

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Andante

Franz Schubert (1797-1831)

Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

Moment of Silence

Prelude

"French" Suite #5 (BWV 816) – Sarabande

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Call to Worship (Exodus)

Ben Pulaski

One: God who waits on the mountain of holiness...

All: Our God calls us.

One: Our God who shines in cloud and fire

All: Our God stirs us

One: Our God who is honored for honesty, love, justice-

All: Our God offers us guidance.

One: Our God who abides in compassion and forgiveness

**ALL; Our God receives us into the heights of worship,
so that we may return to our covenant life.**

*Opening Hymn

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

NCH #182

*Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

Holy God, we extol and honor you for who you are.

**We praise you for your faithfulness and for your tender mercies
that are renewed every morning.**

**We exalt you, Sovereign One, for every blessing of yesterday,
the gift of this day, and the promises of our tomorrows.**

Grant us an enduring faith as we strive against oppression and despair.

Endow us with contagious joy that uplifts the downtrodden and inspires hope in you.

**Increase in us the faith and courage of the prophets,
the love of Jesus, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.**

In your majestic name we pray, as Jesus 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

Ben Pulaski

*Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

NCH # 472

Prayers of the People

Rev. Judy Arnold

Scripture

New Testament - Matthew 17:1-9

Liturgist: Bruce Lauterwasser
p. 18, LP p. 16

Sermon

Rev. Judy Arnold

Quiet Time for Reflection

Offertory

Order My Steps (in Your Word) [1991] Words & Music by Glenn Burleigh (1949 – 2007)

Order my steps in Your word dear Lord, lead me, guide me every day,
send Your anointing, Father I pray;

order my steps in Your word, please, order my steps in Your word.

Humbly, I ask Thee to teach me Your will, while You are working, help me be still,
Satan is busy, but my God is real;

order my steps in Your word, please, order my steps in Your word.

I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill.

Please order my steps Lord, and I'll do Your blessed will.

The world is ever changing, but You are still the same;

if You order my steps, I'll praise Your name.

Order my steps in Your word. Order my tongue in Your word.

Guide my feet in Your word. Wash my heart in Your word.

Show me how to walk in Your word. Show me how to talk in Your word.

When I need a brand new song to sing, show me how to let Your praises ring,
in your word...please order my steps in Your word...

Jeffrey Mead, piano Rick Forzese, drums

*Doxology

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.

*Closing Hymn

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

NCH #282

Benediction

Rev. Judy Arnold

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

arr. Steven K. Tedesco

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sally Finn. The Narthex flowers are given in honor of her mother, Mrs. W. Haven Sherburne, both by Mr. Jay Finn.

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 26, 2017

Transfiguration Sunday

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>
Grace Farina	For comfort, patience and healing
Diane Neth, sister of Ken Orth	For comfort in her grief
Henry Daggett	Healing and recovery from a broken hip
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

Centering through Prayer with Meditation in Movement:

Health Ministry Coffee Hour Today! Join Health Ministry in the Tucker Room for tasty mid morning snacks and suggestions for Lenten Centering practices. Nanci Church will introduce a meditation in movement called Qigong. Movement such as Qigong and Yoga stills the self while prayer centers us in Christ.

Discernment Question:

Is there ONE lifestyle change- mind, body or spirit that practiced for the 40 days of Lent (March 1 through April 15) would create greater health and well-being? This is the aim of the "Lenten 40 Challenge" which Health Ministry invites you to try. A lifestyle challenge may be a daily expression of gratitude, fasting after dinner until breakfast, centering each day in prayer or incorporating brain healthy foods and oils in meal planning. You decide the personal challenge- remember just one!

For additional information, see the health Ministry email updates or contact Health Ministry members, Pam Budner and Nanci Church.

Eleventh Hour: An Update on Myanmar.

Today 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.

FCC Monthly Men's Group, Sunday March 5, 7:30-9 PM, Palmer Room.

All FCC men and their guests are welcome. We discuss matters that are personal and spiritual. Potluck beverages or snacks are welcome but not expected. Questions to chris.noble@yahoo.com.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wed March 1 7:00 PM in Ripley Chapel

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, the period between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Traditionally we observe Lent with fasting, prayer and other spiritual practices. This year we will have the opportunity to immerse ourselves more deeply in Centering Prayer, a spiritual practice we are invited to learn about and practice in a workshop on Saturday, February 6th. All of the Lenten practices are meant to help prepare us for the events of Holy Week, that we might experience them with a quiet and open soul. Ash Wednesday marks Lent's beginning. The ashes, made from the burning of last year's Palm Sunday palms, are a biblical sign of penance. We will offer each other this sign in a Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1. The service includes several readings to deepen our understanding of ashes in our Christian tradition. We will offer the sign of the cross in ashes to those who desire it. The service is planned to be about a half-hour so Ministry Meetings can start on time.

Leadership Team March 5 11:30 AM

The next meeting of our church's Leadership Team is scheduled for March 5th. If you have an item that you think might be good for the LT to discuss, please let me know. Also, you are always welcome to come and share with us in at least the first part of the meeting. We eat a light snack and get down to business at about 11:30 in the Palmer room. Come and share with us in thinking about the strategic direction of our church. Penny Sparrow
pjsparrow2@gmail.com

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!