

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Welcome Rev. Will Burhans

Moment of Silence

Prelude

The Call to Worship Ben Pulaski

One: On the first day of the week Jesus was resurrected bringing forth the new creation in the seed-form of his body.

All: On the first day of this week we gather to worship and receive his Spirit as the source of our own growth and transformation.

One: On the first day of the week Jesus returned to his friends and disciples bearing peace and saying: "my peace I give to you."

All: On the first day of this week we gather to worship in Christ's peace and we bear peace to neighbor, friend and stranger in God's sanctuary.

One: On the first day of the week Jesus breached the walls of death, separation, rivalry, and fear and swung wide the gates of love and embraced our common humanity.

All: On the first day of this week we walk through those gates and into the wide-open space of God-worship where no fear, no hatred, no dead-end or grave, defines us but only God's grace.

One: Come, my brothers and sisters, let us worship God.

*Processional Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations NCH # 576

*Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Kathleen Zagata

Do not allow us, O God, to huddle alone and isolated, like the disciples in the upper room, nursing our hurts and our fears among those too similar to us to help us see a larger picture and a truer story.

Do not allow us, O God, to create enemies of others in an effort to create greater bonds among ourselves.

Do not allow us, O God, to be so locked in our own certainties, so convinced of our own answers, so assured of our own perspectives that we cannot still be surprised and taught by others.

Instead, walk right through the closed doors of our hearts, O Resurrected Christ, and send the fresh air of the Spirit to break open our small lives into the large wide-open expanse of Your Life.

We pray in the subversive name of Jesus who comes to overturn and upend all we think we know:

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

O for a World NCH #575

Scriptures from the Abrahamic Traditions

Hebrew Text - Psalm 146
Islamic Texts - Quran and Sira
Christian Texts - Luke 24
Kerri Pulaski
Dr. Kamal Youcef-Toumi
Julianne Zimmerman

Sermon

"The Centrifugal Force of Love" Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Anthem

Would You Harbor Me? [1994] Ysaye M. Barnwell (b. 1946)

Would you harbor me? Would I harbor you?

Would you harbor me? Would I harbor you?

Would you harbor a Christian, a Muslim, a Jew, a heretic, convict or spy?

Would you harbor a runaway woman, or child, a poet, a prophet, a king?

Would you harbor an exile, or a refugee, a person living with AIDS?

Would you harbor a Tubman, a Garrett, a Truth, a fugitive or a slave?

Would you harbor a Haitian Korean or Czech, a lesbian or a gay?

Would you harbor me? Would I harbor you?

Pastoral Prayers

Rev. Judy Arnold

Offertory

"En Bateau" from *Petite Suite for 4 Hands* [1888-89] Claude Debussy (1862-1918)
Nancy Jaquith Kneiss & Lynne Rahmeier, piano

*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

Let Justice Flow like Streams NCH # 588

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

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my mother and father and my sisters Barbara Hall and Betty Smith, by Priscilla Saltmarsh.

Meet Our Church

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

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www.fcc-winchester.org

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)

April 30, 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

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 for Whom We Are Praying ...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Gary Hogg, Natalie Roche's brother	For comfort and healing
Janice Richardson Snowden	Strength, comfort, & healing
Jodie Mullane	In her grief for her good friend, Rose
Family of Robert Bigelow	In their grief
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.



'Then Your Light Will Burst Forth'

the 177th Annual Meeting

Sunday May 7th 11:30-1:30

You are invited! Do you have the annual meeting in your calendar? It promises to be a rich time. This year, along with conducting the official business of the church and looking back over the past year, we will talk over lunch about our vision for the use of Ripley Chapel. Then we will decide together, based on this vision, what level of financial commitment we will make to bring this about. Non-members are warmly invited to join us at the annual meeting.

Children will have their own lunch and a fun activity (involving pajamas!), so parents can relax and enjoy the meeting.

The Annual Meeting is for everyone --- a time to build community, a time to reflect on the year past, a time to celebrate our activities together, and a time to express our hopes for the future. It will be held in Chidley Hall following the morning service and will include a light luncheon.

Please sign up on our website to help with the luncheon.

Outdoor Church TODAY

The Outdoor Church is a church for homeless men and women in Cambridge. Our church serves there when there is a 5th Sunday in the month. Together, we purchase ingredients, make sandwiches, and send them (and some fresh, new socks) with two or three congregants to Cambridge. There our members help to serve the Outdoor Church Congregation. They don't have walls or a roof, but they do have community and spirit.

What we need:

- **Sandwich givers/walkers:** We need 2 more walkers to Join Lisa and carpool to Cambridge.

Able to participate this afternoon? There are roles for all ages! Contact Lisa Loughlin at lisa3abp@aol.com Thank you!

11th Hour on Quran Recitation and the Sacred Text

Immediately following worship today, Dr. Kamal Youcef-Toumi will offer a presentation and discussion time in the Palmer Room about the process of Quran Recitation and what the sacred text means to Muslims. Dr. Youcef-Toumi is a professor at the Mechanical Engineering Department at MIT and a co-director of the program for Clean Water and Energy at MIT and King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals. Besides his rich academic life, Dr. Toumi is passionate about the Quran, its disciplines, arts and sciences.

Habitat for Humanity Workday Saturday, May 6th

Interested adults and youth 16 and above contact Doug Taylor mccall.taylor@verizon.net or Andrew Beltz andrewjbeltz@yahoo.com.

Men's Group

Sunday, May 7th at 7:15 PM

FCC Monthly Men's Group, Sunday May 7, 7:15-9 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.

Second Wednesday Bible Study

May 10, 7-8:30, Health Ministry Office

We are reading through some of the letters of Paul. We started with Galatians and are now on Colossians where the new church is trying to figure out what rituals are appropriate for worship; some were holdovers from their former Jewish lives and hard to let go of. This is new territory for most of us and at a level everyone would be able to participate in. Each month's gathering is self-contained so come when you can. Last month we had an interesting conversation about the role obedience plays in Christian Life. Come join us!