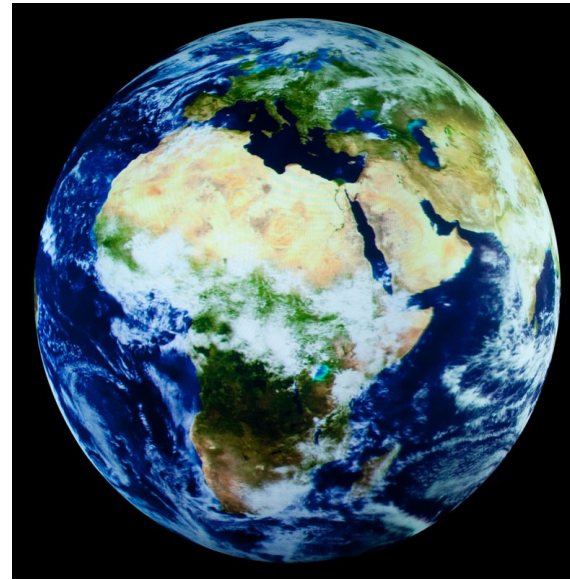


*People We are Praying for...*

<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 Eugene Sommerfeld, friend of Frank Willwerth	in their grief
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

Eco Justice Sunday

April 24, 2016

Worship at 10 AM

**Words for meditation and preparation:** "The lights of the heavens were imagined by Her. The textures of the earth were thought by Her. The power of the wind was Her delight. The creatures of earth, sea, and sky were painted by her. The senses of the body and the appetites of the soul were named by Her. She was present at the birth of all things. Renew us in your Wisdom, O God. For Wisdom is mid-wife of our beginnings.."  
- John Philip Newell's Celtic Treasure

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Mr. Ben Pulaski, Minister of Faith Formation: Children & Youth  
Sarah Marino, Office Manager  
Mr. Bradley Ross, Sexton  
Tyler Campbell, Assistant Sexton  
Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist  
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

GATHERING MUSIC *Adoro te devote (Var. 1-3)* Gerald Near (b. 1942)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Judy Arnold

A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE *Adoro te devote (Var. 4)* Near

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Ben Pulaski

Come all you children of God and remember the One who is your source, your inspiration and your destination.

***With God as our Mother, Jesus as our Brother,  
and the Holy Spirit as our Mid-Wife our lives are blessed.***

May this hour of worship remind us who we are, whose we are, and what we are called to do with this gift of life. And all the church said:

***Amen!***

\*PROFESSIONAL HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Black-covered New Century Hymnal #28

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Kathleen Zagata

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God forgive us for living out of balance within this remarkable and delicate eco-system that we call earth. Forgive us for consuming too much and filling the earth with our waste. Forgive us our arrogance and our belief that the earth exists for our purposes when you have called us to be responsible stewards of an earth created for Your purposes. Forgive us for our short-sightedness, for making messes upon this earth now that our children and their children will have to clean up in years to come. Forgive us, O God, and help us to find balance again.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kathleen Zagata

Through the gift of the Creator, the over of Christ and the embrace of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven and invited to know again that the image of God is what is deepest in us. Let us live out of that image and pray together the words of Jesus...

**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*

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(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.**

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. Will

Offertory Anthem *Emerald Stream* [1991] Words & Music by Seth Houston (b. 1974)  
(See insert for lyrics)

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

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**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

Revelation 21:1-6

Liturgist: Karen Swyers

John 13:31-35

SERMON

"Our Weight Upon the Earth"

Rev. Will

ANTHEM

"Mystery" from *Missa Gaia* [1982]

Words & Music by Jeremy R. Geffen  
arr. Jim Scott

It lives in the seed of a tree as it grows.  
You can hear it if you listen to the wind as it blows.  
It's there in the river as it flows into the sea,  
It's the sound in the soul of a man becoming free.  
And it lives in the laughter of children at play,  
And in the blazing sun that gives life to the day.  
It moves the planets and the stars in the sky.  
It's been the mover of mountains since the beginning of time.  
Oh, Mystery, you are alive, I feel you all around.  
You are the fire in my heart, you are the holy sound.  
You are all of life and it is to you that I sing.  
Oh, grant that I may feel you always in everything.  
And it lives in the waves as they crash upon the beach.  
I've seen it in the gods that men have tried to reach.  
I've seen it in the love that I know we need so much.  
I know it in your smile my love when our hearts touch.  
And when I listen deep inside, I feel you most of all,  
Like a moon that's growing wider, and I listen to your call.  
And I know that you will guide me, I feel you like the tide  
Rushing through the ocean of my heart that's open wide.  
Oh, Mystery, you are alive, I feel you all around...

Carrie Cheron, vocalist

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Will

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN

*For the Earth Forever Turning*

text and music by Kim Oler

(see insert)

\*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION (remain standing please)

Rev. Will

POSTLUDE

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*

\*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.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Carmine Piantedosi and John & Alice Devaney, by their grandchildren Julie & Erik Devaney.

**THANK YOU** to Stephen Haggett, who will be offering an artistic painted expression of our worship service today

Come, now, and gather in the glade  
Where the Emerald Stream and the Evening Shade,  
And meditate on the works He's made,  
Great God, our sov'reign Lord.

Join us, now, the meadow is green  
And the waters pure and the woods serene  
And the flowing air is fresh and clean  
Where God his blessings poured.

See the wind come down,  
Hear it whistle as it blows,  
It brings us sun and it brings us snows,  
A blessing from above.

And the sun comes up,  
And the sun goes down,  
And the stars and the moon go 'round and 'round,  
In witness to His love.

Hear, now, ye sons of men,  
For danger lurks in this great garden;  
The Lord will visit once again  
To see what we have done.

As God is the shepherd and we are the sheep,  
We our mother Earth must keep,  
Maintain the air, protect the deep;  
At Judgment Day He'll come.

See the Lord come down,  
Hear Him whistle as he goes,  
He bears a thunderbolt and a rose,  
Remember all his pow'r.

See the Lord come down, face shining bright,  
His holy feet are soiled  
But his robe is white;  
You will regret that hour.

So, now, my people beware,  
You're in charge of the seas and the earth and the air,  
You'd better take extr'ordinary care  
Of the Earth, our only home.

All glory be to God on high,  
Shout praises loudly to the sky,  
Listen to the Earth and hear her cry,  
And in Heaven forever roam.

# 163 For the Earth Forever Turning

*♩ = 40*

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 40. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a right-hand melody with chords and a left-hand bass line. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a vocal line. The lyrics are: 1. For the earth for ever turn - ing; for the 2. For the moun - tains, hills, and pas - tures in their 3. For the sun, for rain and thun - der, for the 4. For the world we raise our voic - es, for the skies, for ev - 'ry sea; for our si - lent maj - es - ty; for the sea - sons' har - mo - ny, for our home that gives us birth, in our

lives, for all we cher - ish, sing we our  
 stars, for all the heav - ens, sing we our  
 lives, for all cre - a - tion, sing we our  
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joy - ful song of peace.  
 joy - ful song of peace.  
 joy - ful praise to Thee.  
 blue - green hills of earth.

**'New Beginnings'**

**the 176th Annual Meeting, Sunday May 1st 11:30-1:30 in Chidley Hall**

You are invited! Do you have the annual meeting in your calendar? It promises to be a rich time, not only conducting the official business of the church and looking back over the past year, but also enjoying together, around a lunch table, stimulating conversation about the future of how we might further 'serve in love'. Non-members are warmly invited to participate in everything but any voting. The warrant for the meeting is posted.

Children will have their own lunch and a fun activity involving science, so parents can relax and enjoy the meeting.

**Church Events This Week (April 24-May 1)**

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
MONDAY	7:00	PM	Carilloneers
TUESDAY	7:30	PM	Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY	8:30	AM	Men's Coffee & Conversation
	10:00	AM	Ministry Team Meeting
	10:00	AM	FAN Toddler Playgroup
THURSDAY	7:00	PM	Leadership Team Meeting
	7:30	PM	Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY	6:30	PM	Family Fun Night and Curriculum Discussion
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	7:30	PM	FORUM (High School)
	7:30	PM	Men's Group

**FCC Monthly Men's Group Sunday May 1st, 7:30-9 PM, Palmer Room.**

All FCC men and their guests are welcome. We discuss matters that are personal and spiritual. Pot-luck beverages or snacks are welcome but not expected. Questions to [chris.noble@yahoo.com](mailto:chris.noble@yahoo.com).