

People We are Praying for...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Dianne Atkins, Christine's mother	for healing
Jessica Brand	for healing
Rev. Janet Dorman, previous Associate Pastor	for healing
Rev. Jena Roy	for healing
John Sawyer	for healing
The family of Marilyn White	in their grief

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



First Congregational
Church
in Winchester

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016 Worship at 10 AM

Words for meditation and preparation: "Even after all this time the sun never says to the earth, "you owe me." Look what happens with a love like that – it lights the whole world." – Hafiz, 14th century Persian poet

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN WINCHESTER, UCC

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Will Burhans

A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Maren Tirabassi)

Rev. Will

Who calls us to this house of prayer?

We hear an urgent voice crying for our presence.

Where is the sound of this voice lifted up?

***On the peaks of our joys, on the pathways of our daily life,
at the crossroads of our choices, this cry reaches out to us.***

Who is wanting us to listen?

Wisdom wants a voice in our life; Spirit longs to be heard.

How shall we listen?

***With ears open to truth; with eyes open to beauty;
with hearts open to one another;
with delight that we are called by the voice of God.***

Amen, let us worship together.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*
Black-covered New Century Hymnal #495

*GATHERING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER Kathleen Zagata

***Make of us, O Lord, a nurturing community
where everyone has a sense of belonging in the body of Christ.
Grow us into your faithful people and deepen our love for You.
Then, send us forth inspired by that love to serve the world
as Christ would have us serve.
And as you have welcomed us into life
and washed us clean with your grace,
make us a people out of whom grace flows freely,
that we may welcome others with joy into Your presence.
We pray in the name of our brother and savior, Jesus Christ...
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 *The Gloria Patri* PH 513
(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.***

TIME FOR THE YOUNG Rev. Will
(Children are invited to leave for an activity in the Palmer & Tucker rooms.)

TESTIMONY Kevin Dunn

THE CALL TO OFFERING Kathleen

Offertory

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

*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Will

SCRIPTURE

Liturgist: Liz Sayre

Psalm 23

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me, your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

Acts 9:1-20

SERMON "Heaven Calling" Rev. Will

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Will

*RECESSIONAL HYMN *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* (see insert)

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION (remain standing please)

POSTLUDE

*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 are available from the deacons.

We encourage you to use the nametags available in the vestibule.

BELL TOWER RINGERS this morning are Henry and Grace Wilhoite.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of deceased members and friends of the church.

FRONT COVER IMAGE is a wood cut of a labyrinth given by the congregation to Rev. Will on the occasion of his Installation, April 10th, 2016.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN WINCHESTER
NOTICE OF 176th ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

To the Clerk or Office Manager of the First Congregational Church in Winchester, Massachusetts,

GREETING


You are hereby requested to notify the members of First Congregational Church in Winchester, Massachusetts qualified to vote therein, to meet in Chidley Hall at the Church on Sunday May 1st, following the morning worship service, to act on the following matters:

- ARTICLE I:** To receive and place on file the reports of the Ministry Team, the Treasurer, the Clerk, the Leadership Team, the Purpose Forum and the Chairpersons of the Sustaining and Living Ministries of the Church and any other written and oral reports which the Church may vote to receive
- ARTICLE II:** To elect Officers willing to serve for the upcoming year, to affirm new members of the Leadership Team, to thank all those who served on a Team/Committee/Ministry in the past year, and to acknowledge all who will Serve in Love on all ministries as they conduct the affairs of the Church for the 2016-2017 program year
- ARTICLE III:** To hear and act upon the recommendation of the Leadership Team that the Church continue for a second year of a three-year trial period, with the new governance structure as described in the recommendations report of the Transition Team dated January 2015; and that the relevant sections of the current Bylaws continue to be suspended for the duration of the trial period
- ARTICLE IV:** To hear and act upon reports of special gifts and bequests, if any, to the Church since the last Annual Meeting
- ARTICLE V:** To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting

and you are hereby directed to serve this notice by causing same (or a copy thereof) to be posted in the vestibule of the Church's edifice, duly certified by you, at least eight days before the said meeting.

Non-members are warmly invited to join with us at this meeting, though will not take part in voting.

Winchester, Massachusetts
 April 12th, 2016


 Penelope J. Sparrow
 Moderator

Church Events This Week (April 17-24)

SUNDAY	10:00	AM	Worship
	4:00	PM	Girl Scouts
MONDAY	Office Closed-Patriots Day		
	April School vacation Week		
	7:00	PM	Carilloneers
WEDNESDAY	8:30	AM	Men's Coffee & Conversation
	7:30	PM	Worship Ministry
THURSDAY	7:30	PM	Choir Rehearsal
SUNDAY	10:00	AM	Worship: Eco-Justice Sunday
	10:00	AM	J2A Class 9th & 10th Grades
	10:00	AM	Rite 13 7th & 8th graders
	10:15	AM	Stepping Stones (Church School)
	4:00	AM	Sounds of Grace
	4:00	PM	Girl Scouts
	6:30	PM	Rite 13 Dinner for Parents
	7:00	PM	Ruth Group

Eco-Justice Sunday April 24

As Christians we are asked to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. One clear expression of such love is our care for the created world that God pronounced "good" and loved so much "that he sent his only begotten Son" to bless and save it. In this day and age of environmental degradation, loving our neighbors must include our non-human neighbors as well. Join us for Eco-Justice Sunday when we will focus our worship service around the Christian call for justice as it pertains to the earth and her suffering.



I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.