

People We are Praying for...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Dianne Atkins, Christine's mother	for healing
Jessica Brand	for healing
Rev. Janet Dorman, previous Associate Pastor	for healing
Rev. Jena Roy	for a miraculous cure
John Sawyer	for healing
the family of Eugene Sommerfeld, friend of Frank Willwerth	in their grief
The family of Elaine Valende	in their grief
The family of Marilyn White	in their grief

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



First Congregational Church in Winchester

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

Worship at 10 AM

Words for meditation and preparation: "But hope has an astonishing resilience and strength. Its very persistence in our hearts indicates that it is not a tonic for wishful thinkers but the ground on which realists stand." – Kathleen Norris

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GATHERING MUSIC

Jefferson

arr. James Boeringer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Will Burhans

A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Ad coenam agni provide

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 98)

Ben Pulaski

Let the sea roar and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands and let the hills sing together for joy. For the Lord our God has done marvelous things and all the ends of the earth have seen God's glory! So let us make a joyful noise to the Lord, this morning. Let us break forth into joyous song as we worship God together in Jesus' name.

*PROFESSIONAL HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies (verses 1- 4)

Red-covered Pilgrim Hymnal #35

*MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Kathleen Zagata

Hear these words from the poet Denise Levertov and then pray with me:
"As swimmers dare to lie face to the sky and water bears them, as hawks rest upon the air and air sustains them, so would I learn to attain freefall, and float into Creator Spirit's deep embrace, knowing no effort earns that all-surrounding grace."

***Into your arms, loving Lord, let us "freefall,"
upheld by your goodness and mercy.***

***Secure in your embrace, show us how to love without effort,
trust without fear, and live with abandon.***

We pray in the name of our brother and savior, Jesus Christ...

***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.***

TIME FOR THE YOUNG

Ben Pulaski

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, SILENT AND SPOKEN

Rev. Judy Arnold

THE OFFERTORY

Rev. Will

Offertory Anthem

Easter Anthem

William Billings (1746-1800)
Published in *The Sacred Harp* [1860]

The Lord is ris'n indeed,
Hallelujah.
Now is Christ risen from the dead,
and become the first fruits of them that slept.
Hallelujah.
And did He rise?
Hear, O ye nations, hear it, O ye dead.
He rose, He burst the bars of death,
He burst the bars of death and triumphed o'er the grave.
Then I rose,
then first humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light,
and seized eternal youth.
Man, all immortal hail, hail,
Heaven, all lavish of strange gifts to man,
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

Doxology

(Please use words that are most meaningful to you)

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***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

Liturgist: Dina Pradel

Psalm 67

John 14:23-29

SERMON

"With You in Spirit"

Rev. Will

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

Pilgrim Hymnal 284

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank You, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received Christ's blessing. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and help us show our love for you in how we live our lives. Amen.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

black-covered New Century Hymnal 76

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Will

POSTLUDE

Lenox

arr. James Boeringer

*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 my mother and father and my sisters Barbara Hall and Betty Smith, by Priscilla Saltmarsh. The Narthex flowers are in loving memory of Helen and David McKnight.

**‘New Beginnings’ - the 176th Annual Meeting
TODAY following worship, 11:30-1:30 in Chidley Hall**

Please join us, member or not, for good food, votes on decisions (members only) and discussions on the possibilities of how we might further ‘serve in love’. Let’s look back and look forward together.

Children will have their own lunch and a fun activity involving science, so parents can relax and enjoy the meeting.

FCC Monthly Men's Group Sunday May 1st, 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.

Call for Testimony!

Through our practice of sharing Testimony in worship, our congregation has had the opportunity to hear one another’s stories about family traditions, life events, faith experiences, and service work. **All are invited to participate in this practice!** Testimony can be a poem, song, reading, or reflection of any kind. It can be about struggles or joys — no matter the topic, it draws us together as humans and helps us to grow individually and communally. The sign up sheet for Testimony is located on the desk in the main lobby, right next to the Testimony Binder, which includes many of our congregation’s reflections. **Would you consider offering Testimony? We hope you will!**

**Car Wash/Bake Sale/Flower Sale
Saturday May 7 10am-2pm**

On May 7th, the J2A class will be washing cars and selling baked goods and flowers (because we ALL know some of you will forget to get your mother something for the next day). The funds will be going towards their pilgrimage in June. If you are interested in donating a baked good please email Ben Pulaski ben@fcc-winchester.org

Purpose Forum May 15: Town Day!

At your suggestion, the next Purpose Forum will take place for just a half hour after worship on May 15. There will be one agenda item: to plan the FCCW presence at Town Day in early June. Last year we offered "Rest, Respite, & Restrooms:" free lemonade, access to restrooms, and a shady spot to picnic. What are your suggestions for improvements? Please join us and share your ideas! Everyone is invited.

Church Events This Week (May 1-8)

SUNDAY	Walk for Hunger		
	10:00	AM	Worship
	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	Annual Meeting
	4:00	AM	Sounds of Grace
	4:00	PM	Girl Scouts
	7:30	PM	FORUM (High School)
	7:30	PM	Men's Group
MONDAY	7:00	PM	Carilloneers
TUESDAY	7:00	PM	Winchester Got Lunch
	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
	6:00	PM	Adult Faith Formation Ministry
	7:30	PM	Deacons
THURSDAY	7:30	PM	Choir Rehearsal
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