

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

Ostinato Response

Mixed Voices

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Second Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2016

Words for meditation and preparation: It was the experience of mystery - even if mixed with fear - that engendered religion. Albert Einstein

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC *Christe, aller Welt Trost (S. 670)* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Judy Arnold
A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PASSING THE PEACE
PRELUDE *Deo Gratias* François Couperin (1668-1733)
THE CALL TO WORSHIP Ben Pulaski

(from the Iona Community)

In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began,

GOD WAS

Here and now among us, beside us,
enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

GOD IS

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

GOD WILL BE.

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

GOD WAS

GOD IS

GOD WILL BE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God of Grace, God of Glory
black-covered New Century Hymnal 436

*GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Kathleen Zagata

**Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness.
We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today,
refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your love,
so that we may live with purpose, enthusiasm and courage
after the example of Jesus our Lord,
in whose name we pray as he taught us to 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 *The Gloria Patri* PH 513

(Please use words that are most meaningful to you)

**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 *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*
black-covered New Century Hymnal 410
(During the hymn the children are invited to leave for Ripley Chapel)

THE CALL TO OFFERING Rev. Judy
Offertory Anthem "Kyrie" from *Messe pour les convents* Music: François Couperin
Edited & arranged by Paul Cienniwa
Text: Ordinary of the Mass
"Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy."

Doxology (Please use words that are most meaningful to you) 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 Rev. Judy

SCRIPTURE Psalm 27 Bruce Lauterwasser

SPOKEN REFRAIN: Do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall
stumble and fall. ³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. ⁴ One thing I asked of the
LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

SPOKEN REFRAIN: Do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the
cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. ⁶ Now my head is lifted up above my
enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing
and make melody to the LORD. ⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and
answer me!

SPOKEN REFRAIN: Do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. ⁹ Do not hide your
face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do
not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰ If my father and mother
forsake me, the LORD will take me up.

SPOKEN REFRAIN: Do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

¹² Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against
me, and they are breathing out violence. ¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of the
LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take
courage; wait for the LORD!

SPOKEN REFRAIN: Do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Luke 13:31-35 (NRSV)

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod
wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out
demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my
work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is
impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city
that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to
gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were
not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the
time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

SERMON Rev. Judy

SERVICE OF PRAYER Rev. Jena Roy

During Lent, we have the opportunity to lift our prayers in light as well as in words.
When invited, those who wish to may come forward and mark their prayers by lighting a
candle. Should you desire to communicate your prayers in words to the congregation,
index cards are provided in the pews for you to write a prayer on. Place the card in the
baskets on the candle table, and they will be added to the prayer bulletin board in
Chidley Hall. During the prayer time, we will sing "Jesus, Remember Me" as our prayer
response (Please see cover).

*CLOSING HYMN *Be Now My Vision* red-covered Pilgrim Hymnal 399

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING (remain standing please) Rev. Judy

POSTLUDE *Kyrie* Couperin

PH indicates Pilgrim Hymnal (red) NCH indicates New Century Hymnal (black)

*Those who are able please stand

Head-sets for the hearing impaired & large print bulletins are available from the deacons.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor and memory of all the Military who serve our country, by the Johnston family.

People We are Praying for...

| <u>Names</u> | <u>Purpose</u> |
|-------------------|--|
| Rev. Jena Roy | for healing |
| Jessica Brand | for healing |
| Rev. Janet Dorman | previous Associate Pastor, for healing |
| Ellie Kniffin | Liz Sayre's sister, for healing |



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

NCIS: New-Comers Inquiry Session

Sunday, March 6, 11:30 AM



New to First Congregational Church? If you'd like to learn more about our community, or are interested in becoming a member, please join us for an informal sharing and informational session immediately following worship on Sunday, March 6th. Please speak to one of the ministers or let Sarah in the office know at first.congregational@verizon.net if you are interested, and if you will need childcare. The gathering will last about an hour. Please join us!

New Members Are Joining

Church Events This Week (February -21-28)

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| SUNDAY | 10:00 | AM | Worship Service: Second Sunday of Lent |
| | 10:00 | AM | J2A Class - 9th & 10th Grades |
| | 10:00 | AM | Rite 13 7th & 8th graders |
| | 10:15 | AM | Stepping Stones (Church School) |
| | 11:30 | AM | Leadership Team Meeting |
| | 7:30 | PM | FORUM (High School) |
| MONDAY | 7:15 | PM | The Carilloneers |
| TUESDAY | 6:30 | PM | Tuesdays with Jesus |
| | 7:30 | PM | Boy Scouts |
| WEDNESDAY | 8:30 | AM | Men's Coffee & Conversation |
| | 10:00 | AM | Ministry Team Meeting |
| | 10:00 | AM | FAN Toddler Playgroup |
| | 7:30 | PM | Purpose Forum |
| THURSDAY | 7:30 | PM | Choir Rehearsal |
| SATURDAY | 8:00 | AM | Habitat for Humanity Workday |
| SUNDAY | 10:00 | AM | Worship : Health Ministry Sunday & Visitation |
| | 10:00 | AM | J2A Class - 9th & 10th Grades |
| | 10:00 | AM | Rite 13 7th & 8th graders |
| | 10:15 | AM | Stepping Stones (Church School) |
| | 4:00 | PM | Girl Scouts |
| | 4:00 | PM | Sounds of Grace |
| | 7:00 | PM | Ruth Group |
| | 7:30 | PM | FORUM (High School) |

Health Ministry Visitation-Sunday 2/28: After the Worship Healing Service, we will gather for a light lunch in the Health Ministry office before visiting church members in the community. You will be paired with a minister, deacon or Health Ministry member. The outing will conclude about 1:30 pm.

So I can schedule visits, I **require your RSVP by Wednesday noon (2/24)**. Please consider this Lenten invitation to serve. It is an uplifting and faith filled experience for all. Email: Kathleenzag@gmail.com or call 978 369-8593.



Health Ministry Coffee Hour - Today!

Join us for some delicious samples of foods from the Bible.

Habitat for Humanity Workday

Habitat for Humanity Workday February 27. Please join us at our build site at Parker Street in Lawrence. Interested adults and youth 16 years and up call Doug Taylor 781-729-6258 or mccall.taylor@verizon.net

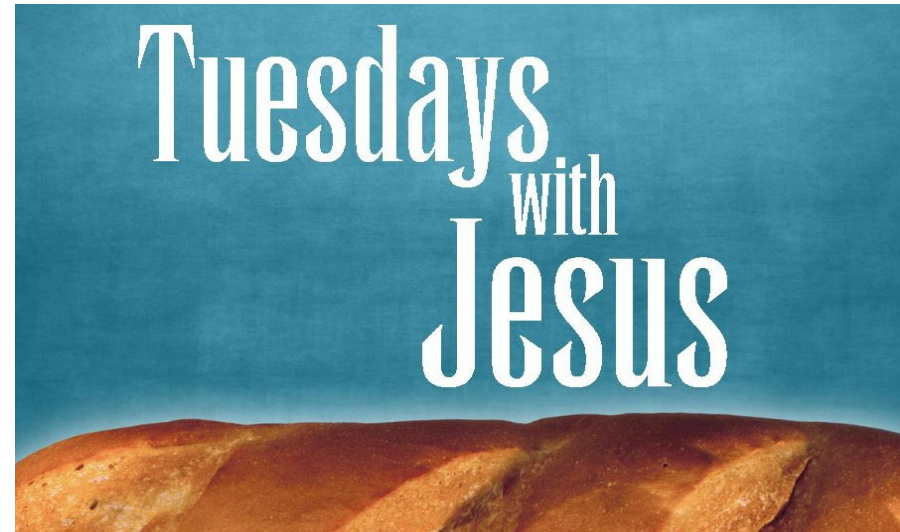
An invitation to the Leadership Team meeting!

Today at 11:45 am in the Henry room.

The Leadership Team, the group that has strategic decision-making responsibility in our church, is having its February meeting today.

The first part of this meeting is open to all-comers - please feel invited. We always begin the meeting with an opening devotion and then an opportunity for anyone within our congregation, including representatives of sustaining and living ministries, to bring items to the Leadership Team for presentation or discussion. Please let me know if there is something that you would like to discuss or present. We can work to determine whether the topic is appropriate for LT strategic decision making and discernment.

Thank you. Penny Sparrow, Moderator pjsparrow2@gmail.com



February 9 - March 22

6:30-7:00 PM Centering Prayer

7:00-8:00 PM Breaking Bread and reading scripture

Come join us for a time of prayer, conversation and a simple meal together each Tuesday during the season of Lent. Come to just the centering prayer time or just the mealtime or come to both. Come every Tuesday or whichever Tuesday works best for you. Come as you are and support your own ongoing prayer practice or learn a new one. Questions, comments, enthusiasm? Contact Will Burhans (iwillb@fcc-winchester.org or 781-729-9180) and/or Jena Roy (jenaroy@aol.com or 617-480-2558).

Ruth Group next Sunday Feb 28th 7-9 p.m.

This month Ruth Group is at Anne Hoenicke's home, 12 Sheffield WEST, Winchester. We will be discussing The Nearest Exit May Be Behind You by S. Bear Bergman. "Alternatively unsettling and affirming, The Nearest Exit is a poignant, funny, and graceful collection of essays on gender and identity" written by transgender author S. Bear Bergman.

Come enjoy decafe coffee and dessert and an evening of connection, companionship and book discussion with other women of the church. **You are welcome whether or not you have read the book and new participants are always welcome!**