

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Little Partita for Pentecost (Veni Creator Spiritus)

James Woodman (b. 1957)

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

Moment of Silence

Prelude

Strophe on the Ascension Hymn

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

The Call to Worship

Ben Pulaski

One: Henri Nouwen once said “converting our unceasing thinking into unceasing prayer moves us from a self-centered monologue to a God-centered dialogue.” This morning as we gather to worship let us still our chattering minds and enter into a time of unceasing prayer together. Through song and corporate prayer, through reflection and sacrament, this hour facilitates our dialogue with God.

All: Yes, let us worship together and find our center in God even as we find God at our center.

One: And all the church said “Amen!”

All: Amen!

*Processional Hymn

Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song

Black-covered New Century Hymnal #270

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Kathleen Zagata

(adapted from Maren Tirabassi’s “Improbable Gift of Blessing”)

Creator God, hear us when we acknowledge that there are times we push ourselves into exhaustion with so many petty tasks; when we offer one another faint-hearted relationships more centered upon what we need than what others need; when we run after too many good things that we run out of energy for the needed things; when we depend on our own capacities of energy, intellect or competence, planning, strategizing or understanding. Mother-Eagle God, slide your wing under our stumbling, give us your hand on our weary walk, forgive us our foolish pride and our self-wasting. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness and Lord’s Prayer

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

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

Liturgist: Haliana Burhans

NT p. 119, LP NT p. 103

Sermon

“A Church Like That”

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection

Anthem

When Silence Filled the Formless Night

Music: Richard Shephard (b. 1949)

Text: Mary Holtby

When silence filled the formless night
And worlds unmade in darkness waited,
God spoke the word and gave us light,
And loved what he created.

Beyond the ancient writer's art
The word affirms our primal story:
How love illuminates the heart
As heav'n declares his glory.

His voice still speaks through clouded years,
Past prisons of our own devising,
And still to shadowed lives appears
The brightness of his rising.

He comes in Pentecostal flame,
In tongues unloosed, in bondage broken;
To all united by his name
The word of life is spoken.

Let there be light and hearts be stirred
To know in Christ their sun ascending;
In our beginning is the word,
and in the word our ending.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence and we have received all of Christ’s gifts, strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and help us to proclaim our love for you in the way we live our lives. AMEN

Prayers of the People

Rev. Judy Arnold

Offertory

Wade in the Water

Rev. Will Burhans
African-American Spiritual
arr. Benjamin A. Tucker, 2015

The Carilloneers

*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**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

NCH # 286

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

Komm, heiliger Geist (BWV 651)

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
Ms. Sarah Marino, Office Manager
Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist
Mr. Tyler Campbell, Sexton
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

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

June 4, 2017

Pentecost Sunday
10:00 Worship Service

People for Whom We Are Praying ...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Heidi Rivers	For strength & healing
Diane Jaquith, mother of Nancy Kneiss	For healing
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
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.

Today's Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our anniversary by Rick Forzese & Julianne Zimmerman.

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.

FCC Monthly Men's Group Tonight, 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.

The Dwelling Place needs volunteers for Saturday, June 17th!

We have one volunteer already (Yay!), so we are looking for **2-3 more volunteers** to prepare and serve a meal for about 25 people at the Dwelling Place on **Saturday, June 17th**. The Dwelling Place is a collaboration of area churches that prepares and serves meals at the United Methodist Church in Woburn for individuals and families in need. Our FCC is responsible for preparing and serving the meal on the third Saturday of each month.

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. We also can provide Stop & Shop gift card to help defray the cost of the food.

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

Lisa Loughlin (781.346.1241) lisa3abp@aol.com

Linda Alexander (617.763.0650) lgalexander@comcast.net



Church Picnic Sunday June 11 at 11:30

The summer picnic will be June 11th right after worship on the front lawn if weather permits, so bring a blanket to sit on and enjoy! There will be assorted subs, fixings, chips, watermelon, bottled water and cake pops, but donated desserts, salads, or side dishes are welcomed (and needed! Peanut free, please!) Please invite a friend, too. It is such a nice gathering and a wonderful way to spread the joy of FCCW.