

Words for meditation and preparation:
"Imagination and Fiction make up more than three quarters of our real life."
- Simone Weil

GATHERING MUSIC

Prelude, Fugue & Chaconne

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. William Burhans

PRELUDE

"Praise the Lord" from *Three Handbell Sketches for Worship*
LASST UNS ERFREUEN
melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesend*, 1623
arranged by Hal. H. Hopson [2015]
The Carilloneers

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Jurgen Moltmann)

Ben Pulaski

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
black-covered New Century Hymnal 565

GATHERING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Kathleen Zagata

Leader: Jesus, truly God, truly human
women: **Truly infinite, truly frail**
men: *Your greatness holds the universe*
women: **Your lovely countenance attracts our hearts**
men: *Your wisdom searches us*
Leader: Your truth sheds light on our darkness
women: **Your generosity enriches our poverty**
men: *your friendship consoles the unwanted*
women: **Your strength turns away all evils**
men: *Your justice deters wrong-doing*
Leader: Your love-enflamed heart kindles our cold hearts
women: **Your miraculous hand fills us with all blessings**
men: *Your sweet and holy name rejoices all who love you*
All: **Your mercy brings forgiveness. Have mercy on us and hear the words Jesus taught us to pray...**
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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*ACT OF PRAISE

The Gloria Patri
(Please use words that are most meaningful to you)
**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.**

PH 513

*OFFER ONE ANOTHER A SIGN OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Kathleen Zagata

THIRD GRADE BIBLE CEREMONY
(We invite all the children to come up to the chancel stairs and the third graders to join Ben, Rev. Judy and Rev. Will on top of the stairs)

*HYMN

Spirit of the Living God (sung two times)
black-covered New Century Hymnal 283

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES
Offering Testimony
Following the offering testimony, please come forward as you are able and place your offerings and pledge cards in the basket at the front of the sanctuary. If you have already mailed in your pledge card, we invite you to come forward with the colorful "I'm in!" card instead, which you will find inserted in your bulletin. If you desire assistance, please raise your hand and a deacon will attend you.

Offertory Anthem

Praise His Holy Name!
Keith Hampton (b. 1957)
Refrain: Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah!
Praise His Holy name!
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise his Holy name!
Refrain
Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for ev'ryone and there's a cross for me.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy Name!
Refrain
Hallelujah! Praise His Name! Let us Praise His Name, Hallelujah, Lord!
Praise His Holy Name! Hallelujah Oh, oh- Praise His Holy Name! Praise Him!
Jeffrey Mead, piano; Rick Forzese, drums; Walter Ogier, bass

*Doxology

(Please use words that are most meaningful to you)
**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.**

NCH 780

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Judy Arnold

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 146
Liz Sayre

Response
F C7 F Gm/Bb C7 F
Antiphon: Judy Hunnicutt, 1994
I will praise God as long as I live.

Sung refrain: I will praise God as long as I live.
Praise be to God!
Praise God, O my soul!
I will praise God as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Sung refrain

Do not put your trust in nobles, in mortals,
in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans shall perish.

Sung refrain

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Sovereign their God,
“who made heaven and earth, the sea, and
all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

Sung refrain

God sets the prisoners free;
God opens the eyes of those who cannot see.
God lifts up those who are bowed down;
God loves those who are righteous.

Sung refrain

God watches over the strangers, and
upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.
The Sovereign will reign forever, your
God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise be to God!

Sung refrain

Mark 12:38-44 Paul Rahmeier

As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”
He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

SERMON	“Long Robes and Church Coffers”	Rev. Will
SERVICE OF PRAYER (Morning Prayers, silent and spoken)		Rev. Judy
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>We’ll Build a Land</i>	please see pgs 4-5
*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION (remain standing please)		Rev. Will
POSTLUDE	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	arr. John Carter

PH indicates Pilgrim Hymnal (red) NCH indicates New Century Hymnal (black)
*Those who are able please stand
Head-sets for the hearing impaired & large print bulletins available from ushers

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;
and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.”

(Colossians 3:16)

PSALMS: THE HEART OF THE BIBLE

It is often said that the Psalms are the prayer book of the church. Psalmody is the use of the biblical psalms in worship, as distinguished from *hymnody*, the traditional use of hymns and songs. There are 150 Psalms, at least half attributed to King David. The poetry is expansive - from elegant to robust, from plaintive to potent. Originally the psalms were musical poems, meant to be sung.

Beyond the liturgies of synagogue and church, the psalms have been woven into the richly varied experience of countless faithful people across the centuries. Martin Luther referred to the Psalter as “a little Bible.” Writer and mystic, Thomas Merton, wrote that the psalms are more than language: “They contain within themselves the silence of high mountains and the silence of heaven. . . . The Psalter only truly begins to speak and sing within us when we have been led by God and lifted up by Him, and have ascended into its silences.”

Many of you will remember that we studied the psalms last year during Midwinter Worship. There are nine categories of Psalms, and we chose to study four of the richest themes: Penitence (forgiveness from sins), Lamentation (crying out in sorrow), Imprecation (radical lament, beseeching God’s help), and Thanksgiving (joy and praise). The book of Psalms is a treasury of human experiences accumulated by generations of people who nourished their hopes and anxieties as they clung to their values and their faith in God. When we know the Psalms, ***we have the language we need for prayer***. Their richness and diversity give us permission to bring before God whatever we are feeling and experiencing. The Psalms help us to translate our most painful experiences into prayer – leading us to hope.

You will notice that we have added a weekly Psalm (usually the psalm of the day) to the reading of our Scripture in worship. Using psalm settings from different eras, cultures, and Christian traditions underscores the inherent emotional diversity found in this poetry. And we will explore that diversity, with psalms sung and spoken, especially employing sung refrains, from Anglican chant, blues, Christian contemporary, hymnal, jazz, Gregorian chant, Taizé and other traditions. We invite you into this rich and prayerful tradition of singing and speaking the Psalms, allowing the word of Christ to dwell richly among us.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music and Worship Arts for the Ministerial Team

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Today’s Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Drake, and Mr. & Mrs. Ralph White, by Dr. & Mrs. Robert White, and in honor of those from this church who gave their lives in the pursuit of liberty. The Narthex flowers are given in loving memory of David F. & Sarah J. Votaw, by their daughter Catherine J. Votaw.

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF LIVING IN CHINA as told by Fred Greene and assisted by Pam Budner will be held today -Sunday, November 8th from 2 PM to 4 PM in the Palmer-Tucker Rooms. A Fellowship Reception will follow. Open to church members and the wider community. Please RSVP: HM Office: 781 726-9180 ext: 106 or Kathleenzag@gmail.com.



A Contemporary Riff on an Ancient Prayer Tradition
Saturday, November 21, 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Come for a wonderful, worship-filled celebration of life in all its abundance: Sunday, November 15, our Morning Worship will celebrate and give thanks for God’s creatures great and small, especially our animal companions – beloved household pets (or photos of pets) and favorite stuffed animals. You are invited to gather in Chidley Hall a bit early (any time after 9:45 a.m.), to introduce your pets and to find your seats. The Blessings of the Animals Service will begin at 10:00 a.m., and the service will last approximately 45 minutes.

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Serving in love, Welcoming all with joy."*

ATTENTION SOUP-MAKERS! STONE SOUP LUNCH, NOVEMBER 22nd in Chidley Hall directly after worship. Please volunteer some of your delicious homemade soups for the Stone Soup Lunch coming up on November 22nd. We'd also love any extra hands for set-up and clean-up, too. A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer by the Church Office and will also be available during coffee hour for the next couple of weeks. Feel free to send me an e-mail, if you'd rather, at cgtresselt@yahoo.com.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DONATION: This year, the Faith Formation Ministry has decided to keep it local! We are teaming up with FAN (Family Action Network) to collect items and donate whole baskets to the **Woburn Council of Social Concern**. We are asking that families sign up to fill up an entire basket. You can find the items needed as well as a signup sheet downstairs in Chidley Hall today or outside of the office throughout the week, or just simply email me. (ben@fcc-winchester.org)

TURKEY COLLECTION: On Sunday, November 22nd, the church youth and their friends will be delivering turkeys to Pilgrim Church in Dorchester. You can be a part of this offering in a couple of ways. **1:** Bring one or more frozen turkeys to church between now and the 22nd-just place in the NEW freezer down in the Chidley Hall kitchen; **2.** Sign up outside the office to drive to Dorchester the morning of the 22nd. We leave after Stone Soup, spend about 45 minutes touring Pilgrim Church and their shelter and return to Winchester no later than 1:30. If you have never come on this outing, it is a great way to get to know some of the youth and to learn about one of the most active UCC Churches in the Boston area.

SECOND WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – NOVEMBER 11, 2015: Come and join your friends from the congregation for an informal Bible Study. We meet in the Health Ministry Office, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending promptly at 8:30. In anticipation of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday (and in honor of our Veteran’s) we will be looking at the Psalms. If you have a favorite one, make note of it and we’ll be sure to read it. Each Bible Study session stands alone. You won’t be lost if you start coming now. There’s no reading ahead required, no homework assignments, you don’t even have to read aloud, if you don’t want to. It’s just fellowship, companionship and scripture reading in a small group setting. Hope to see you Wednesday.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE is sponsoring a linen drive for the Mission of Deeds (MOD). MOD was founded by Tony Triglione in 1993 to help low-income individuals and families. Clients include: the previously homeless, mothers and children leaving battered women shelters, displaced veterans, refugees and victims of fire and other disasters. The MOD gives new beds, gently used home goods and furniture to people in need. During this time of year as the cold weather approaches MOD is in need of **twin size blankets and comforters**. We have a bin in the office foyer to collect new or gently used comforters and/or blankets for the weeks of Nov 1-15. If you have other larger items you wish to donate please check out their website: www.missionofdeeds.org If you have any questions you can contact Jody Collins Skinner at jcollinsskinner@verizon.net **Let’s help make the season a little warmer.**

THE DWELLING PLACE needs volunteers for Saturday, November 21st! We are looking for 3-5 volunteers to prepare and serve a meal for about 20 people at the Dwelling Place on **Saturday, November 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. Our FCC is responsible for preparing and serving the meal on the third Saturday of each month. Please Contact your FCC Dwelling Place coordinators: Linda Alexander (617-763-0650) lgalexander@comcast.net and Lisa Loughlin (781-346-1241) lisa3abp@aol.com

CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK (November -8-15)

SUNDAY	10:00	AM	Worship: Pledge Sunday & Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders
	10:00	AM	J2A Class 9th & 10th Grades
	10:00	AM	Rite 13 Class-7th & 8th Grades
	10:15	AM	Stepping Stones (Church School)
	2:00	AM	HM Fall Program and Fellowship Reception
	4:00	PM	Girl Scouts
	7:30	PM	FORUM (High School)
MONDAY	7:00	PM	Carilloneers
TUESDAY	7:30	PM	Boy Scouts
	7:30	PM	Mission & Outreach Ministry
WEDNESDAY	Veterans Day-Church Office Closed		
	8:30	AM	Men's Coffee & Conversation
	6:30	PM	Health Ministry
	7:00	PM	Winchester Got Lunch
	7:30	PM	Personnel Ministry
	7:30	PM	Facilities Ministry
THURSDAY	7:30	PM	Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY	1:00	PM	Directory Portrait Photography
SATURDAY	10:00	AM	Directory Portrait Photography
SUNDAY	Deadline for the December Spire		
	10:00	AM	Worship: Blessing of the Animals
	10:00	AM	J2A Class 9th & 10th Grades
	10:00	AM	Rite 13 Class-7th & 8th Grades
	10:15	AM	Stepping Stones (Church School)
	4:00	PM	Girl Scouts
	4:00	PM	Sounds of Grace
	7:30	PM	FORUM (High School)

2015 Pledges 11/03/2015			
Budget	Actual		Remaining
\$ 492,000	\$ 421,745		\$ 70,255

We'll Build a Land

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1. We'll build a land where we bind up the bro - ken.
 2. We'll build a land where we bring the good tid - ings to
 3. We'll be a land build - ing up an - cient cit - ies,
 4. Come, build a land where the man - tles of prais - es re -

We'll build a land where the cap - tives go free, where the
 all the af - flict - ed and all those who mourn. And we'll
 rais - ing up dev - as - ta - tions from old, re -
 sound from spir - its once faint and once weak; where like

oil of glad - ness dis - solves all mourn - ing. Oh,
 give them gar - lands in - stead of ash - es. Oh,
 stor - ing ru - ins of gen - er - a - tions. Oh,
 oaks of right - eous - ness stand her peo - ple. Oh,

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CREATION OF PEACE
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we'll build a prom - ised land that can be.
 we'll build a land where peace is born.
 we'll build a land of peo - ple so bold.
 come build the land, my peo - ple we seek.

Come build a land where sis - ters and broth - ers, a - noint - ed by

God, may then cre - ate peace: where jus - tice shall roll

down like wa - ters, and peace like an ev - er flow - ing stream.