

# Order of Worship

## Gathering Music

*Herzlich tut mich verlangen* (S. 727)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

## Moment of Silence

## Prelude

“Vom fremden Ländern und Menschen” from *Scenes from Childhood* (Op. 15)

(About strangers and strange lands)

Robert Schumann (1810-56)

## The Call to Worship (Psalm 95)

Ben Pulaski

One: O come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

One: For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

**All: In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

One: The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**All: O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

## \*Processional Hymn

*This Is a Day of New Beginnings* (vv. 1-4)

NCH #417

## \*Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

Gracious God, our ancestors wandered in the desert for 40 years. They grew weary from the lack of water and blamed Moses, asking: "is the Lord among us or not?" We too thirst, sometimes not even knowing what for. We also think that when we feel God's absence, it is God who has left us. God, we know you are here, now. Holy One, we are here, we have answered your call; we bring our parched selves to be filled with your Living Water. As we draw from your well this morning, help us to use what we receive to build your kingdom and spread your love. Hear us as 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

## \*Hymn

*Just as I Am*

NCH #207

## Scripture

John 4:5-42

p. 94, LP p. 81

## Sermon

Rev. Judy Arnold

## Offertory

*Lamb of God*

Rev. Will Burhans

German Chorale, 1540

arr. F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1955)

Text by Nicolaus Decius, 1531, tr. Arthur T. Russell

Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer,  
patient, still and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer.  
Our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken.  
Have mercy on us, O Jesu.

## \*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.

Ostinato Refrain *Jesus, Remember Me*

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

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

## \*Recessional Hymn

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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## 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)

## 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)

**March 19, 2017**  
The Third Sunday of Lent  
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](http://www.fcc-winchester.org)  
[facebook.com/fccwucc](https://facebook.com/fccwucc)  
Text FCCW to 22828 to join our email list

## People We Are Praying for...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
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

### Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Peggy Worth, by her sons, Eric & Owen, and her husband, Cliff.

## Upcoming Events

### The Lenten 40 Challenge

What is on your fork this Lenten Season? Might we suggest adding some "Brain Healthy Foods" such as avocados, salmon, sardines, blueberries, brown rice, olive oil with leafy greens, eggs, broccoli, nuts (golf ball size portion) to your daily meal plan? Does our list make you hungry for the right things- we hope so! Bon Appétit from Your Health Ministry Lenten 40 Challenge Team

### Ruth Group Tonight, 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.

### An Update on the Organ Renovation from Jeffrey Mead

The work on the organ continues at an astonishing pace! In just a few weeks, the pipes have been removed, cleaned and refined, miles of intricate old wiring has been removed and replaced, and the mechanical parts have been repaired, oiled and tinkered with to work like new again. (No more surprise clunks, wheezes or whistles!) If you were in church last week, you would have seen the scaffolding so that the crew could work on the front pipes. At this point, they are finishing the details and doing the final tuning. Barring any major snowstorms(!), we should have the full organ back in service in just a couple of weeks! If you have any questions about the work being done or how it all works, I'd be happy to answer questions or show you around.

### 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 21: Malcolm Sparrow** - Jesus and Harm Reduction

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

**Tue. April 4: Jennie Ryan** - Jesus, Justice & 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.

### 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!*

### LTLC Dinner

The Lowell Transitional Living Center is the largest homeless shelter and support organization north of Boston with 90 beds and 70 emergency beds. They provide shelter, food, services and support for the chronically homeless and those left homeless by crisis—job loss, illness, fire or other disaster.

LTLC provides 110,000 meals annually, serving three meals daily 365 days per year. They receive funding for approximately 50% of those meals. Community Meals is an LTLC program where participating groups prepare a healthy meal.

Outreach is looking for community members to help prepare a meal of lasagna, salad and bread at church and others to deliver and serve the meal at the LTLC on Sunday 4/2

Please contact Jody Collins Skinner at jcollinsskinner@verizon.net with any questions