

# Order of Worship

## Gathering Music

*Ballo del granduca*

J.P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

## Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

## Prelude

*Strophe for the Ascension Hymn (Op. 55, #4)*

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

## A Time of Silence

### Call to Worship (From Psalm 1)

Ben Pulaski

One: We come together to celebrate the joy-filled blessedness of living within God's rule.

**All: We come, blessed by the fruits of God's Spirit that as we worship bring joy and peace.**

One: We come together to delight in the rule and laws of God as they influence our living.

**All: We come, blessed by the fruits of God's Spirit that gives us patience and self-control.**

One: We come together to worship and praise the God who blesses, renews and refreshes us so that we are like fruit-bearing trees that are watered by God's gracious guidance.

**All: We come, blessed by the fruits of God's Spirit that enables us to worship God faithfully; and to accept others in loving gentleness and kindly goodness - to God's greater glory. Amen.**

### \*Processional Hymn

*The Church's One Foundation*

Pilgrim Hymnal #260

## Prayer of Reconciliation

### Invitation

Kathleen Zagata

### Silence

**Remind us that your prayer for us is to become one—to share each other's hopes and burdens, to create a world where resources are shared so that all have enough for full human life. Transform our separate lives into one life shared in you; take away the armor that shields us from the pain of others and fill us with joy that radiates from the core of our being. In the joyful spirit of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

### Assurance of Blessing

Kathleen Zagata

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father and Mother, 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

Ben Pulaski

### \*Hymn

*Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant*

New Century Hymnal #539

### Scripture

Acts 1:15-17; 21-26

John 17:11-19

Liturgist: Andy Richter

NT pg. 118, LP NT pg.103

NT pg. 111, LP NT pg. 97

### Sermon

Rev. Judy Arnold

### A Quiet Time for Reflection

### Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Judy Arnold

### Offertory

Anthem

*My Eyes for Beauty Pine* [1925]

Music by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Text by Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

My eyes for beauty pine,  
My soul for Goddès grace:  
No other care nor hope is mine,  
To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed  
From all the stars above:  
'Tis named when God's name is said,  
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart,  
That burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part  
Of that celestial fire.

### \*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.**

### \*Closing Hymn

*Bring Many Names*

New Century Hymnal #11

### Benediction

### Passing of the Peace of Christ

### Postlude

*Komm, Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist (BWV 667)*

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 deceased members and friends of this church.

## Meet Our Church

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

21 Church Street, Winchester, MA 01890

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[www.fcc-winchester.org](http://www.fcc-winchester.org)

[facebook.com/fccwucc](https://facebook.com/fccwucc)

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. 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

Mr. William Lewis, Custodian

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

**May 13, 2018**

Seventh 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 ...*

Leonore Eforo	In her grief at the passing of her mother
Jessica McArdle and Family	Successful surgery for Stage 1 Breast Cancer
Family of Emily Eddy, Mike Redding's sister	Comfort during their time of grief
Michael Cantella, Regina Campbell's father	Healing from heart valve surgery
The Troisi Family	In their grief at the loss of Marcie's brother and Nick's father
Diane	For her surgery for cancer and her recovery
Lisa and Justin Loughlin	In their grief
Cheryl Paradise, a Dwelling Place guest	As her life draws to a close
Lucy Sanders	Continued healing & direction for Arthur & my future
Martha George	For courage and strength
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

### Spring Flower Sale for RIM Metro North Cluster

Now that it's finally spring, get into the spirit by ordering flowering plants from the RIM Metro North Cluster. Profits support our cluster's clients, who are in the process of seeking asylum. There are order sheets on the table in the reception area and at the back of the Sanctuary. Flowers are provided by E. Cressey and Son, a wholesale grower in Rowley, MA.

- Make checks payable to **RIM Metro North Cluster**
- Submit your order no later than **TODAY**. (Pick up plants on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.)
- Questions: Contact Linda Alexander lgalexander@comcast.net 617.763.0650

### Bluegrass Music for Cantata Sunday, May 20, 2018:

Please join us on Sunday, 5/20, 10:00 a.m. for a very uplifting service! The Senior Choir presents a distinctive and festive morning of special music: composer Carol Barnett's and librettist Marisha Chamberlin's ***The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass*** - a joyful affirmation of life, expressed in sophisticated choral sound and jubilant bluegrass harmonies. The work is a brilliant and exhilarating blend of the classical mass, modern choral sophistication, insightful poetry and traditional bluegrass instrumentation. *A Bluegrass Mass* is scored for Soloists, Chorus and BLUEGRASS BAND: mandolin, fiddle, banjo, guitar and bass. Along with joyful bluegrass music, Reverend Will Burhans will deliver a meaningful message, along with readings, prayers, scripture and hymns. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music and Worship Arts, jringfrank@comcast.net.

### Summer Worship – Preachers and Musicians

Summer services begin on June 24. They start at 10 a.m., are held in the sanctuary and last for about 45 minutes. The shortness in length doesn't reflect their power. Some of the most moving messages are shared in the summer when congregation members do the majority of the preaching. It is a great experience to hear from fellow church members. And a wonderful gift from those who say 'yes'. Please think about whether you might have a message to share with your community. Because the choir takes a well deserved summer break, we also invite congregation members to share their musical talents. Todd Gordon of our sister Second Congregational Church plays the service music – hymns, etc. He is also happy to lend support to those who wish to play an instrument or sing. Feel a call to either of these offerings? Have questions or want to be talked into it? Email Judy (jarnoldfcw@verizon.net) and we'll find a date that works.

### Spring Fellowship Gathering

#### Wednesday, May 30th at 2 pm in the Palmer Room

Join us for an afternoon of music, refreshments and fellowship as we enjoy the Sounds of Grace Choir. The Ministry Team will serve the refreshments and provide an update on the youth and adult mission trips. Health Ministry is please to host the event and ask that you RSVP - YES to 781-729-9180 ext.: 106.

### Boston Gay Pride Parade

#### June 9

The Christian Church unfortunately continues to be an institution in many places around our country and world that fosters misunderstanding and mistreatment of our LGBTQ brothers and sisters, interpreting God's word in scripture as unequivocally condemning homosexuality. 17 years ago when the First Congregational Church in Winchester voted to be an Open and Affirming Congregation we made it unequivocally clear that we do not accept this perspective as true to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and instead we "welcome all people - people of all races and ages, mental and physical abilities, gender or sexual orientation, from different backgrounds of economic class, ethnicity, and religious tradition - to join us in worship and to participate in the full life and ministry of our church." This is why for many years now we have had members of our church walk in the Gay Pride Parade in Boston, to make our stance public and clear. Given where many other churches land on this issue, it's particularly important that we show up! So please consider representing our church on Saturday, June 9 and join Rev. Will, and others as we walk in solidarity with members of the LGBTQ community through the streets of Boston. We will attend the Pride Interfaith Service at 11 am at Old South Church and then walk in the parade at 12.