

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Welcome

Rev. Judith Arnold

Stewardship Moment

Jenny Splaine

Prelude

For All the Saints

James Woodman (b. 1957)

The Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

ONE: People of all ages, let us gather together to worship God who is the Lord of the living and the dead.

ALL: As we worship this morning, we are aware of the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and who surround us this day.

We are one multitude praising God in the Spirit of the living Christ.

ONE: Sing with me, sing with one another, and let our voices join with the communion of saints across the ages, in Jesus' name.

*Processional Hymn

For All the Saints

PH #306

Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Teresa Cader

(see insert, prayer written by Teresa Cader)

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.

A Time for the Young

Ben Pulaski

Offertory

"Andante" from *Sonata in D-Major for Four-Hands*, K. 381 [1773-4]

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-91)

Nancy Kneiss & Lynne Rahmeier, pianists

*Doxology

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.**

Scripture

Psalm 23 (sung together - Pilgrim Hymnal #80)

Romans 8:31-39

Liturgist: Taylor Tresselt

NT p.158, LP NT p. 138

Sermon

"A Communion of Saints"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Anthem

Requiem [2004, arr. 2008]

Words & Music by Eliza Gilkyson (b. 1950)

Arranged by Craig Hella Johnson (b. 1962)

mother mary, full of grace, awaken
all our homes are gone, our loved ones taken
taken by the sea
mother mary, calm our fears, have mercy
drowning in a sea of tears, have mercy
hear our mournful plea
our world has been shaken, we wander our homelands forsaken
in the dark night of the soul bring some comfort to us all,
o mother mary come and carry us in your embrace
that our sorrows may be faced
mary, fill the glass to overflowing
illuminate the path where we are going
have mercy on us all
in fun'ral fires burning each flame to your myst'ry returning
in the dark night of the soul your shattered dreamers, make them whole,
o mother mary find us where we've fallen out of grace,
lead us to a higher place
in the dark night of the soul our broken hearts you can make whole,
o mother mary come and carry us in your embrace,
let us see your gentle face, mary.

¡Presente!

*Recessional Hymn to the Reno Garden

I Know This Rose Will Open

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "I Know This Rose Will Open". It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has three measures with circled numbers 1, 2, and 3 above them. The second staff has a circled number 4 above the first measure. The third staff has a circled number 5 above the first measure. The lyrics are: "I know this rose will o - pen. I know my fear will burn a-way. I know my soul will unfurl its wings. I know this rose will o - pen."

(While we sing our closing song, please proceed out to the Reno Garden with your memorial ribbons and we will conclude our service there.)

Placing of Memorial Ribbons

Closing Prayer

Rev. Judith Arnold

Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of our parents Warren, Mildred, Joe, and Marie, given by the Bernhardt-Puzzanghera family.

Meet Our Church

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

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www.fcc-winchester.org

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)

October 30, 2016

The Thirtieth-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 Worship Service

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](https://www.facebook.com/fccwucc)
Text FCCW to 22828 to join our email list

People We are Praying for...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Dory Cole Ogden, niece of Stephen W. Cole	For healing
Martha George	For healing and courage
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
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

ADULT FAITH EXPLORATION MINISTRY

This Sunday, October 30, 11:30AM-1PM in the Palmer Room
Session 2 of "Let's Talk About Faith," a 3-part series
(Session 3 is next Sunday, Nov. 6)

Even though many of us are not sure we 'have it' and are not all that comfortable talking about it, we are talking about faith anyway! Today's Session 2 will explore the question, "How and where do you get faith?"

Last week we sought to define faith and explore its many different sources and meanings, and next week we will be tackling the question of what one is to do with faith. Today's discussion explores the ground between these questions. We will begin with an altar-building exercise, followed by a 20-minute video about one man's experience with his evolving faith. These will be the backdrop for the rest of our session, both small-group and larger-group discussion of our topic.

Wherever you are on your own 'journey,' we hope you will join us! Each session is independent of whether you've attended the previous one. And if you don't have a faith-related object to contribute to the altar-building, you are welcome to briefly describe something you might have brought, or simply to say "I'll pass." 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



THE GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Today, O God, we lift up in gratitude the gift of eternal love you have shown us in Jesus.

People: We know that your love will never fail us.

Leader: Today we celebrate the lives of the saints who have come before us, worshipping you, loving goodness, and seeking justice.

People: They live on in spirit, and the light of their faith leads us in our daily lives, in times of joy and in times of struggle.

Leader: We have come together to celebrate our loved ones who are now in your care.

People: We celebrate the gifts of love and friendship they have given us that will be with us always.

Leader: We celebrate their talents and accomplishments, their personalities and character, their dreams and aspirations.

People: We remember them with laughter and song, dance and music. We hold them with joyful reverence in our hearts, knowing they will give us pleasure all of our days.

Leader: We live in community with them and are deeply grateful for the peace they give us.

People: We thank them now in silent prayers of gratitude, naming them in our hearts.

Leader: We forgive the loved ones who hurt us. We release our hurt and disappointment, our anger and trauma to you, O God, knowing that your comfort and love will sustain us.

People: We seek your healing. We feel your power to transform darkness into light.

Leader: We pray with full hearts that we may be singers of praise, bearers of light, and grateful witnesses to the gifts, large and small, that love gives us each day.

People: We pray that we may open ourselves to each other in loving community, sharing our hearts and minds, creating together a welcoming and nurturing place for all.

Leader: We pray these things in the name of Jesus, our savior.

People: Amen.

Let us pray together the words that Jesus taught us:

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.

Election Eve Vigil:

Regardless of the differences in our country, one thing we all seem to have in common is a desire for this election to be over. Yes, we are tired of the tone of the ads and encounters. But we are also anxious to begin the work of coming together again as a country.

At **6:30 p.m.** on **November 7**, we will offer a service of prayer, focusing on reconciliation and connection. The Sanctuary will be open for **Vigil from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** with music playing to set the atmosphere. You are invited to join in this quiet time. No matter what the election outcome, through the campaign we have learned that mistrust and alienation are widespread in our country. We hope that sitting Vigil together will help us begin the work of being one people again.