

# Order of Worship

## Gathering Music

*Nun danket alle Gott (BWV 657)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

## Prelude

“Gabriel’s Oboe” from *The Mission* [1985]

Peter Owens, oboe

Ennio Morricone (b. 1928)

## The Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: We are gathered in the presence of the risen Christ who accompanies us through the Holy Spirit.

**All: When we abide in the love of Christ love, joy, and peace, grow.**

One: We are rooted in Christ’s love that we may bear these fruits together with all God’s people.

**All: With the faithful of every nation we sing: blessing, glory, thanks, and honor be to God forever and ever, Amen.**

## \*Processional Hymn

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

PH #461

## \*Gathering Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Lucy Sanders

(prayer from “A New Zealand Book”)

**God, you are our beginning and you will be our end; we are made in your image and likeness. We praise and thank you for this day. This is the day on which you created light and saw that it was good. This is the day in whose early morning light we discovered the tomb was empty and encountered Christ, the world’s true light.**

**This is the day you have made; we shall rejoice and be glad in it. O Eternal God, grant to us this day and every day such readiness and delight in following Christ, that whether our lives are short or long we shall have lived abundantly.**

**It is in Jesus’ name we 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

*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

## Scripture

Liturgist: Lucy Sanders

Psalm 48 (sung refrain)

Sung Refrain: God is my rock. God is my strength. God is my salvation.

My refuge, my abiding peace. I shall not be shaken.

Luke 23:33-46

NT p. 89 LP NT p. 77

## Sermon

“The End in the Beginning”

Rev. Will Burhans

## Quiet Time for Reflection

## Anthem

*I Thank You God* [1998, rev. 2002]

i thank You God for most this amazing day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything which is natural which is infinite which is yes (i who have died am alive again today, and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth day of life and love and wings: and of the gay great happening illimitably earth) how should tasting touching hearing seeing breathing any—lifted from the no of all nothing—human merely being doubt unimaginable You? (now the ears of my ears awake and now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

Music by Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)  
E. E. Cummings (1894–1962)

## Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Judy Arnold

## Offertory

*Deep River*

Peter Owens, oboe      Cameron Rohall, cello  
The Carilloneers

Traditional Spiritual/arr. Hart Morris

## \*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

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NCH #419

## Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

## Passing the Peace of Christ

*(Please offer “peace” or “The peace of Christ” to your neighbor as you depart)*

## Postlude

*Nun danket alle Gott (Op. 65, No. 59)*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

# Today's Worship Service

## Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Courtney Crandall , given by his family.

## Meet Our Church

**First Congregational Church in Winchester, UCC, An Open and Affirming Congregation**  
21 Church Street, Winchester, MA 01890 781-729-9180  
[www.fcc-winchester.org](http://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)

**November 20, 2016**

The Thirty-Fourth 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](http://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...*

### **Names**

### **Purpose**

Eddie Burke's dog	Healing of her tendon and her spirits
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
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

### **Ruth Group November 20 at 7 PM**

The November Ruth Group meeting will be held at the home of Jessica McCardle, 27 Pierrepont Road. We will be discussing Say You're One of Them by Uwem Akpan. For further information or for transportation contact Joyce Mills at 617-835-4692. All women of the church are welcome.

### **Habitat for Humanity Workday Saturday, December 3, at 8AM**

Please join us for a build day at our site in Lawrence. All adults and youth age 16 and up are welcome. Please contact Doug Taylor at 617-448-8327 (cell) or mccall.taylor@verizon.net or Andrew Beltz at andrewjbeltz@yahoo.com for more info.



### **Women's Advent Gathering Monday Dec. 5 7 PM**

What Do You Thirst For This Advent? A question to be explored in scripture and song at the Advent Women's Gathering on Monday, December 5th at 7 pm. Teenage daughters, mothers, sisters and friends are invited to join you for this tradition of fellowship. Details are available on the church website or by calling Christine Tresselt, 617 605-6618 or Wendy Procops, 617-835-9953.