

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Welcome

Rev. William Burhans

A Moment of Silence

Prelude

Voluntary (Op. 14, #1)

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

ONE: Rabbi Abraham Heschel spoke of the Sabbath in this way - "6 days a week, we wrestle with the world, wringing profit from the earth. On the Sabbath we especially care for the seed of eternity planted in the soul. 6 days a week we seek to dominate the world but on the 7th day we try to dominate the self. The world may have our hands, but our souls belong to Someone Else."

**ALL: Let this hour of worship -
tend the seed of eternity in our souls,
dominate the small and narrow ways of the self,
and inspire us to serve the larger purposes of God.
Let us worship together!**

*Processional Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

NCH #23

Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

ALL: O Lord, our God, help us not to conform to the patterns of this world but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. Grant us a new imagination and courage for the journey that we might live in ways that do not compute to the logic of materialism, competition, and imperialism. Make us into holy nonconformists so that we might see the kingdoms of this world transformed into your glorious kingdom of peace. Amen.

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

James Ethan Richter, son of Jennifer & Andrew Richter

*Hymn

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

NCH #325

Psalm 31

Liturgist: Bruce Lauterwasser

Response

Antiphon: Robert Train Adams, 1994

Let your face shine up - on your ser - vant.

New Testament Scripture

Luke 8:26-39

NT p.68, Large Print NT p. 59

Sermon

"Chained Among the Tombs"

Rev. William Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Anthem

Just As I Am

Music by Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)
Text by Charlotte Elliot (1789-1871)

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am, though toss'd about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings within and fears without, O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am (thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;)
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am, of that free love the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above, O lamb of God I come.

Prayers of the People

Response: **Lord, in Your Mercy hear our Prayer**

Rev. Judith Arnold

Offertory

Voluntary (Op. 14, #3)

Elgar

*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

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Judith Arnold

*Recessional Hymn

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

NCH #539

Benediction

Rev. William Burhans

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude

Voluntary

John Stanley (1712-86)

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 25, 2016

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 Worship Service

People We are Praying for...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
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
Bruce Lauterwasser	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.

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.

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my family, given by Mike Redding.

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE: Organ demonstration, Sunday, October 2, immediately following the worship service. As we prepare to renovate and restore our beautiful Fisk Organ, you are invited to come to the chancel, up close and personal, sitting in the choir stalls – to meet with Jeffrey Mead and to hear a few of the whines and groans that he so cleverly disguises each week. Jeffrey will describe and demonstrate the problems that have increasingly plagued the instrument over the last ten years!

FCC Monthly Men's Group, Sunday October 2nd, 7:30-9 PM, Palmer Room. All FCC men and their guests are welcome. We discuss matters that are personal and spiritual. Pot-luck beverages or snacks are welcome but not expected. Questions to chris.noble@yahoo.com.

New Church Library books on Mental Health and NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Resource Materials will be on display in Chidley Hall Sunday morning. After viewing Ripley Chapel and having a cup coffee, stop down to see the display.

Pack Up Your Sorrows-The Documentary:

FCC Winchester Screening and Panel Discussion with Meg Hutchinson will be held Tonight 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/>.

