

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Partita on “Spanish Hymn”, vs. 2 (“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”) James Woodman (b. 1957)
1. Prelude
2. 2. Chorale

Welcome Rev. Judy Arnold

Moment of Silence

Prelude
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Michael Burkhardt

The Call to Worship Ben Pulaski
One: Why are we looking up to heaven?
All: Christ has come; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.
One: Why are we looking ahead to the future?
All: The Holy Spirit is among us now.
In our baptism, we have already died and risen with Christ.
One: Why are we afraid of death and dying?
All: God’s love casts out our fear.
One: Why are we afraid to follow Jesus?
ALL: In Christ, we have the promise of new life now, eternal life to come.
In Christ, we join our hearts to worship God who has prepared for us to enter the Kingdom.

***Opening Hymn**
God Is Here! As We Your People Meet black-covered New Century Hymnal #70

***Gathering Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer** Kathleen Zagata
Creator God, You have molded and shaped the earth to be filled with life,
and You have molded and shaped us to be filled with Your love.
Create in us new hearts when they become stagnant and hardened
by the world we have built. Unmake the hurt, the anger, the hate that can fill
and consume us, and instead make us new, open to Your love, trust and assurance.
In Christ, who has come to show us Your love in the way we know best,
in our human life, we give thanks and praise and lift up our prayers:

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** PH #513
Gloria Patri
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.

***Hymn** NCH #257
Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!

Scripture
Acts 1:1-14 NT p. 118, LP NT p. 104
Matthew 28: 16-20 NT p.34, LP NT p. 29

Sermon Rev. Judy Arnold

Quiet Time for Reflection

Pastoral Prayer Lisa Loughlin

Offertory Rev. Judy Arnold
Ave Maria (Peace be upon you) Giulio Caccini (1551-1618)/Valdimir Vavilov (1925-73)
[Of questionable attribution, this *Ave Maria* was supposedly written in 1972 by Vavilov under “Anonymous;”it was later misattributed to Giulio Caccini].

Peace be upon you. Peace be within you. Pacem.
Susan K. Navien, soprano

***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** NCH #259
A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Benediction Rev. Judy Arnold

Passing the Peace of Christ
(Please offer “peace” or “The peace of Christ” to your neighbor as you depart)

Postlude John Dunstable (ca. 1390-1453)
Agincourt Hymn

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Today’s Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today’s Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Theo Greene and our parents: Joshua & Verona Whatmough, and Philips F. & Ruth A. Greene, by Fred Greene and family.

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

Ms. Sarah Marino, Office Manager

Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Mr. Tyler Campbell, Sexton

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

May 28, 2017

Seventh 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
Text FCCW to 22828 to join our email list

People for Whom We Are Praying ...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Kelly, cousin of Laurie Roby	In his grief over the death of his wife, Karen
Dory Cole Ogden, niece of Stephen W. Cole	For healing
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
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.

Interfaith Service Opportunity:

On March 29, many local people of faith met at the Parish of the Epiphany to discuss Refugee concerns and Interfaith Relations. As part of our getting to know one another, Fehmida Chipty, a member of the Muslim community offered to create an opportunity for us to work together in service. Through her community, she arranged for us to prep and serve dinner at Rosie's Place on June 11. Along with her and her family (who will most likely be fasting that day, for Ramadan) representatives from Shir Tikvah, Epiphany, the Unitarian Society and our church will be serving. We'd like to have 3 people from each community. Are there 2 of you out there willing to join me and your neighbors that Sunday afternoon? Work begins at 3:00 p.m. sharp and usually ends about 5:30 p.m. If you are interested let me know. jarnoldfccw@verizon.net

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 **11 am at Old South Church** and then walk in the parade at 12.

FCC Monthly Men's Group Sunday June 4th, 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.

Please join us for the Health Ministry Fellowship Tea

An Afternoon of Fellowship, Music and Refreshment

Wednesday, May 31st from 2PM to 4PM



Hosted by Health Ministry for our church seniors, their families and friends.

We will gather in the Palmer Room for tea and fellowship. Music provided by The Sounds of Grace. If the weather cooperates, we plan to conclude with a visit to the Reno Garden.

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