

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Sonata (Op. 65, #6) – Andante

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

A Moment of Silence

Prelude

Amazing Grace

James Woodman (b. 1957)

The Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

ONE: "Religion" comes from the Latin root word that means "to bind" and we come to worship to bind ourselves to God and to one another. In this sacred hour we remember who we are and whose we are; not self-made but God-made, not self-sufficient but dependent upon one another.

ALL: We enter this space as individuals but by singing, praying, listening and reflecting together, we are transformed into a single organic whole, rejoicing in the presence of God. Let us worship together!

*Processional Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

NCH #495

Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

(adapted from Walter Brueggemann's Prayers for a Privileged People)

ONE: We are a people with many words and much talk: creeds and ads and propaganda and slogans and sound bytes. We keep listening among these words for comfort, and we find ourselves made anxious by the cacophony.

ALL: And then, the din is broken. You speak and we enter the zone of address. You speak and we are called by name. You speak and we are summoned, commanded and sent.

ONE: Give us good ears in these days, that we may hear the mandate of love and listen for the assurance of your peace. That even such as us may serve you well, you who come to us in sovereignty, fidelity, and love.

ALL: Let your word be made flesh through our tongues and on our lips that our words and our actions may embody the very word made flesh in the man from Nazareth as we pray together: 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

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.

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

Take My Life and Let It Be

PH #404

Scripture

Psalm 84:1-7

Acts 4:32-37

Liturgist: Bruce Lauterwasser

OT p.543, LP p. 506

NT p. 122, LP p. 106

Sermon

"The Resurrection Effect"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Anthem

God Speaks to Each of Us [2001]

Music: Gwyneth Walker (b.1947)

Text: Rainer Maria Rilke (1875 – 1926)

Translation: Joanna Macy and Anita Barrows

God speaks to each of us as he makes us, then walks with us silently out of the night.

These are the words we dimly hear:

You, sent out, beyond your recall, go to the limits of your longing.

Embody me, Flare up like a flame and make big shadows I can move in.

God speaks to us, to each of us, then walks with us silently out of the night.

Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror. Just keep going.

No feeling is final. Don't let yourself lose me.

Nearby is a country they call life.

You will know it by its seriousness.

Give me your hand.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Judith Arnold

Offertory

Violin Concerto (Op. 64) – Andante (1845)

Sarah Campbell, violin

Mendelssohn

*Doxology

**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

*Recessional Hymn

Amazing Grace

NCH #547

A Word on the Stewardship Campaign

Tom Roche

Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Passing the Peace of Christ

(Please offer "peace" or "The peace of Christ" to your neighbor as you depart)

Postlude

Sonata (Op. 65, #6) – Fugue

Mendelssohn

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Caroline Sullivan Sheehy and Ruth Payne Marotta, by the Marotta family. The Narthex flowers are given in loving memory of Lilian P. Smith, by her daughter Martha Wishart and family.

Meet Our Church

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

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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. Ms. 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

Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Mr. Bradley Ross, Sexton

Mr. Tyler Campbell, Assistant Sexton

Ms. Sarah Marino, Office Manager

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

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

Listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary for the hearing impaired. An after-worship coffee hour is held in Chidley Hall on the bottom floor of the church building. 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 is a professionally staffed 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 sofas, chairs, carpet and an audio 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. You can also learn more about our community through our website and Facebook page:
www.fcc-winchester.org
facebook.com/fccwucc
Text FCCW to 22828 to join our email list

October 23, 2016

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 Worship Service

People We are Praying for...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Sherman Bull, Laura Bailey's father	Healing from a bike accident
Kelliher Family	In their grief over the death of Leigh's mom, Betty
McCall Taylor Family	Healing and support for family illnesses
Michael Fahy, cousin of Deirdre Giblin	NY firefighter, died in the line of duty
The Collins Skinner Family	In their grief from the passing of Jody's sister, Robyn
Jen Gilhool	Comfort
Lucy Sanders	In her job search
Jessica Brand	For healing
Olivia	Healing from trauma
Bruce Lauterwasser	For healing

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

Upcoming Events

NCIS: New-Comers Inquiry Session Sunday

Today 11:30 AM in Rev. Will's Office

If you are interested in learning more about First Congregational or would like to join the church, please join Rev. Burhans in his office immediately following the service. The second session will be held after worship on November 6th. This week our 45-minute session will be focused on the nature and character of our denomination - the United Church of Christ.

Honoring our Veterans

We will honor Veterans and those currently serving our country by printing a list of names in our bulletin the weekend of November 13th. Please submit any names to our office at first.congregational@verizon.net with the branch of service, dates served or conflict fought, no later than Wednesday, November 9th. Thank you.

Adult Faith Exploration Ministry

Today, October 23, 11:30AM-1PM

Session 1 of "Let's Talk About Faith," a 3-part series
(Sessions 2 and 3: October 30 and November 6)

Even though many of us are not sure we 'have it' and are not all that comfortable talking about it, let's talk about faith anyway!

Today's session asks: What is faith? What does it mean to you, and to your fellow 'journey-ers'? Do the terms trust, belief, hope, or vision help capture its essence? Are you more comfortable talking about "spirituality" than about "faith"? If so, what's the difference? Where does doubt fit into the picture? Is it possible that doubt pops up periodically for many of us, and that perhaps it means the beginning, and not the end, of faith?

In the remaining two sessions we'll be discussing the questions, "How do you form or develop 'faith'?" (Session 2), and "What do you do with it?" (Session 3).

Wherever you are on your own 'journey,' please join us to explore these topics - no need to sign up, just come! The group will be enriched by your presence. A light lunch will be provided, and child care will be available.

Offered by the Adult Faith Exploration Ministry: Judy Arnold, Sarah Gallop, Anne Hoenicke, Jack Howland, Andy McKinley, Karen Roberts, Laurie Roby

Habitat for Humanity

Join us for a work day on Saturday October 29, at the new site in Lawrence. Adults and youth 16 years and up, please contact Taylor at 781-729-6258 or Andrew Beltz at 781-718-9363.

Outdoor Church October 30

The Outdoor Church is a church for homeless men and women in Cambridge. It is one of the ministries Outreach supports. Our church serves there on the 5th Sunday - if there is one. Four times a year we purchase ingredients, make sandwiches, and send them with two or three congregants to Cambridge. There our members help to serve the Outdoor Church Congregation - they don't have walls or a roof, but they do have community and spirit. Our next Sunday is July 31st. Questions? Able to participate this month? There are roles for all ages! Contact Lisa (lisa3abp@aol.com). THANK YOU!

