

\*OPENING HYMN *Thine Is the Glory* Red-covered Pilgrim Hymnal #193

\*GATHERING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER Kathleen

***God, whose love and care for us extends far beyond our human understanding, whose presence in our midst is greater than our fears and doubts, we come offering ourselves to you – our weaknesses and our strengths, our faith and our fears. We seek to know the risen Christ among us in this gathering, and trust you to reveal him to us once again, as we wait upon you in hope and expectation praying as he 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, 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. Jena Roy

BAPTISM Melina DeSousa  
Child of Lara & Stephen DeSousa

\*HYMN *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*  
Black-covered New Century Hymnal #325  
(Children are invited to leave for Stepping Stones at this point.)

THE CALL TO OFFERING Rev. Jena

Offertory Music

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. Jena

SCRIPTURE Liturgist: Fred Greene

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you

forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON Rev. Judy

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Rev. Jena

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

***We thank You, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and help us show our love for You in how we live our lives. AMEN***

SERVICE OF PRAYER Rev. Judy

\*CLOSING HYMN *Send Me Lord* (English words)  
Black-covered New Century Hymnal #360

\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING (remain standing please)

POSTLUDE Little Partita for Easter (vs. 4) Woodman

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.



## Welcoming All With Joy!

Looking for a way to serve this year? Please consider welcoming a new member or a new family joining our church by becoming their Shepherd. The first year can be overwhelming for new folks, but by being their Shepherd to answer questions, invite them to church events, or simply making introductions at Coffee Hour in Chidley Hall can make a big difference. The Welcoming Ministry hopes that you will consider this important and loving way to support our growing church community. Contact Lynne Rahmeier, Liz Sayre, Fred Greene, Laura Bailey, Jennifer Richter or Christine Tresselt for more information. We look forward to it! ~**The Welcoming Ministry**

**Rev. Will Burhans' Installation Service**

On Sunday, April 10th at 10 AM the Metropolitan Boston Association of the United Church of Christ will join in worship with us to officially install Rev. Will Burhans as our new Lead Pastor. There will be a full and rich worship service replete with bagpipes, beautiful anthems, guest appearances from Rabbi Cari and Director Aba Taylor, and a guest preacher from First Congregational Church in Eugene, OR. and more.

You are invited after worship to Chidley Hall where there will also be a celebratory luncheon for all. Please join us!

### NCIS: New-Comers Inquiry Session Part II

Our second *New-Comers Inquiry Session* will be held today after worship for about 45 minutes in the Family Room (as you face the front of the sanctuary, the Family Room is through the doors to your right). In our last session we shared our personal stories of church connection (or lack thereof) and learned about our denomination, the United Church of Christ. This session will be focused on this church, its ministries and practices and inner mysteries :-). No need to have come to the last one in order to attend this one. And if you can't attend this one other arrangements can be made. Childcare available.

## Church Events This Week (April 3-10)

SUNDAY	10:00	AM	Worship: Communion
	10:00	AM	J2A Class - 9th & 10th Grades
	10:00	AM	Rite 13 7th & 8th graders
	10:15	AM	Stepping Stones (Church School)
	11:30	AM	NCIS: New-Comers Inquiry Class
	11:30	AM	Adult Faith Formation: Being Mortal
	4:00	PM	Girl Scouts
	7:30	PM	FORUM (High School)
	7:30	PM	Men's 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
	6:30	PM	Adult Faith Formation Ministry
	7:00	PM	Winchester Got Lunch
	7:30	PM	Deacons
THURSDAY	7:30	PM	Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY	CrossPoint UMC Youth Weekend		
SATURDAY	10:00	AM	FAN Weekend Playgroup
	4:00	PM	Jazz Vespers
SUNDAY	10:00	AM	Worship: Installation of Rev. Will Burhans
	10:00	AM	J2A Class - 9th & 10th Grades
	10:00	AM	Rite 13 7th & 8th graders
	10:15	AM	Stepping Stones (Church School)
	11:30	AM	Reception following Rev. Will's Installation
	4:00	PM	Girl Scouts
	7:30	PM	FORUM (High School)

## *People We are Praying for...*

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Rev. Jena Roy	for healing
Jessica Brand	for healing
Rev. Janet Dorman, previous Associate Pastor	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.*

### **Men's Group**

FCC Monthly Men's Group, Sunday April 3rd, 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)



Several flower dedications were inadvertently left out of the bulletin last week. Easter lilies which glorified our sanctuary were given to God and in loving memory of Shirley Hebert, Roger Coutu Jr., and Merle David by William & Robin Frykberg and Christine & Christopher Murphy

The First Congregational Church in Winchester  
invites you and your family to

# *Jazz Vespers*

March 19

April 9

May 14

4:00 PM in the Sanctuary

*There will be moments to sing,  
moments to listen, moments to pray.*



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