

\*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.  
We encourage you to use the nametags available in the Vestibule.

#### Sanctuary Flowers:

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of John Sawyer by Susan's colleagues at Behavioral Solution P.C.

#### Childcare Workers Needed for Summer Worship Services.

Would you or a teen you know like to make some extra money this Summer? Sign up on the sheet hanging on the Nursery door. We need two teen caregivers each Sunday from 9:30 to 11 am. Each worker will earn \$15 a morning and you'll be paid even if no kids show up who need to be cared for. What a deal!!

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#### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN WINCHESTER, UCC

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An Open and Affirming Congregation  
The Congregation, Ministers to The World  
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Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

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# First Congregational Church in Winchester

## Stepping Stones Sunday

June 12, 2016

Worship at 10

**Words for meditation and preparation:** "You can't teach calculus to a chimpanzee.  
So just share your banana."

GATHERING MUSIC

*I Will Magnify the Lord  
Mercy is Falling  
Your Love Makes Me Sing*

(See Insert)

Rev. Will Burhans and Ben Pulaski, guitar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ben Pulaski

A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

*Gavotte*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Adam Stewart and Anton Crawford

God has called us to be people of love.  
God didn't mean the "syrupy" stuff of movies and novels.  
Truly loving can sometimes be difficult  
Yet we are called to reach beyond the difficulty with compassion.  
In all of this, God is with us, guiding and helping us.  
Thanks be to God for God's faithful presence. AMEN

\*OPENING HYMN

*Little Children Welcome*

Black-covered New Century Hymnal #323

\*GATHERING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Alex Sansom

**Dear loving God, Thank you that you promise us that where two or three are gathered you are there in the midst. Lord we welcome You amongst us today and celebrate the time we have to worship together as one family. We ask that You would open our ears so that we may hear your voice. Open our minds so that we may receive Your eternal wisdom. Open our spirits so that we may know Your leading and guidance. And open our hearts so that we may receive Your wonderful love. We ask all this in the glorious name of Jesus...who 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.**

BAPTISM Aaliyah Marie Olivier  
Daughter of Tatiana Loughlin and Tyler Olivier

\*HYMN Child of Blessing, Child of Promise  
Black-covered New Century Hymnal # 325

SIGN LANGUAGE Kindergarten & 1st Grade Class

Jesus is alive  
I've seen the Lord John 20:18  
Happy are those who don't see and yet believe John 20:29  
They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone Acts 2:47

RITE 13 CEREMONY

THE OFFERTORY Tristan Loughlin

Offertory Anthem *I' Been in the Storm* traditional spiritual/arr. Tim Harbold, 1995  
I' been in the storm so long; I' been in the storm so long children;  
I' been in the storm so long, Oh gi' me little time to pray.  
Oh le' me tell my mother how I' come along, Oh, gi' me little time to pray.  
With a hung down head and an achin' heart, Oh, gi' me little time to pray.  
I' been in the storm...  
Oh when I get' t' heaven, I walk all about, Oh, gi' me little time to pray.  
There'll be nobody there t' turn me out, Why don't you gi' me a little time to pray.  
I' been in the storm...

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 Sam Carpini

Eugene Peterson in his translation of the Bible says,  
"God loves it when the giver delights in the giving."  
Let's pray together:

**God of grace,  
it is our delight and our devotion  
to give these gifts to you.  
All we are and all we have  
are yours alone.  
Accept this joyful offering  
as a token of our abiding love:  
use it to bring peace, justice  
and comfort to all the world, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22: 36-40 Liturgist: Sally Burke

"Teacher, what is the most important commandment in the Law?" Jesus answered:  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like this one.  
And it is, "Love others as much as you love yourself." All the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets are based on these two commandments

POEM "A Teacher for all Seasons" Zoe Clarke  
By Joanna Fuchs

A TIME OF THANKS Ben Pulaski

POEM "To Our Sunday School Teachers" Georgia Keeler  
By Dania Hann-Lachapelle

ANTHEM *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love* Stepping Stones Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sophia Procops

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN *Jesus Loves Me*  
Black-Covered New Century Hymnal #525

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Judy Arnold

POSTLUDE *Oh, How I Love Jesus* arr. John Carter

## *People We are Praying for...*

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Jessica Brand	for healing
Martha George	for strength of body & spirit
Rev. Jena Roy	for a miraculous cure
The family of John Sawyer	in their grief

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

### **The Dwelling Place needs volunteers for Saturday, June 18th!**

We are looking for 4-6 volunteers to prepare and serve a meal for about 20 people at the Dwelling Place on Saturday, June 18th. The Dwelling Place is a collaboration of area churches that prepares and serves meals at the United Methodist Church in Woburn for individuals and families in need. Our FCC is responsible for preparing and serving the meal on the third Saturday of each month.

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:

Linda Alexander (617.763.0650) lgalexander@comcast.net

Lisa Loughlin (781.346.1241) lisa3abp@aol.com

### **Church Events This Week (June 12-19)**

SUNDAY	10:00	AM	Worship: Stepping Stones Sunday, Rite 13 Ceremony & Baptism
	11:30	AM	Leadership Team Meeting
	2:00	PM	Memorial Service for John Sawyer
	4:00	PM	Girl Scouts
	4:00	PM	Sounds of Grace
	7:30	PM	FORUM (High School)
MONDAY	10:00	AM	Memorial Service for Mario Alfano
TUESDAY	7:30	PM	Boy Scouts
	7:30	PM	Mission & Outreach Ministry
WEDNESDAY	8:30	AM	Men's Coffee & Conversation
	10:00	AM	Ministry Team Meeting
	10:00	AM	FAN Toddler Playgroup
	1:00	PM	Communications Team
	4:00	PM	WSSC Graduation Party
	7:30	PM	Worship Ministry
THURSDAY	7:30	PM	Choir Rehearsal
SATURDAY	5:00	PM	The Dwelling Place
SUNDAY	10:00	AM	Worship: Baptism
	4:00	PM	Girl Scouts

### **We Have A Tree!**

Many thanks to Cindy and Tom Mahoney (and Mahoney's Garden Centers) for the donation of a new kousa dogwood tree to replace the one that perished after the winter and summer of 2015. That tree was planted at the end of May and completes the "Dogwood Path"; our front walk leading to our front door. Please let Cindy and Tom know how much you appreciate their generosity!

## I Will Magnify The Lord

I Will Magnify The Lord  
Who Is Worthy To Be Praised (x2)

Hosanna  
Blessed Be The Rock  
Blessed Be The Rock Of My Salvation (x2)

## Mercy Is Falling

Mercy is falling, is falling, is falling  
Mercy is falling like sweet spring rain  
Mercy is falling, is falling all over me.  
Hey-o I receive your mercy  
Hey-o I receive your grace  
Hey-o I will dance for evermore.  
Jesus is calling, is calling, is calling  
Jesus is calling us each by name.  
Jesus is calling, is calling us each by name.  
We should be praying and praying and praying  
We should be praying on day by day.  
We should praying and praying on day by day.

## Your Love is Amazing (Hallelujah)

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging  
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet  
Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me  
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me

CHORUS: Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing (x2)

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising  
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me  
Every time I see You, all Your goodness shines through  
And I can feel this God song, rising up in me

## They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

We are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit  
we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity  
may one day be restored:

CHORUS: And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
By our love.

We will walk with each other  
we will walk hand in hand  
we will walk with each other  
we will walk hand in hand  
and together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land:

CHORUS

We will work with each other  
we will work side by side  
We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
And we'll guard each man's dignity  
and save each man's pride:

CHORUS (x2)