

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Impromptu (Op post. 142, #2)

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold

Moment of Silence

Prelude

En Prière

Music: Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)
Stéphane Bordèse (1957-1919)

If the voice of a child could reach up to you, O my Father,
To be heard by Jesus... kneeling before You, a prayer!
If you have chosen me to teach your laws on Earth,
I would know how to serve you, august King of kings, O Light!
On my lips, Lord, place the salutary Truth, so that those who doubt,
with humility will revere you!
Do not abandon me, but give me the Grace necessary to
overcome evils, and to relieve pain & misery!
Reveal yourself to me, Lord in whom I believe and hope!
For You I want to suffer and die on the Cross, on Calvary!
Susan K. Navien, soprano

The Call to Worship

Maire Claire DuBard

One: Like empty jars, we have come to be filled.

All: Like ornamental candles, we have come to be set ablaze.

One: Like aged wine in a cask, we have come to be poured out.

All: Like weary travelers we have come to find rest.

One: Like lovers drifted apart, we have come to be reconciled.

All: Like little children we have come to be surprised!

One: God says "come and talk with me, O my people!"

All: And our hearts responds, "God, I am coming!"

*Processional Hymn

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

NCH #89

*Morning Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

(adapted from Joseph Newton prayer "The Rhythm of Faith")

We seek You, O God, as we worship this morning;

You, the love who never forgets,

You, The light that never fails,

You, the life that never ends.

We bow down together with You before us

and the cares of our lives become easier to bear,

And the lonely hurt of our hearts are healed by Your great peace.

Teach us O God this hour to always live in the sense of Your nearness,

And within the vision of the infinite meaning of life. In Jesus' name we 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

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

Scripture

Psalm 121

Liturgist: Paul Rahmeier
p. 571, LP p. 534

Response

Antiphon: David Hurd, 1994

Unison

My help comes from God who made heav - en and earth.

John 3:11-17

p. 94, LP p. 81

Anthem

"Kyrie" from *Pavane*, Opus 50 [1886]

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)/arr. Frackenpohl

(Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy)

Sermon

Hale Tresselt, Thomas Dodge, Katie Skinner

"Reflections on the Youth Mission to Tuskegee"

Offertory

"A Week of Pictures, A Lifetime of Memories"

Rev. Will Burhans

Music: *We Believe* by the Newsboys

*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.**

Service of Prayer

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, blank 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. (See cover)

Ostinato Refrain *Jesus, Remember Me*

Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

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The image shows two systems of musical notation for an ostinato refrain. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a rhythmic accompaniment. The lyrics are 'Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.' The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

March 12, 2017
The First Sunday of Lent
10:00 Worship Service

***Closing Hymn**

They'll Know We Are Christians

See insert

Benediction

Rev. Judy Arnold & Rev. Will Burhans

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) – Courante

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Sanctuary Flowers:

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bertha & Gerald Barrett, by Elizabeth Barrett & Theodore Barrett.

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)

People We Are Praying for...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
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
Bob Shirley	For strength and healing
Jessica Brand	For healing

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

Today's Worship Service

For more information about this year's high school mission trip, feel free to start a conversation with those students who attended:

Katie Skinner, Hannah Lauterwasser, Gabby Fernando McKinley, Carlina Fernando McKinley, Kailey Lane, Julia Snider, Hale Tresselt, Kyle Roche, Thomas Dodge, Ethan Kendall, Jack Carpini, Harry Carpini, Reed Kendall, Justin Loughlin and Sophie Ehrbar.

A huge thanks to Andy McKinley and Christine Tresselt who gave up a week away from home to be a part of these teenagers' journey and to all of you who supported them through financial contributions and prayers.

Upcoming Events

The Lenten 40 Challenge:

Lent is a journey that when consciously entered reawaken us from our winter lethargy. Start the challenge today by asks yourself: Is there ONE lifestyle change- mind, body or spirit that practiced daily during Lent 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!

Ruth Group Sunday, March 19, 7 PM

The March meeting of the Ruth Group will be held at the home of Sarah Gallop, 25 Grayson Road. We will be discussing Becoming Nicole by Amy Ellis Nutt. All women of the church are welcome to attend. For further information or transportation, contact Joyce Mills at 617-835-4692.

Jazz Vespers March 18 4 PM

The March Jazz Vespers will be based on the theme of Exodus 17: 1-7-Water from the Rock. Reverend Will will preach, and the band will offer a host of "water"-based tunes! The Jazz Singers will support the service with one of Ward Swingle's best arrangements of Bach's *Gavotte*.

The Dwelling Place needs volunteers for Saturday, March 18th!

We are looking for 4-6 volunteers to prepare and serve a meal for about 25 people at the Dwelling Place on Saturday, March 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. We also offer Stop & Shop gift cards to help with food expense.

To sign up, please contact your FCC Dwelling Place coordinators:

Lisa Loughlin (781.346.1241) lisa3abp@aol.com

Linda Alexander (617.763.0650) lgalexander@comcast.net

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.

Tue. March 14: Deirdre Giblin - Jesus and Welcoming Refugees

Tue. March 21: Malcolm Sparrow - Jesus and Harm Reduction

Tue. March 28: Beth Bernhardt - Jesus and Political Engagement

Tue. April 4: Jennie Ryan - Jesus, Justice and the Environmental Movement

Tue. April 11: David Page - Jesus and the Human Genome Project

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! If you are unable to attend, presentations will be recorded and available on our website.

Poems from Ruth Group Poetry Night

A cherished Ruth Group tradition is the Poetry Night we have every December. Each person brings along one or more poems – old or new favorites, or poems we simply find moving or interesting -- and we take turns reading them aloud to the group. This year we thought: Why not share the poems with people in the congregation who might also enjoy them? Copies of our collected poems from this past December are now on the table in the lobby by the church office; we hope you will take one!

Death Over Dinner: An unusual dinner invitation from the Adult Faith Exploration Ministry. Sunday, March 26, 6-8 pm

Join us for dinner and a conversation on a topic rarely talked about, death and dying. Recent and provocative work by healthcare leaders has drawn attention to this once taboo topic – through the joint projects known as Death Over Dinner and The Conversation Project. The program, “Let’s Have Dinner and Talk About Death,” will provide the basis for our discussion. It aims to inspire an ever-growing community of people to talk more openly and comfortably about the subject. As their website introduction notes, “How we want to die represents the most important and costly conversation America isn’t having.”

We'll get together in the Tucker and Palmer Rooms, **Sunday evening, March 26 from 6-8 pm.** There's no need to bring a thing; dinner will be provided. **The sign-up deadline is March 23.** Please indicate your interest (yes or maybe) by signing up on the table under the monitor in the lobby or on our website. You will then be sent additional information about the dinner.

We hope you can participate in this very unusual, but important dinner get-together!

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

Text FCCW to 22828 to join our email list

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

VERSES

Fm

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, We are
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, We will
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, We will
4. All ___ praise to the Fa - ther, from ___ whom all things come, And all

Bbm Fm Bbm

1. one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all
2. walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to - geth - er we'll
3. work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll guard each one's
4. praise to Christ Je - sus, his ___ on - ly ___ Son, And all praise to the

Fm REFRAIN [Fm] Db

1. u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
2. spread the news that God is in our land.
3. dig - ni - ty and save ___ each one's pride.
4. Spir - it, who ___ makes ___ us ___ one.

Fm Bbm Fm Bbm Fm

love, by our love, Yes, they'll know ___ we are Chris - tians by our love. _____

Text: 13 13 14 with refrain; Peter Scholtes, b. 1938.
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