

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Little Partita for Lent

James Woodman (b. 1957)

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

Moment of Silence

Prelude

Christ at Table with His Friends

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

The Call to Worship (adapted from the Northumbria Community)

Ben Pulaski

One: "One thing I have asked of the Lord, this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple."
Brothers and sisters, who is it that you seek?

All: We seek God, the Creator of All.

One: Do you seek God with all your heart?

All: Amen, we seek the Lord of Mercy.

One: Do you seek God with all your soul?

All: Amen, we seek the Lord of Souls.

One: Do you seek God with all your mind?

All: Amen, we seek the Lord of Truth.

One: Do you seek the Lord with all your strength?

All: Amen, we seek the Lord of Life.

One: Amen, may Christ have mercy.

*Opening Hymn

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

NCH #42

*Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

(Adapted from Walter Brueggemann's "Prayers for a Privileged People")

We awake this morning from a night of dreams or dreamlessness or nightmare to find that you are still with us O God, presiding over the day or the night, with serene sovereignty, for dark and light are both alike to you. At the break of day we submit to you our best dreams and our worst nightmares, asking that your healing mercy should override threats, that your goodness will make our nightmares less toxic and our best dreams more real. Thank you for visiting us with newness that overrides what is old and deathly among us. Come among us this day; dream us toward health and peace, We pray in the very real name of Jesus who exposes our fantasies and calls us towards truth even as he teaches us to 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.

Children are invited to leave for a service in Ripley Chapel with Ben and Rev. Judy

Scripture

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Liturgist: Joseph Gordon

OT p. 806, LP OT p. 762

Sermon

"Dry Bones Arise!"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn of Preparation

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

NCH# 346

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(The Deacons will distribute the bread and cup in the pews this morning. Everyone is welcome to partake but if you choose not to please pass the plate to the person beside you. All the bread is gluten free and the cups are filled with grape juice.)

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

In gratitude for all you have given us, O God; this bread and cup, this community, our very life itself, we give you thanks. Make of us faithful stewards of your many blessings, that we may shower the world with compassion and mercy and love, in the name of Jesus, the Anointed One, we pray, 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.

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Offertory*I will lift up mine eyes*

Rev. Will Burhans
 Stephen Chatman (b. 1950)
 Psalm 121 (King James Bible), S.C., alt.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
 My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
 The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth,
 and for evermore. Amen.

***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.**

April 2, 2017

The Fifth Sunday of Lent
 10:00 Worship Service

Closing HymnSpirit, Spirit of Gentleness (vs. 1, 2, & 4)*

NCH # 286

Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Passing the Peace of Christ*(Please offer "peace" or "The peace of Christ" to your neighbor as you depart)***Postlude***Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless*

Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

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>
Bob McIndoe	For strength & healing
Daniel Lillie, great-nephew of Mike Redding	For healing
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 Michael O. Regentz, by the Regentz family.

P&D Fund

On Communion Sundays you will find envelopes for the Pastors' and Deacons' Fund. This fund offers monetary aid to congregation members who are experiencing an urgent need for financial crisis assistance. Please consider a donation as part of your worship today.

Upcoming Events

An invitation to the Leadership Team meeting! April 2nd at 11:30am in the Palmer room.

The Leadership Team, the group that has strategic decision-making responsibility in our church, is having its April meeting on the 2nd.

The first part of this meeting is open to all-comers - please feel invited. We always begin the meeting with an opening devotion and then an opportunity for anyone within our congregation, including representatives of sustaining and living ministries, to bring items to the Leadership Team for presentation or discussion. If there is something that you might like to discuss or present please let me know as soon as possible. But you don't need to have an agenda item to be welcome at the meeting!

At this meeting we expect to hear a report on the financial model that has been developed by a small group within our congregation.

Thank you. Penny Sparrow, Moderator pjsparrow2@gmail.com

Spring Refreshment

The Better Signage and Wayfinding Team has been working to enhance our church's welcome by making it easier for all who use our wonderful, complex facility to find their way around. Over the next few weeks, you will see improvements and enhancements that include fresh paint in several public areas of the building, and new signage and directional aids. Painting will occur over the April school vacation (4/17 to 4/21) to minimize disruption of church and community activities.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS (of all ages)!

Join us tonight from 530-630 in the FORUM Room for a look into what we are doing in one of our Sunday School classes. During our hour, we will take a look at one of the NOOMA videos as well as take a look at the discussion questions we use. Rick Irving will be joining us to then discuss how this video (and others) can be used to foster "God" discussions with your young persons. We believe that faith formation is more than just Sunday morning...that it should happen throughout the week. Here is a chance to gain some tools and some comfort level doing that! We will make sure you are hydrated and fed some snacks! For more information email ben.pulaski@gmail.com, give him a call 717-974-4131, or connect with Dave Weir after the service.

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. 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.

Maundy Thursday All-Night Vigil April 13th & 14th

Jesus asked his disciples to stay awake and pray with him during his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his death. In response, we hold an all-night vigil in our sanctuary — staying awake with Christ and praying for a suffering world. The Vigil begins at 9:00 PM on April 13th (after the Tenebrae Service of Shadows) and ends at noon on Good Friday, April 14th with a Vigil closing service. All are invited to help keep watch with the single Christ Candle that is lit at the end of the Tenebrae Service. No sign up is required to participate, but we are seeking Anchors to ensure a continuous watch through the night. The sign up sheet for anchors is located in the Church lobby. All are welcome! ~ The Maundy Thursday Vigil Pop Up Ministry

Show Support for Immigrants

Join us at the State House on Wed., April 5th for Immigrants' Day to celebrate the contributions of Massachusetts' one million foreign-born people to the state's economy, culture and civic life, and to advocate for legislation that is a priority for foreign-born residents (in particular, the Safe Communities Act, S.1305/H.3269).

For more information, contact Bruce and Linda Alexander, 781-729-9416

b_l_alexander@comcast.net

FCC Monthly Men's Group

Sunday April 2nd, 7:30-9 PM, Paul Rahmeier's house, 4 Heritage Drive in Woburn. 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.

Easter Lilies and Tulips

You are invited to donate a chancel Easter plant as a memorial or as a gift. Plants will be distributed to our shut-ins following the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 16.



The cost of plants is \$20.00 each.
All orders are due by April 9

I wish to purchase _____plants, which will be

_____In memory of_____ In honor of (please check as appropriate)

Given
by_____

Please return this form with a check payable to First Congregational Church, with memo "flowers" to the church office, or place it in an offering plate in an envelope marked "Easter plants"

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

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Sun 4/09 Palm Sunday

9:30 AM Blessing of the Palms on the Common
10:00 AM Palm Sunday Worship

Tue 4/11

6:30 PM Tuesdays with Jesus

Thu 4/13 Maundy Thursday

7:30 PM Service of Tenebrae
9:00 PM Maundy Thursday Vigil Begins

Fri 4/14 Good Friday

12:00 PM Vigil Closing Service

Sat 4/15 Holy Saturday

9:30 AM Bagels & Bunnies

Sun 4/16 Easter

5:45 AM Easter Sunrise Service at Wright-Locke Farm
9:00 AM Easter Worship
9:30 AM Pancake Breakfast
11:00 AM Easter Worship

The Dwelling Place needs volunteers for Saturday, April 15th!

Here is your chance to share the joy of Easter—just a bit early—with individuals and families in need. We are looking for **4-6 volunteers** to prepare and serve a meal for about 25 people at the Dwelling Place on **Saturday, April 15th (the day before Easter)**.

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. Stop & Shop gift cards are also available to help with the cost of food.

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

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