple and easy to prepare.

If you want to serve but are not sure you can prepare the food, we can help with that. We also can provide gift cards to help with food expense.

To sign up, please contact your FCC Dwelling Place coordinators: Lisa Loughlin (781.346.1241) lisa3abp@aol.com & Linda Alexander (617.763.0650) lgalexander@comcast.net

You are invited to a Civility Workshop!

Saturday, April 28, 2018 8:30 AM to Noon in the Tucker & Palmer Rooms

We hope you'll join us for an interactive discussion and workshop on the topic of civility. Using material from various curricula, a conversational technique called "Reverse Debate," and the spiritual practice of "Welcoming Prayer," we will explore a variety of methods for carrying out and modeling civil discourse in today's society.

There's no need to sign up — just come on April 28th!

A light breakfast will be provided.

The Adult Faith Exploration Ministry: Co-Chairs: Sarah Gallop & Laurie Roby, Judy Arnold, Anne Hoenicke, Andy McKinley, and Karen Roberts



Ruth Group Meets Tonight April 15th, 7-9 pm

Please join us to discuss *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish at the home of Karen Roberts, 3 Kenilworth Rd Winchester. Teresa Cader will be facilitating.

All women of the church and community are welcome whether or not they have read the book and new participants are always welcome. Decaf coffee & tea and simple desserts are offered by the host. Contact this year's co-coordinators – Anne Hoenicke and Kaye Nash – with any questions you may have and to figure out possible carpools.

Host Home Training: Learn About Hosting an Asylum Seeker Sunday, April 22nd, from 3-4 p.m., at Temple Beth Shalom in Melrose.

You care about your immigrant neighbors. You have made donations and have told your legislators of your views. Perhaps your heart was stirred as Deirdre Giblin described the plight of asylum seekers when she spoke about her work as an immigration lawyer on Just Peace Sunday. Maybe you want to do more. The Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM) Metro North Cluster invites you to learn about becoming a host home for an asylum seeker.

The training will include specific information about what's involved in being a host family to an asylum seeker — either short term or a longer term of 6 months or more. In addition, one or two people who have been or currently are hosts for an asylum seeker will be there to answer questions and share their experiences. Attending the training does not mean a commitment to be a host family, only that you are interested in knowing more.

Questions about this program? Contact Bruce Alexander (617-605-6030 / bruce_alexander@comcast.net) or Linda Alexander (617-763-0650 / lgalexander@comcast.net)

Our next Sunday at the Outdoor Church is coming up, April 29.

The Outdoor Church is a ministry to the men and women who call the streets of Cambridge home. The Outdoor Church provides spiritual and physical sustenance. On the fifth Sunday of the month, the First Congregational Church helps to provide both. We have walkers – the youth are representing us. We need the ingredients for lunch – sandwich ingredients and other items. Want to help? View the weekly email or our website for the signup genius. We will be assembling the sandwiches after worship on April 29th – put it on your calendar.

Earth Day Sunday April 22 at 10 AM

Concerned about climate change but not sure what you can do?
Wish you could be part of the solution?

Good News! The First Congregational Church of Winchester, United Church of Christ, is excited to announce the formation of a partnership between our congregation, the Green Congregation Taskforce and the Facilities Ministry.

Through the "Adopt a Light Initiative," there will be opportunities for all ages to take part in building a sustainable future for our beloved community. Through using available and cost-effective lighting technology, we can protect our planet and God's beloved creation for current and future generations.

You can take part by adopting an energy-efficient LED fixture or LED bulb that will replace older and costlier lighting. Every LED fixture or LED bulb that is adopted - is a faith-based action - and another step towards protecting God's beloved creation!

On Sunday, April 22, 2018, an Earth Day Service will be held - followed by an 11th-hour luncheon and presentation in Chidley Hall. All are welcome! Come, join us and adopt a light for God's good creation!

