

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Benediction – Let Us All Live in Peace (2013)

Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

Moment of Silence

Prelude

Prelude: O For a Closer Walk With God
Susan Navien, soprano

Eric H. Thiman (1900-75)
Text: William Cowper (1731-1800)

The Call to Worship

Kathleen Zagata

One: Come, gather together like those who sat at Jesus' feet so many years ago.

All: We gather with joy, for we too want to be disciples of Christ.

One: I tell you, Christ is here with us, calling us now to life and love.

**All: Let us praise God for bringing us together,
and coming to us in Jesus Christ. AMEN**

*Opening Hymn

Morning Has Broken

PH #38

*Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

O Spirit that flows through all life, you were powerfully present in the life and ministry of Jesus. Yet many of his contemporaries were looking for something more dramatic, someone less simple. Like them, we do not always recognize your presence.

Give us spirits that respond to your Spirit as an instrument resounds to a musician's touch, that we may glorify your name in Christ Jesus and pray as he 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.

A Time for the Young

Rev. Judy Arnold

*Hymn

O for a World,

NCH # 575

Prayers of the People

Rev. Lucy Sanders

Scripture

New Testament - Matthew 5:38-48

Liturgist: Laurie Roby
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Sermon

Rev. Judy Arnold

Quiet Time for Reflection

Offertory

Ring Out, Wild Bells [2006]

Music: Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

Text: Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-92), G.W., alt.

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, the flying cloud, the frosty light;

The year is dying in the night; ring out, wild bells!

Ring out the old, ring in the new, ring happy bells across the snow:

The year is going, let him go: ring out the false, ring in the true.

Come, Lord Jesus come.

Ring out the loss, the care, the sin, the bitter coldness of the times:

Ring out the empty mournful rhymes, but ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out the pride in place and blood, the cruel slander and the spite;

Come, o come, ring in the love of truth and right, ring in the common love of good.

Ring out the blight of our disease, ring out the futile lust of gold;

Ring out the thousand wars of old, ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring out, wild bells!

Ring in the valiant soul and free, the larger heart, the kinder hand;

Ring out the darkness of the land, ring in the Christ that is to be.

Come, Emmanuel!

*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

*Closing Hymn

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

NCH #295

Benediction

Rev. Judy Arnold

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude

"French" Suite #5 (BWV 816) – Gavotte

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Today's Worship Service

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.

Meet Our Church

First Congregational Church in Winchester, UCC, An Open and Affirming Congregation

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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)

February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 Worship Service

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 church.

Accessibility

Listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary 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)
Text FCCW to 22828 to join our email list

People We Are Praying for...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Bradley Ross	For comfort and healing
Michael Caine	Healing from cancer
Bob Shirley	For strength and healing
Dory Cole Ogden, niece of Stephen W. Cole	For healing
Martha George	For healing and courage
Jessica Brand	For healing

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

Upcoming Events

Men's Group Sunday Feb 19 7:30 PM

FCC Monthly Men's Group, TONIGHT, 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.

Health Ministry Coffee Hour- Today!

Join members of your health team after worship to learn about Health Ministry's Lenten 40 Challenge. On display will be mind, body and spirit practices to improve health and wellness. Join us for coffee and conversation while you sample health snacks.

Eleventh Hour: An Update on Myanmar.

Sunday, February 26 at 11:30 a.m. (or so) Palmer Room
Please join Minister of Music and Worship Arts, Jane Ring Frank, for a presentation on her most recent trip to Myanmar. With anecdotes and slides, Jane will share the way the Outreach Ministry's grant (thank you to our church!) and individual contributions were distributed and used to aid children and young adults in need.

Habitat for Humanity Workday

Sat March 4 8:00 AM-4 PM

Lawrence, MA

Please join us for a build day at our site in Lawrence. All adults and youth age 16 and up are welcome. Please contact Doug Taylor at 617-448-8327 (cell) or mccall.taylor@verizon.net or Andrew Beltz at andrewjbeltz@yahoo.com for more info.

Tuesdays with Jesus

March 7 through April 11

6:30-8:00pm

As a way of staying conscious and connected to Jesus during the week on our Lenten journeys, we invite you to join us for an evening of prayer, reflection, and dinner together. From 6:30 to 6:50 we will be in the Palmer Room for Centering Prayer (silent meditation) as a way of meeting Christ beyond words, images, and attachments, and then we will gather for soup and a presentation in the Tucker Room where we will listen to how 6 of our fellow community members relate Jesus and their faith to the work they do. These are the presenters and their topics (not in order of appearance, yet!).

Beth Bernhart - Jesus and Political Engagement

Deirdre Giblin - Jesus and Welcoming Refugees

Bruce Lauterwasser - Jesus and Weapons Manufacturing

David Page - Jesus and the Human Genome Project

Jennie Ryan - Jesus, Justice and the Environmental Movement

Malcolm Sparrow - Jesus and Harm Reduction

We hope you can join us and that this series will enrich your Lenten journey this year. Please let us know if childcare is needed and we would be happy to provide!