

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Ubi caritas

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

Guest Steward

Kim Farina

Prelude

Panis angelicus

Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)

The Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

ONE: As in the days of Jesus when the blind received their sight,

ALL: So may we see you, O Gracious Savior.

ONE: As we receive our sight and see you more clearly,

ALL: May we also see our sister and our brother; the hungry, the poor, the young and those no longer young; the lonely, the marginalized; those who live next door and those who live across the world; all are neighbors to us when we call you Christ.

ONE: Open our eyes as we sing, open our hearts as we pray,

ALL: Open our lives as we worship you this day.

*Processional Hymn

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

NCH #563

*Prayer of Confession adapted from Martin Luther King Jr.

Kathleen Zagata

Thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbors as fully as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive. We love our friends and hate our enemies. We go the first mile but dare not travel the second. We forgive but dare not forget. We actively address personal injustices but stand idly by when we witness systemic injustices that hurt others. O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could be but fail to be. Give us the wisdom to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love your will.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*The Lord's Prayer

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Reagan O'Neil, daughter of Brenden & April O'Neil

*Hymn

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

NCH #325

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Ubi Caritas [2007]

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Christ's love has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.

Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

*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

Micah 6: 6-8

Matthew 9:9-13

Liturgist: Stephen Cole

OT p. 866, LP OT p. 819

NT p.9 LP NT p. 8

Sermon

"Seek Justice, Love Kindness, and Walk Humbly"

Rev. Will Burhans

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(The Deacons will distribute the bread and cup in the pews this morning. Everyone is welcome to partake but if you choose not to please pass the plate to the person beside you. All the bread is gluten free and the cups are filled with grape juice.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Recessional Hymn

"For the Healing of the Nations"

NCH #576

Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude

Fugue in C (BWV 540, 2)

(In memory of Harry L. Huff)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of his and Marilyn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drake, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph White, by Dr. Robert White, and in honor of those from this church who gave their lives in pursuit of liberty. The narthex flowers are in loving memory of David F. and Sarah J. Votaw, by their daughter, Catherine J. Votaw.

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)

November 6, 2016
The Thirtieth-Second 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>
Family of Harry Huff, Minister of Music, Old South Church	In time of grieving
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

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.

The Dwelling Place needs volunteers for Saturday, November 19th!

We are looking for 4-6 volunteers to prepare and serve a meal for about 25 people at the Dwelling Place on Saturday, November 19th. (The Dwelling Place is a soup kitchen at the United Methodist Church in Woburn.)

Here is your chance to share God's bounty with individuals and families in need at Thanksgiving time!

Can you and your family or friends help?

- Volunteers can be adults and children.
- Serving time is only 2 hours -- from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- The food is simple and easy to prepare.

If you want to serve but are not sure you can prepare the food, we can help with that.

To sign up, please contact your FCC Dwelling Place coordinators:

Lisa Loughlin (781.346.1241) lisa3abp@aol.com

Linda Alexander (617.763.0650) lgalexander@comcast.net

Bible Study This Wednesday

Second Wednesday Bible Study meets in the Health Ministry Office at 7:00 p.m. This month the second Wednesday is October 12. Each month's meeting stands on its own – so come when you can and don't when you can't. Along with learning about the Bible, there is space for doubt, challenge and interpretation. This month we will continue reading Paul's letter to the Galatians, where he addresses a church unclear about how to meld Jewish heritage with Christian belief. Each session stands alone, please join us whenever you can. We end promptly at 8:30.

NCIS (New-Comers Inquiry Session) Sunday, November 6th, 11:15 AM

If you are interested in learning more about the church or becoming a member, please join us for the second of our two New-Comer's Inquiry Sessions, which will be held after the worship service on Sunday, November 6th. You are welcome to join us even if you weren't able to come to our first session. We will be meeting for 45 minutes in Rev. Will's office and we are happy to make childcare available if you need it.

Linen Drive for Mission of Deeds

At Mission of Deeds their sole mission is to provide basic home necessities, without charge, to those in need. As the weather turns colder the families who were recently homeless need warm bedding for the winter. From Nov 1-13 the Outreach Ministry will be collecting new and gently used linens: comforters, sheets and blankets of all sizes but twin size is particularly needed at this time. You can drop off your items at church in Childley Hall. If you have other items to donate you can contact Jody Collins Skinner at jcollinsskinner@verizon.net. Help make a child happy and warm this winter. Outreach Ministry Chair - Jody Collins Skinner

Embodied Prayer Saturday, November 12, 7-8:30 PM, Ripley Chapel

Do you feel a connection between your body and your prayer life? Join us in Ripley Chapel for a night of Embodied Prayer where we will celebrate the Holy through movement, breath and song. The night will offer some yoga, centering prayer, and chanting with live music. Please wear comfortable clothes, bring a yoga mat (if you have one), and any blocks or blankets that you may need to enjoy a comfortable 30-minute yoga practice.

Adult Faith Exploration Ministry

Today, November 6, 11:30AM-1PM in the Palmer Room
Session 3 of "Let's Talk About Faith" (Final session of a 3-part series)

Today's final session of the "Let's Talk About Faith" series will explore the question, "Faith: What do you do with it?"

Over the past two Sundays, we have sought to define the many meanings and understandings of faith, and also the many ways people acquire and nurture their faith. Today's discussion will examine the question of what a person is to do with faith, including the age-old debate about whether faith can be a private thing, or whether it requires 'good works.' We'll begin with Bible study and small-group discussion of two relevant passages (from James and from Hebrews), view a video clip about a concentration camp survivor and her undefeated faith, and then have a full-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. 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