

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Partita on "Slane" (1998)

Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)

Welcome

Rev. Judith Arnold

A Moment of Silence

Prelude

Partita on "Slane", vs. 3

Pinkham

The Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began.

All: God was.

One: Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of Heaven.

All: God is.

One: In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment.

All: God will be.

One: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: God was.

God is.

God will be.

Let us worship God.

*Processional Hymn

Be Now My Vision

NCH #451

Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

ALL: We gather here in your presence, God, in our need, and bring with us the needs of the world. We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus, and you know by experience what human life is like. We come with our faith and with our doubts; we come with our hopes and with our fears. We come as we are, because you invite us to come, and you have promised never to turn us away. We pray using the words Jesus taught us:

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.

*Hymn

Take My Gifts

NCH #562

(During this hymn, grades pre-k through 8th will be dismissed for a service in the Chapel, led by our Health Ministry.)

Scripture

Luke 16:1-13

NT p.79, Large Print NT p.68

Sermon

Rev. Judith Arnold

Quiet Time for Reflection

Anthem

Justus Ut Palma [1784]

Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

Psalm 92: 2, 12

The righteous will flourish like the palm tree,

He will grow like the cedar of Lebanon in the house of the Lord.

To tell of your loving kindness in the morning and of your truth at night.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Will Burhans and Jane Ring Frank

Response: O Lord Hear My Prayer

Jacques Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer; o Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer; o Lord, hear my prayer.

Come and listen to me.

Offertory

"The Hudson" from *Stone Rose*

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Recessional Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

PH #218

Benediction

Rev. Judith Arnold

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude

Giga (2012)

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of family and friends of Kris Montgomery & John Montgomery. Today's Narthex flowers are given in loving memory of Isabel and Everett Goss, by their 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)

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 sanctuary.

Accessibility

Listening devices are available in the back of the church 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)



First Congregational Church
IN WINCHESTER, UCC

September 18, 2016

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 Worship Service

People We are Praying for...

Names

Purpose

The Collins Skinner Family	In their grief from the passing of Jody's sister, Robyn
Jen Gilhool	comfort
Henry Wilhoite	Blessed recovery
Lucy Sanders	In her job search
Ken Orth and George Paolucci	In their grief from the passing of Ken's sister, Marion
	Sonichsen
Family & friends of Ann Miller	In their grief
Jessica Brand	For healing
Olivia	Healing from trauma
Martha George	For strength of body & spirit
Barbara Lauterwasser (Bruce's mother)	For healing
The family of Rev. Jena Roy	In their grief
The family of Steve Moore	In their grief

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

Upcoming Events

Shepherds Needed

Do you have older children and miss being around younger children? Do you not have any children, but would love to spend time with some? Well, do we have an opportunity for you! We are looking for a couple of adults who would be willing to teach or assist just a couple of times a year in our Stepping Stones program. This is not a yearlong commitment, but just the desire to help out. (Of course, once you get involved you will love it so much!) What's that you say? You don't think you know the bible that well to teach or assist? Well, don't fret! Our curriculum is set up extremely nice. It gives you as the leader all the background information! Which means you don't need a Masters of Divinity! Don't think that you are creative enough? Well, guess what! You don't need to be. The leader's guide gives you different activities to do with the children so you don't need to come up with things. You don't have time to prep? Ask any of the current shepherds... they will tell you it takes less than an hour. If you are interested in seeing what a week looks like in the leader's guide, there are some down in Chidley Hall after the service to take a peek.

We would love to have you part of the team. By volunteering to be in the classroom just a couple of times a year will give our shepherds a chance to enjoy the service and will make sure that we have enough support in the classrooms so that the children are having a great experience. If this is something that you would be interested in... please reach out to me ben@fcc-winchester.org.

Pack Up Your Sorrows-The Documentary:

FCC Winchester Screening and Panel Discussion with Meg Hutchinson will be held next Sunday, September 25 from 6:00 to 8:45 PM. The film tells Meg's story of living well with mental illness. PRE REGISTRATION information and the film's trailer link are available on the church website at <http://www.fcc-winchester.com/latest-news/pack-up-your-sorrows/>.

