

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Introduction and Menuet (Suite Gothique)

Boellmann

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

Moment of Silence

Prelude

Prayer to our Lady (Suite Gothique)

Boellmann

The Call to Worship

One Do not let your hearts be troubled

All: Trust in God; Trust in Jesus.

One: Christ has gone to prepare a place for us.

All: Christ will lead us to be with Him.

One: We know the way to the place where Jesus is.

All: Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

One: Come, let us join together on the journey faith.

All: Come, let us follow Jesus, who is the Way.

Ben Pulaski

*Processional Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

black-covered New Century Hymnal # 386

*Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

Lord God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will.

Lead us to love what you command and desire what you promise,

so that, among the changes of this world,

our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found.

We ask this through your Son who taught 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.

A Time for the Young

Ben Pulaski

*Hymn

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

NCH # 331

Scripture

John 14:1-14

Liturgist: Autumn Hendrickson
NT p. 108, LP NT p. 95

Sermon

Rev. Judy Arnold

Quiet Time for Reflection

Prayers of the People

Rev. Judy Arnold

Offertory

The Strife Is O'er

Rev. Judy Arnold

Music: Eric H. Thiman (1900-1975)
Text: Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum, 1695

The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory over death is won;

the song of triumph begun, alleluia.

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed;

let shouts of holy joy outburst, alleluia.

He brake the age-bound chains of hell; the bars from heaven's high portals fell;

let hymns of praise his triumph tell, alleluia.

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free;

that we may live and sing to thee, alleluia. 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.

*Closing Hymn

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

NCH# 351

Benediction

Rev. Judy Arnold

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude

Marche en Rondeau

Charpentier

Thank you to our guest organist this morning, Lois Regestein

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of deceased friends and members of this congregation.

Meet Our Church

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

21 Church Street, Winchester, MA 01890 781-729-9180

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

Ms. Sarah Marino, Office Manager

Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Mr. Tyler Campbell, Head Sexton

The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

May 14, 2017

Fifth 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>
Joyce Mills	For strength and healing
The family of Bradley Ross	In their grief
Gary Hogg, Natalie Roche's brother	For comfort and healing
Janice Richardson Snowden	Strength, comfort, & healing
Bob McIndoe	For strength & healing
Daniel Lillie, great-nephew of Mike Redding	For 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.

Spring Fellowship Tea

Wednesday, May 31st from 2 pm -4 pm in the Palmer Room.

Hosted by Health Ministry for our church Elders, their families and friends. The Sounds of Grace will provide music as we enjoy conversation over tea.

RSVP: 781 729-9180, ext 106. Rides are available on request by Sunday, May 28th.

Summer Preachers Sought

A highlight of our summer worship tradition is the preaching. Members of our congregation share faith experiences and their interpretation of scripture with us. This makes worship an opportunity for church members to get to know each other better and to deepen our faith by hearing about the struggles and triumphs of those who share the pews throughout the rest of the year. These preaching spots are open to anyone in the congregation. Without exception, these sermons have been received with appreciation and encouragement. Perhaps you have a message to share. If you do, call or talk with Judy.

Is the Church School Picnic calling you??

June 11 is church school Sunday when Stepping Stones children are the worship leaders. Traditionally, we've had a celebration picnic following the service on the terrace and lawn. Recently, we've bought the main dish – sandwiches, subs, etc. and asked members of the congregation to bring desserts. There is always a lot of homemade goodies, as well as some salads. We'd love to have the gathering again this year, but are without someone to coordinate. So, please consider if this is something you could do. Then let Judy know and we'll go from there.

Habitat for Humanity Gala - more than one way to volunteer!

Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity, where we have swung hammers so often, is having its Building Dreams Gala Celebration on May 20, from 6:30 to 10:30, in the Jackson Lumber and Millwork Warehouse at 215 Market Street, Lawrence, just down the street from a multiunit Habitat development that so many of us worked on (twice, because it burned down the first time!). And handling the axes and heavy metal this time will be SIX, the Winchester band featuring Bruce Lauterwasser, Steve Cole, and Walter Ogier. For more information, tickets, and opportunities to donate auction items, visit merrimackvalleyhabitat.org.

Who Will Represent Us?

The Christian Church unfortunately continues to be an institution in many places around our country and world that fosters misunderstanding and mistreatment of our LGBTQ brothers and sisters, interpreting God's word in scripture as unequivocally condemning homosexuality. 16 years ago when the First Congregational Church in Winchester voted to be an Open and Affirming Congregation we made it unequivocally clear that we do not accept this perspective as true to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and instead we "welcome all people - people of all races and ages, mental and physical abilities, gender or sexual orientation, from different backgrounds of economic class, ethnicity, and religious tradition - to join us in worship and to participate in the full life and ministry of our church." This is why for many years now we have had members of our church walk in the Gay Pride Parade in Boston, to make our stance public and clear. Given where many other churches land on this issue, it's particularly important that we show up! So please consider representing our church on Saturday, June 10 and join Rev. Will, Anne Hoenicke, Peter Woolford, Kaye and David Nash and others as we walk in solidarity with members of the LGBTQ community through the streets of Boston. We will attend the Pride Interfaith Service at 10 am at Old South Church and then walk in the parade at 12.

